

Ukrainian airliner is Iran's Chernobyl

Opinion: The anger of the Iranian public over Tehran's attempt to avoid taking responsibility for the incident that claimed the lives of 176 people, is yet another link in a chain of events that might lead to Islamic Republic's collapse

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It is hard to estimate the impact that the downing of the Ukrainian airliner, and especially the lackluster conduct of the Iranian authorities as a result of the incident, had on the Iranian public.

The emotions sparked by the killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani last week, were quickly replaced by public anger and outrage directed at the government in Tehran after the Revolutionary Guard Corps' admitted they were behind the accidental downing of the civilian plane.

Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the IRGC Aerospace Force, even stood up in front of cameras and said he wishes he had died instead of those who went up in flames.

For his sincerity and his readiness to take the blame for the 176 dead passengers, Hajizadeh was granted some public gratitude.

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