

Brian Paul Kaess' Correspondence at Pen Pal World  
by Brian Paul Kaess

June 2, 2025

Nasf writes:

"My name is Nastaran.

I live in Mashhad,northeast of Iran.It's a big city after Tehran and has a nice holy shrine. I'm satisfy where i live but always human seek for better life.Inflation here is too bad,you'll notice it more when you want to travel outside of the country.

Yes,i know spanish,long story,that i could tell you in a videocall. Here i dont have time to write you everything.

I couldnt open your last 2 links since most of them where stars. You can tell me their name then i search." (Note: Nastaran is a 40 y/o Ob-Gyn doctor in Iran)

June 2, 2025

Brian writes:

"Hello,

You have a beautiful name. It must be Persian. Yes, I see that Mashdad is a very large city, the 2nd largest in Iran, although it lies in a remote part of the country, an interesting contrast. I am hoping that my wife arrives today from Puebla, but the buses aren't always safe here in Mexico. Just earlier this year, a step-sister to my wife's Cousin (his name is Jesus) was killed when a truck slammed into an express-bus near Cuencame, Durango, Mexico, killing at least 10 people. This made me sad because she was a young woman (presumably in her 20's) and didn't deserve such a fate. In any case, I hope my wife arrives safely because payday is tomorrow and I am a bit of a chocoholic being a type 2 diabetic myself. I developed this disease at age 47, and with a diet, I was able to lose a lot of weight and feel healthier, so maybe being diagnosed hasn't been so bad. On paydays, I always like to buy sweets and Chinese food, such as beef chow mein with hot, steaming rice.

Let me find the two names of some songs you might like: U96 - Das Boot / Kennedy (Extended version, 1992) and here is another: Savage Don't Cry Tonight Live Discoteka 80 Moscow 2006

I hope you have a wonderful week!

Brian"

June 12, 2025

Nasf writes:

"I don't know of Stars War's character,Anakin Skywalker,smotrich,Ben-Gvir. ....so none sence to me.

Thanks for songs.

Do you have 4shots of espresso everyday?"

June 12, 2025

Brian writes:

"I like coffee alot, and used to drink alot at Kopi Travelor's Cafe in Chicago in my 20's and 30's. Their Mexican hot chocolate was the best with whipped cream and all. I also tried gourmet Coffee and pizza at Water Tower on Michiagn Ave. when I was dating my 2nd wife Mayte. Just this past winter, Mayte was feeding me a cup every morning, but it bothered my sleep a bit, so I toned it down and feel healthier. Nothing wrong with a cup of coffee or latte now and then.

I checked on the negotiations between iran and the USA and it doesn't look good. Everyone appears to be preparing for war, even without a declaration as such. This looks like it isn't the greatest time to be in the military for either side, but recruiting in the USA is more popular than ever. I became a bit of a pacifist when i was older, but when I was younger, the U.S. military was a job a working-class guy like me could easily obtain if you were healthy. Too many protests in the USA these days.

I am glad you like the music. You seem like a sweet person. I hope the Isreali and USA bombs don't kill alot of civilians. But above all, I pray for peace.

Your penpal, Brian"

June 23, 2025

Nasf writes:

"Hi

Im ok.Thanks for asking.

I was gonna write you but you blocked me since this war started and now you saw they did cease fire, you came back ?!!!lol

I know you were afraid."

January 2, 2026

Brian writes:

"Hi,

How are you? I was watching on the news all the protests within Iran and I was wondering if you are OK. I hope you and your family are safe. Trump said he would defend the Iranian protesters, and I hope he is able to do something. Is it bad in your city or province? I hope they bring back the Shah and give the Iranian people the government thay deserve. The inflation is so high. I hope you have enough food. I ate pretty good this past December- my wife has brought me snacks. My email is bkaess@protonmail.com I never forgot about you or the nice people of Iran.

Brian"

January 3, 2026

Nasf writes:

"Hello,happy new year.

Wish we could talk outside of these email app,something like whatsapp or telegram.

