

Imam Khomeini's Outlook on Reactionary Regimes

Twenty years ago, Imam Khomeini once said that the reactionary regimes, besides placing the national wealth of their states at the disposal of the arrogant powers, also blindly obey the orders of those powers.

That is exactly how the regimes in Hijaz, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain and other Persian Gulf states squander away their oil revenues. Whenever Western powers decide that the oil prices should be reduced they easily achieve that goal with the collaboration of the reactionary Arab regimes.

These regimes show their subservience to the colonialists on such occasions. One such instance is the current oil price crisis.

The price per barrel of crude oil has plummeted to such depths that it is extremely detrimental to the economy of the oil-producing countries. But, as stated by the leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini, the reactionary Arab states, despite being aware of the gravity of the situation, are following oil policies dictated to them by the United States and its allies.

None but the Western industrial countries derive benefits when the world market is glutted with over-produced oil from the Arab states. In other words, billions of dollars belonging to the Muslim nations are daily being poured into the pockets of the industrial nations. Moreover, the regimes are doing this being fully aware of the fact that their oil reserves will last for a decade or so.

In the realm of politics, the situation is the same! It is nearly one year that Palestinian Muslims in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are being butchered by the Zionist troops.

Muslims in southern Lebanon are regularly bombed and shelled by the Zionists. Not only the Arab head of states remain indifferent to such atrocities against their brethren but are now openly talking about the necessity to recognize Israel as a sovereign state.

On June 29, 1982, Imam Khomeini, in a message to Muslims concerning the Lebanese situation, occupied by the Zionist troops, said:

It is hoped that we would not be a witness to the indifference of the countries in the region to the Israeli attack on the Muslim state of Lebanon and the slaughtering and plundering of the innocent people there...

"The Muslim nations should know that because of the perilous silence of some of the regimes in the region and with their seemingly unconditional submission to the U.S. and Israel, Lebanon, the dear Islamic state, is being devoured today by the world-monger (the U.S.) and its scum (Israel).

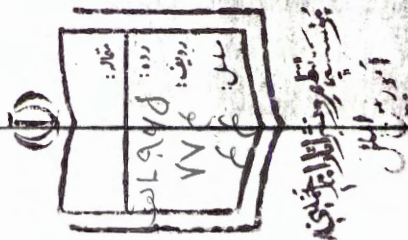
"And in the near future other dear Muslim lands (will suffer the same fate). If today the regimes in the region stand up against these criminals with the weapon of oil and other arms, the problem of Israel and then that of America and any other plunderer, however powerful, will be solved.

"We express deep regrets and strongly condemn that some Islamic states have stretched their hand towards the U.S., the real culprit and first-hand plotter, requesting their salvation from that wolf of a super-power"

And in his message on Qods Day, July 17, 1982, again addressing the Muslims of the world, Imam Khomeini said: "On the anniversary of Qods, this year (1982), we are passing through the saddest and the most pathetic days. We are going through the most regrettable and tragic days. We are sorrowful not only for the defenseless and innocent martyrs of the oppressed Lebanon; for the Arab and Muslim residents of Beirut who are under a wide-scale attack of the criminal Israel which is martyring and wounding thousands of old and young women, men and innocent and defenseless children... we also feel sorry for the suffering of the Muslims at the hands of these subservient regimes, enamored of the power of America and blindly obeying the orders of the enemies of Islam."

In that message the Imam said that the enemies of Islam are endeavoring to crush Muslims in other parts of the world, too. "Saddam's aggression against the Muslim nation in Iran and the killing of thousands of innocent and defenseless people in this

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country and the devastation of its cities, industrial plants and farms — all these atrocities, are the evil plots of the enemies of Islam," said Imam Khomeini.

"Now that Israel has attacked an Arab Muslim country and is slaughtering the Muslims, what excuse do they have for their dangerous silence?" asked Imam Khomeini. "What excuse do they have before the Almighty, God and Muslim nations for their support to Israel and its criminal master? What excuse do they have for the humiliating Camp David (Accord) and Fahd's plan? What excuse do they have for compromising with these born criminals and professional vampires?"

"Oh God, these rulers suffer the humiliation of Israel so that they may rule over the Muslim nations for a few days.

"Oh God, these foolish regimes through possessing all that is required to become victorious over the super-powers approve the atrocities of the U.S. and Israel and endeavor day in, and day out for strengthening the pillars of blasphemy. Oh God, rid the oppressed Muslims of the claws of the infidels.

"But what has to be done now? Is it enough to have rallies, shout and show displeasure over the atrocities of the enemies of Islam and the oppressed people of the world? Or are these just the means and not the end?"

Then, Imam Khomeini predicted in his message that the reactionary regimes will not even tolerate Muslims shouting slogans against the United States and Israel.

"Rest assured that the cries of the tyrannized and deprived ones will be silenced by the governments, the agents of the imperialists in the region ... The shouts of Muslims demanding the liberation of Qods, will be silenced by them (the reactionary regimes) by means which are at their disposal."

The happening in Mecca on Bloody Friday, July 31, 1987, when more than 400 hajj pilgrims were slaughtered by Saudi troops, was rightly predicted by Imam Khomeini five years earlier, in 1982. ●

