

# THE ROLE OF IMAM KHOMEINI AND THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION ON THE INTEGRATION OF MUSLIM WORLD.

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## **Introduction:**

Islamic Republic of Iran began with the Iranian Revolution. The first major demonstrations to overthrow Shah Pahlavi began in January 1978. The new Constitution whereby Imam Khomeini became a Supreme Leader of the country was approved in December 1979. In between, and Shah left Iran in January 1979, after that on February 1- 1979, Ayatollah Imam Khomeini returned to Iran. Several million Iranians came to greet him after 15 years of his exile.

Finally, collapse of the Pahlavi dynasty occurred shortly after on February 11 when Iran's military declared it "neutral" after guerrillas and rebel troops overwhelmed troops loyal to the Shah in armed street fighting. Iran officially became an Islamic Republic on April 1, 1979.

Now are 34<sup>th</sup> years of the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran. This phenomenon and its contradicting the expectations and theories of social scientists had a deep effect on ideas extant in the field of social sciences and engaged the attention of many thinkers. The Islamic Revolution becomes the topic of the entire field of the essays in the world.

After two decades since the victory of the Islamic Revolution and its respect, this victory remains a mystery to many foreign theorists. In fact, many reasons and factors but the major reason and the basic is the leadership of Imam Khomeini R.A and his role, it was a good opportunity to mobilize the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran and to integrate the Muslim world.

The role of Islam in the society, which explained and showed the Islamic Revolution of Iran, so that we have the right to say that, **“The role of Imam Khomeini and the Islamic revolution on the integration of Muslim world”**

## **Main topic**

The victory of the Islamic Revolution under the Imam Khomeini's leadership on February 11 1979 is regarded as one of the most significant events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The world witnessed the emergence of Imam Khomeini, one of the most influential personalities in the Islamic world. Although he (Imam Khomeini) emerged in Iran, but his character made him an infra – national figure.

Due to his particular attention towards religion, the Islamic movement made a constant progress and expanded in the Middle East following the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.

As we know that, the Islamic Revolution under the leadership of Imam Khomeini had reacted the entire world and its effects have been more observable among the oppressed people in the world and Islamic countries.

This event and movements after the victory of the Islamic revolution, Imam Khomeini organizes the movement in all counties such as:

1. The leadership and social organs
2. Self-awareness and interest of the public of Muslims about the Revolution of a Muslim country
3. Global Islamic movement by Imam Khomeini who created unity between Shia and Sunni Muslims.
4. Giving value to the pure Islamic manifestations and nations

The role and Imam's impact on the world has been such that, many Sunni scholars know that Imam Khomeini is the Leader of the Islamic Ummah.

The initial impact of the Islamic Revolution around the world was tremendous. In the non-Muslim world it has changed the image of Islam, generating much interest in the politics and spirituality of Islam, along with "fear and distrust towards Islam" and particularly the Islamic Republic and its founder.

Through Imam Khomeini, the western analysts in merely tight socialist forms by understanding the true principles of Islam and responsibilities of the Muslim and understanding the manners of the Allah's prophets (Peace be upon them).

Through Islamic Revolution, the Islamic movement in most of Muslim countries had been willing to materialize an Islamic movement like Iran under the leadership of Imam Khomeini to establish successfully an Islamic system.

By the victory of the Revolution of Iran, Islam has the power to become mooted as the theory of global Revolution.

The role of Imam Khomeini and its leadership has well shown the role of scholars in the society. The Islamic Revolution of Iran organized and initiated its move under the supervision of the clergy.

The Islamic Revolution of Iran made clear to all Muslims and all believers in the world that, Islam is the faith which promoted revolutions to prepare the spiritual organs all over the world. Today, through Islamic Revolution the nations of hope, self-sacrifice martyrdom and patience are real motivation for all Muslims in the world.

Through Imam Khomeini, the contemporary jurisprudence in the Muslim countries is strengthening day by day and is still affecting social – political trends.

The value of women and manner of dressing as well as family are given priority and valuable for organizing the Islamic activities and their deserved position through Islamic Revolution.

Through revolutionary elements and the role of Imam Khomeini's struggle, the root of racism in Muslim societies has been eliminated, now, in all congregations, universities and Muslim youths are in pursuit of learning Islamic sciences.

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The discourse of intellectual discussions that were formed following the success of Revolution, called into question some of the previous religious practices which had been entirely detached from politics. It also made best use of several terminologies for other political disciplines and interacted with several systems in order to enhance the functions of Islam.

The Islamic Revolution also intended to enhance people's power and wanted to relieve them from the undesired state to an acceptable situation by employing changes in key faculties and institutions.

Some of analysts have described that, the Islamic Revolution in Iran as following:

“Verily, the Islamic Revolution led by Ayatollah Imam Khomeini does not have any precedent in the past. The various social revolutions that took place in various parts of the world over past cause of time intended to change just certain political system. Most of these revolutions were stemmed from poverty and economic problems. The national revolutions were also mostly triggered by anger of nations from the exploiters and plunderers.

The Islamic Revolution of Iran included all these reasons but also carried new concepts and meanings as well. These new concepts not only forced out the government of exploiters but also presented a particular worldview”

### **Imam Khomeini is founder of Islamic awaking in the world.**

When we come back to the years 1960 – 70, we can see the important eras in the contemporary history of Iran in terms of political, economic and social developments as well as the ever increasing of Islamic awaking and revival of religious around the world.

During the two decades, the movement with a real shape and core come into existence in the world of modern religious ideology under the leadership of Imam Khomeini. In this period, other ideological movements having strong belief in Islamic politics and establishment of a religious government supported imam's genuine and deep rooted movement.

The opposition of religious figures led by Imam Khomeini to the so-called reforms and westernization of Iran under the all –out facial and spiritual patronage of the United States was the starting point of a new era of Iran's history of intellectualism with religious intellectualism and wave of Islamic Awakening leading the movement. At that time, a major change was made in intellectual movement of Iran and its Islamic Revolution, which was referred to as "Religious intellectualism".

The Islamic Awakening movement in the world and campaign for the independence of the Islamic nations also affected by Islamic Awakening in Iran. Particularly in its later years. The victory of Muslims in Algeria and Palestinian struggles had more impacts in that juncture.

The main development of that era was the idea of establishing an Islamic government entitled "Velayat-e Faqih" put forward by Imam Khomeini. in his sessions, Imam elaborated on the government led by jurists and the bond between religion and politics. Imam Khomeini in his explaining and his discussions also adopted a stance against the then regimes in Iran and Islamic countries. Calling on the thinkers and experts to make a thorough study in this field. Imam Khomeini's thoughts were conveyed to Iran through a network, resulting in enlightenment and a new move among Iranians.

The Islamic Awakening movement also made major steps toward the final victory by making progress in the theoretical and practical fields, making the Pahlavi regime fulfill its demands in political, social and cultural areas. The network of freedom inside and outside of Iran disseminated information in different ways, emphasizing on the leadership of Imam Khomeini and continuation of struggle.

The Islamic Awakening turned to an undefeatable movement and the political Islam and religious leadership, now the Islamic Revolution and the Islamic government of Iran are under the leadership of Ayatollah Khomeini (May Allah Protect him). Today, he is role model of the Muslim who have awakened across the world after Ayatollah Imam Khomeini.