

Imam Khomeini:

Must We Sit Silently



After the Iraqi government announced the dreadful news about the executions of six members of Ayatollah Hakim's family, Imam Khomeini, the leader and founder of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, delivered a speech on this horrible tragedy.

In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Surely we are Allah's and to him we shall return. (Quran 2:156).

I have just received the suprising and terribly disgraceful news about the

death of six members of the late Ayatollah Hakim's family (God forgive his soul) as a result of the tyrannical rule of the murderer of Saddam Hussain of Iraq. I have been informed by the late Ayatollah's son Hojjatol-islam Bage'r Hakim and thus these kinds of actions would subsequently sorrow and sadden any descent human being.

We live in a century in which the oppressed nations and people have been deprived of their basic rights at

the bloody hands of the oppressor governments with animalistic and aggressive instincts. The world in our century and previous similar centuries has been involved in complicated and unorganized systems which reminds us of wild jungles. We live in a period in which there is no justice, the criminals can easily commit crimes and get away with it, and, surprisingly, they are even applauded for their criminal activities!

We live in a time in which there is injustice committed everywhere by

many so-called human rights organizations, which in fact only protect the resources and benefits of the oppressors on behalf of the so-called superpowers, and indeed they are only empty and hopeless organizations.

We live in a particular part of the world where most of the lands and the properties are governed by puppets controlled either by the criminal United States or murderer Zionists and

encourages his followers to follow the line of the aggressive United States! At the present time in this poisonous world, where we cannot even breathe freely and properly, what will be our mission with all these bullies and their little puppets? Must we sit silently and witness their criminal and unjust activities, and allow them to do whatever the hell they want?

What about these clergymen,

Like the Iranian people who joined together to overthrow the ruthless regime of the shah and in a short period cleaned up the society of crime and corruption, the Iraqi Ummat should rise against the criminals!

All deprived and oppressed nations of the world must revolt on their own initiative without an expectation of aid or assistance from any other power.

I personally send my condolences to Mr. Hakim as well as the Muslims of Iraq and the world for this tragic, unforgivable crime against these six innocent people. These deprived people did nothing, and were ruthlessly butchered by Saddam Hussain of Iraq. The people of the world should realize the facts about this disgraceful case. These poor people were heavily tortured by the Ba'athist party. Yet, for the sake of Islam and for the betterment of Iraq and its people, they bravely faced death. If we do not declare war against this atheist mad man, he and his mercenaries will destroy Islam and the great Muslim Ummat of Iraq.

The joint Iraqi military forces should realize these points, these facts. They are the children of this land, and a member of the Iraqi community, so therefore they should not betray their own nation, their own family, their own friends and relatives. How much longer are they willing to witness all these crimes?

A strange coincidence is that all the peace-loving countries in the region are trying sincerely to re-establish peace in the region; but I think they are rather naive to think that a peaceful coexistence can be achieved between Iran and the aggressive government in Baghdad. The Iraqi government has gone completely mad due to its losses in the war. Iraq, likewise, does not honor international agreements. The Iranian people will not be satisfied, after suffering so much from that maniac, until the overthrow of Saddam.

How can a peaceful coexistence be possible? We, with the help of God Almighty and the backing of Islam, will not allow the oppressed people's rights to be trod upon. Once again I express my sadness and sorrow for Mr. Hakim and his family.

God's Mercy and Peace be upon you.



their allied regime in Iraq! They all are trying to destroy Islam and the teachings of the Holy Quran.

We live under circumstances where tyrant people can easily squeeze and destroy the deprived and weak nations and races without a word of objection from anyone. This is quite true about those so-called Mullahs who earned their money from the Shah's court.

When I look at the world of Christianity, the honorable Pope, the leader of the Catholic Church, who is the leader of millions of people throughout the world, rather than condemning the Great Satan America, he invites and

writers, poets, intellectuals, scientists, lecturers, etc.; should not they take more positive actions, irrespective of their race, religion or nationality? They should convert and lead the mass population to revolt against injustice, and to overthrow aggressive and oppressive regimes and replace it with justified and humanitarian systems of governments. This is their moral and religious obligation which should not be avoided.

How much longer must these crimes continue? And how long must the people sit and be an audience while all these crimes are being committed?