

# Declaration of the Islamic Republic by Imam Khomeini

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

*And We desire to bestow a favor upon those who  
were deemed weak in the land, and to make them  
the leaders, and to make them the heirs.*

(Holy Quran, 28:5)

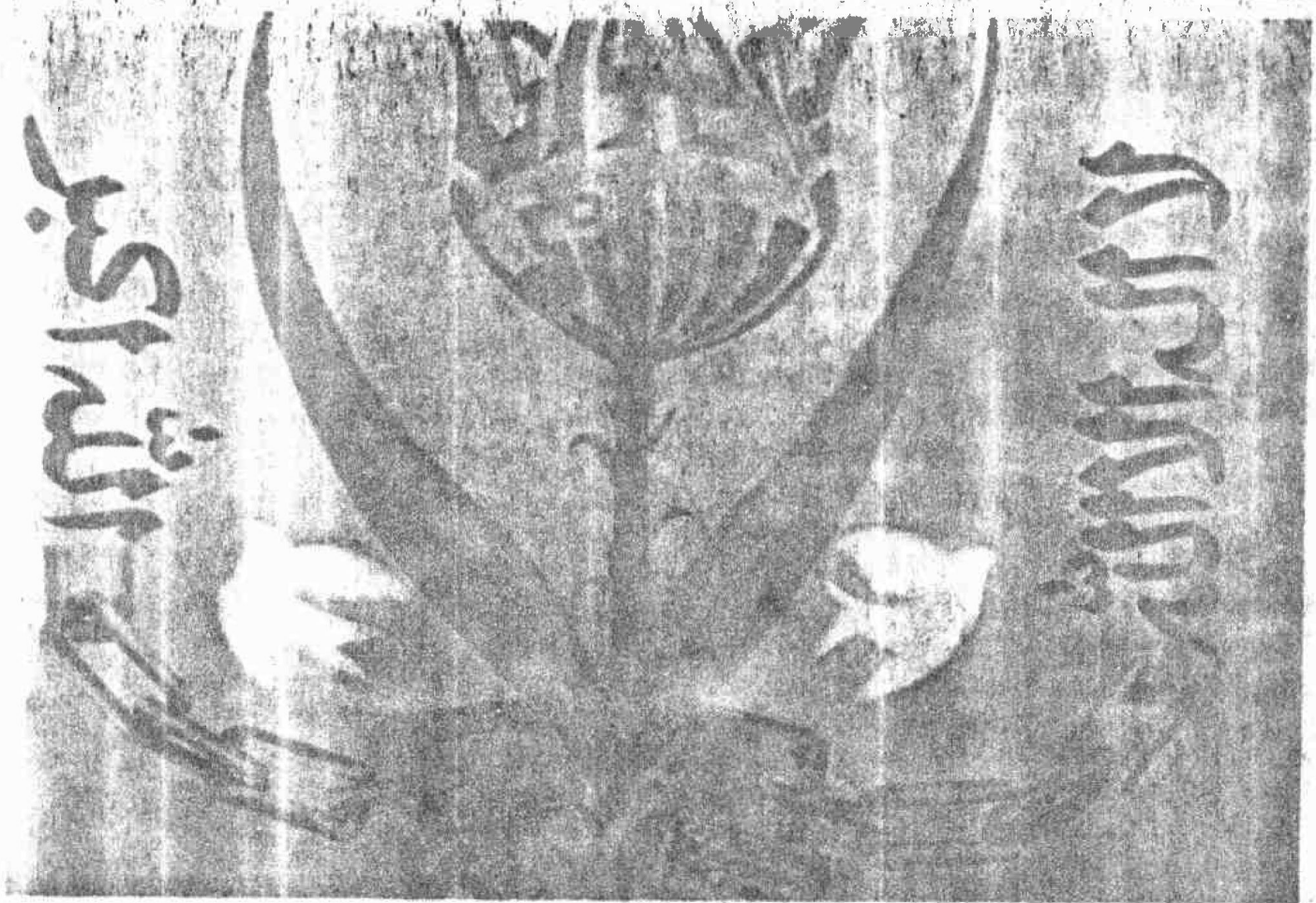
I sincerely congratulate the great nation of Iran who were degraded as a result of the oppression of the rulers and kings during the monarchial regimes in Iran and who suffered. God the Exalted honored us and destroyed the regime of oppression with his powerful hand, which is the power of Mustaz'fin, and with the establishment of the Islamic Republic bestowed on them their righteous heritage.

I declare the [establishment of the] Islamic Republic of Iran on this auspicious day of the leadership of the community and victory and conquest by the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I declare to the world that such a referendum as this [the referendum for the establishment of the Islamic Republic in Iran] is unprecedented in the history of Iran. It was a referendum when people from all over the country enthusiastically and joyfully and with love and interest rushed to the ballot boxes and voted in favor of an Islamic Republic and the hurling of the Taghuti regime into the dustbin forever.

I appreciate this unique solidarity during which everybody except for a few troublemakers and

Godless individuals answered positively to the divine call that "And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together" (Holy Quran 3:102) and almost unanimously voted for an Islamic Republic, proving their socio-political growth to the East and the West.

Congratulations on this day, when after the martyrdom of the brave young men and the bereavement of the mothers and fathers and intolerable anguish, you defeated the barbaric enemy and the pharaoh of the time and with decisive votes for the Islamic Republic, declared the Divine Government of Justice; a rulership under which all the different stratum of the nation are looked upon in the same way and the light of Divine Justice is cast upon everybody equally and the blessings of the Quran and Sunna are bestowed on all equally. Congratulations on such a government which does not discriminate between races, black or white, Turk, Fars, Kurd or Balouchi. All are brothers and equal. Superiority is accorded to piety and virtue, ethics and good deeds. Congratulations on such a day when every stratum of the nation secures its rights, when there is no difference between men and women between religious minorities and others as regards justice. The Taghut has been buried after him [the Shah.] The country has been saved from the claws of the internal and external enemies and the plunderers and the looters. Now it is you brave people who are guards for the Islamic Republic. Now, it is the youth who should powerfully and decisively preserve this divine heritage and should



not allow the remnants of the corrupted regime who are lying in wait and the advocates of global thieves and parasitic oil devourers to infiltrate your closed ranks. Now it is you who should take your destiny in your own hands and not give any chance to the opportunists to take further steps relying on the Divine Power whose manifestation is the people. It is you who, choosing from the erudite class, should send your trustees to the Constitutional Assembly, who should ratify the Constitution of the Islamic Republic and just as you voted enthusiastically for the Islamic Republic, you should vote for the nation thus leaving no door open for the ill-wishers. April 1 -- which is the day of the establishment of the first government of God -- is among our greatest religious and national feast days. Our nation should celebrate this day and keep it alive, a day when the pillars of the 2,500-year-old Taghuti regime collapsed and satanic domination was eradicated for good and replaced with the government of the oppressed which is the government of God.

O noble nation who, sacrificing the blood of your youth secured your rights, cherish these rights

and guard them and under the banner of Islam and the Qur'an implement Divine Justice through your support! I, with all my power, shall spend these last days of mine in your service which is the same as service to Islam.

I expect the nation to guard Islam and the Islamic Republic with all its might. I ask the government to remove the remnants of the Taghuti regime the influence of whom are still rooted in every aspect of the country without any fear of the East or West and transform the culture. The Justice ministries and other ministries and departments which are based on the western form [must be changed] into an Islamic form; show to the world social justice and cultural, economic and political independence. I ask God the Exalted, for the greatness and independence of the Islamic country and nation.

*May the Mercy of God be upon His Righteous Servants.*

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