

# IMAM KHOMEINI on Ayatullah Beheshti's Martyrdom

On June 28 a. about 9 p.m. 1981, two devastating bombs blasted the roof of the central office of the Islamic Republican Party, martyring Beheshti, the Chief Justice of Iran, and more than seventy-two devoted followers of Imam Khomeini.

They shall forever be honoured in our memory and may we ever follow in their footsteps in multitudes. May Allah bless them all.

## EXCERPTS FROM IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGE

*In the Name of God, the  
Beneficent the Merciful*

*"We are from God and to Him we shall return."*

*"A nation that has risen to establish Islamic justice, implement the message of the glorious Qur'an, expel the criminal superpowers and lead a life of independence and freedom is also prepared to face martyrdom and dedicate martyrs. This nation will never be intimidated by such atrocities perpetrated by the superpowers through mercenary criminals, for massacring the noblest of its children."*

*"Has not our nation, nourishing martyrs, inherited the ideology of*

*martyrdom from our Imams, who viewed life as the expression of belief and Jihad, who safeguarded the illustrious Islamic school of thought with their blood and the blood of their progeny? Are honor, dignity and human values not invaluable virtues for the safeguarding of which our impeccable ancestors and their companions had dedicated their lives?"*

*"Do we not subscribe to the virtuous who gave up their lives in achieving the Divine goal, that our hearts would waver if our loved ones are martyred? Can our enemies divest our martyrs of their virtues and humane values through these criminal moves? Can these antihuman enemies of virtue strip the faithful and lovers of truth of anything but these earthly garments?"*

*"Let these beasts who think of nothing save their own selves and who satiate their appetite like animals, liberate the lovers of the path of God from the shackles of this material world, thereby sending them to the unfathomable eternity, to their eternal Beloved."*

*"Shame be on you, O scion of the Devil, Shame on you, cabals of international criminals who have cowered back into dens, conspiring in desperate acts of sabotage*

*against a nation which has risen against the superpowers. The problem with you and your adherents is that you are incapable of discerning Islam or its spiritual power or the Muslim nation and the driving force behind the people's self sacrifice. You have not understood a nation which had dedicated the lives of its youth to topple the corrupt Pahlavi regime and free itself from the manacles of the Great Satan (the U.S. government), and which stood unbeaten with unprecedented courage and without the slightest sign of weakness. You have not understood a nation whose disabled combatants long for martyrdom in hospital beds and call upon their friends to sacrifice their lives. It seems that you have not yet realized there is no room for the word 'Fear' in the culture of martyrdom. You with blind hearts, cannot observe that by martyring the great figures (of the Revolution), the ranks of self-sacrificers for Islam further solidify and their determination increases, so you still dare to massacre our dear ones in order to isolate our people from the Revolution. You perpetrated injustice against as many devoted Muslims as you could, such as Martyr Beheshti and our beloved*



martyrs of the Majlis and the members of the cabinet, vilifying and slandering them, thinking you could seclude them from the rest of the nation."

" Islam takes pride in these martyrs and honorably calls this nation to endurance. We hope to see His visage someday to give back the life which belongs to Him."

" Our nation has lost 72 personalities in this calamity, the same number as the martyrs of Karbala. The Iranian nation is proud to have dedicated people who are devoted to Islam and the Muslims."

" Beloved nation, these

blindhearted people who claim to be crusaders of the masses have murdered the best among the most truthful servants of the masses."

" Assuming you were the avowed enemy of Martyr Beheshti, who was oppressed most of his life and died oppressed and was a thorn in the eyes of the enemies of Islam, what hatred you had against the other innocent people, most of whom had been the best servants of the people and among the most staunch fighters of the enemies of the nation? Disguised as "crusaders of the masses", you actually are the enemies of the masses and are tools paving the way for the

exploiters of the West and East. Though we have lost many of our friends and our dear ones, the overpowering multitude of the masses of people and the magnificent power of this nation will retrieve all with their unity and trust in the Almighty."

" With faith in the absolute authority of the Mighty God, the nation of Iran will move like a surging ocean and will forever remain in solid ranks as steadily as ever before-the Almighty Lord backs this nation and will safeguard it."

"May the Peace and Mercy of God be upon you".

Ruhullah al-Musavi al Khomeini  
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