Im ok here ,i havent seen any protest,i just got the news .

Protest is because of Inflation! I saw police near some shopping mall.

Did you Here that they want to eliminate 4 Zeros from our currency?

People say that we will lose lots of money

That's why they want to buy gold coin And then the price of gold coin fluctuate these days, Increasing a lot and then decreasing

Almost Nobody wants bring back Sha's son. Although old people have good memory from Sha's time.

I have enough food,but don't have those international product food that everybody can enjoy it. Like Alter eco chocolate,which is so sad,many many years ago i tried it in my trip outside of Iran, and i liked it."

January 4, 2026

Brian writes:

"Hello again Nastaran,

News reports appear to indicate the protests are escalating and gaining momentum. I feel a little scolded from what you said in your previous email. But I guess at this point I am limited to just desktop email or through penpal world. I didn't mean to offend you, good doctor. Right now, we should look to just support each other. At least Trump is supporting the Iranian protesters. Press TV the other day almost painted a rosy picture of the situation. Other news outlets say the Ayatollah is in hiding, and he is also threatening the protesters. One Tousi TV newscaster is saying that IRGC forces are retreating but also waiting for foreign proxies to come to their rescue. They might seek retaliation on protesters. One protester video says, 'This is the Final Battle! Never give up, never surrender.' Like Hegel says: 'History is fought in the streets.' Or Plato, 'All our hopes are for them, none for ourselves.'

On a lighter note, my wife made me noodles and sandwiches for a snack. Helps my diabetes. I take daily walks for exercise and do simple calisthenics. I wish I could send you some attached photos to an email address. Here is a song of the Cuban Reagatton you might like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfavW5Fnp40>

They captured Maduro. Khomeini could be next. Makes me want to go dancing. You like dancing?

I hope you are able to find some peace amidst all this chaos.

Warm Regards,

Brian"

January 5, 2026

Brian writes:

"Hi,

The protests have continued and some commentators say continued unrest may be 'the final straw that broke the camel's back.' It appears we have reached the tipping point in Iran, where the regime is likely to fall. Protesters may have finally 'crossed the Rubicon,' so to speak. They also say President Trump has put U.S. forces on standby to aid and protect the protests. I am sorry if I sound like a War Scroll from the Essenes, but such is the situation we find ourselves in today. I pray for the safety of you and your family inside Iran. May Peace find you my gentle friend.

Yours,

Brian"

January 6, 2026

Nasf writes:

"I'm doing well and feeling at peace.

Fortunately, I haven't seen any protests, like I mentioned before. I think it's all just for show. If Trump were truly able to help, he could have at least given us free, unfiltered Starlink — something we still don't have.

So don't trust the media too much, my anonymous friend. This regime isn't going anywhere."

January 9, 2026

Nasf writes:

"Hi again,

Cracks are starting to show in the Iranian regime. Reports indicate that they are moving gold to Moscow, and some regime elements are seeking haven in France. Not a bad idea. Moreover, Trump is moving another Aircraft Carrier Strike Group into the region. Hopefully, Trump can tip the scales in favor of the protesters. They are even putting up stickers naming streets in Trump's honor inside Iran. Tousi TV is reporting that the IRGC is withdrawing the Basij security and bringing in the military. Some are chanting 'Long live the King!' Kurds are doing well against the IRGC. Some are talking about the Balkanization of Iran, but who knows? The state TV station in Isfahan has been destroyed. Some are calling for a Govt.-in-exile. Huge crowds in Mashhad calling for the return of the Crown Prince. Lots of anti-islamic protesters on the street. They chant: 'they can't kill us all!' The people no longer need the heel of the IRGC. No one seems to care about radical Islam. Maybe someday, there will be such a thing as a liberal Iran. We'll see what the future holds.

As they say in Coptic: 'Come into being as you pass away!'

Plus, areas like Venezuela, Lebanon, Syria, & Gaza are starting to fall or have fallen under the USA/Israeli yoke or sway. Maybe Iran will be next and the 'Axis of Resistance' will be no more.

Brian"