

Imam Khomeini and Islamic Revolution

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A one man revolution lead by Sayyid Ruhollah Khomeini, despite him being banished to Iraq for 14 years Imam Khomeini still kept at the revolution regardless of location.

A man who took Iran and made it an inspiration for Islam despite his old age, it has been said Ayatollah Khomeini was in his 70's when he toppled the Iranian government. Who would have thought a man who survived on the bare minimum would be the reason for a revolution? From Iraq Khomeini had waged a holy war against the Shah, who wanted to westernise Iran with no respect for Islamic laws. Imam Khomeini was an Ayatullah, Islamic jurist; he had qualified levels of becoming a Marjah. So Imam Khomeini knew Islamic laws very well. The reason he stood against the Shah and to maintain Islamic laws within Iran.

During the 1970's events were unfolding in Iran, Imam Khomeini delivered a whole series of messages and speeches, which reached Iran not only in printed form but also increasingly on tape cassettes. His voice could be heard congratulating the people for their sacrifices, denouncing the Shah in categorical fashion as a criminal, and underlining the responsibility of the United States for the killings and the repression.

A revolution cannot be regarded as the work of a single man. Its causes cannot be interpreted in ideological terms; economic and social developments had helped to prepare the ground for the revolutionary movement. There was also bordering involvement in the revolution, towards the end, by secular, liberal-nationalist, and leftist elements. But there can be no doubting the centrality of Imam Khomeini's role and the integrally Islamic nature of the revolution he led.

Imam Khomeini's role was also central in shaping the new political order that came from the revolution, the Islamic Republic of Iran.

When Imam Khomeini returned to Iran the streets of Tehran was packed with millions of people, waiting enthusiastically to great the Imam. When the Imam set foot on the Islamic homeland for the first time in more than 15 years, his first move upon arrival was to go to Behesht-e Zahra Cemetery to pay tribute to the martyrs of the Islamic Revolution. Confident of victory, people rejected everywhere. The regime unleashed its last

bullets. Love, courage, and martyrdom in the struggle led every step of the monarchical regime. The Islamic Revolution triumphed and true Islam spread its wings over Iran. Everyday thousands of people rushed to see the Imam. An interim government was formed. The new state was gradually taking shape. The Imam insisted that the main institutions be set up. The people voted for the Islamic Republic and approved its constitution. Thus the first Islamic State after 1400 years was born.

After setting up the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini was no longer just a leader, but a caring, sincere, father. He even cared for those who have done wrong and lost their way. He was loved, even by the poor, the deprived and freedom fighters of other nations. Speeches were made during the period among 1979 - 1989. He gave out solutions, set the framework for principles of state ship. He did not only explain the virtues of religion and ethics, but detailed the aims of the Islamic Republic and its domestic and foreign policies.