

# Imam Khomeini Addresses the Nation on the Occasion of the First Anniversary of the Establishment of the Islamic Republic

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

The 12th of Farvardin [April 1] is the anniversary of the formal establishment of the government of the oppressed over the oppressors in Iran. It is the day that the promise of God was fulfilled. Thanks be to God that the oppressed nation of Iran became victorious over the oppressors of the East and the West. The 12th of Farvardin is the day when the Army of God defeated that of Satan, the day of the victory of God and his faithful believers. The Iranian nation considers this day an Islamic and national festival. That day when absolute victory and divine blessings are bestowed on all the oppressed Muslims of the world, with the help of God and under the banner of God's aid, the nation will cut oppression from their countries, the banner of Islam and Allahu Akbar [God is Greater] and by their heroic uprising and chanting Allahu-Akbar treat people such as Sadat and the colleagues of the deposed Shah in the same way that the brave nation of Iran treated Muhammad Reza Pahlavi.

The great nation of Egypt which is weary of the shameful acts of the criminal Sadat, is now faced with a greater shame, imposed on them by the plots and deceit of the Great Satan (America). The Great Satan, in order to keep its reign of terror, resorts to all possible means and satanic plans. She imposes Muhammad Reza on Egypt and yet claims to be aloof from the issue, not knowing that the nations have been awakened and have read her plans. She [the United States] for some time threatened us

with military occupation and the landing of paratroopers in the Nest of Spies [American Embassy] with economic embargo and the isolation of our country, but to no avail. She has now made a political plan, a satanic plot; she is trying to deceive us with flattery and soft words and to defeat her rivals by a political gamble, by deceiving our nation. This new deceit of Carter is similar to that of the deposed Shah in the final days of his evil monarchy, when he resorted to flattery and deception of the nation and clergy, but he failed. Mr. Carter must know that by sending the deposed Shah to Egypt, apologizing for his past mistakes, confessing to the treacheries of the U.S. towards the oppressed nations including Iran, and asking me -- only one member of the great nation of Iran -- to solve the issue of the Nest of Spies is the wrong approach. The solution of this issue is only in the hands of the dignified nation of Iran and the Islamic Consultative Assembly which derives its power from the nation. He must know that by supporting the deposed Shah after the crimes, treacheries and plundering he committed, he has left no option for a so-called "dignified solution" to the issue, but has made a solution more complicated by handing over the deposed Shah, the enemy of Islam, to another enemy who by his shameful action has severely harmed the Muslims of the world.

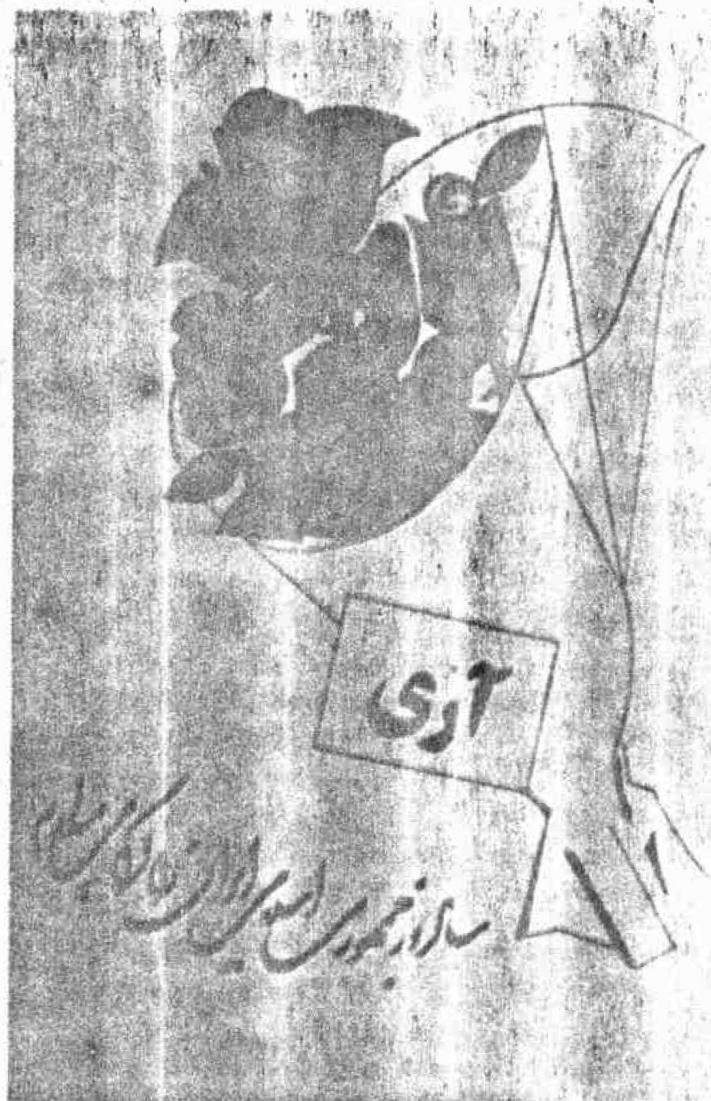
It is surprising that Sadat, like Carter, claims that love for humanity has made him accept the deposed Shah. Those who at every opportunity kill great nations whose only fault was seeking their rights, who on the pretext of love of

humanity support a criminal who during forty years ruined a great nation, killed tens of thousands of innocent people, injured, or disabled one hundred thousand people and plundered the wealth of a poor nation, call this humanity and engage our nation and theirs in a political game.

When faced with people who will commit any crime to gain power, who are not afraid of telling lies and talking nonsense yet possess satanic power, it is the duty of the oppressed of the world and the Muslims, in particular, to defend the right and the truth and clear their country of such evils. It is the responsibility of this dignified nation of Iran, of all groups and ideologies, to avoid differences and disputes and crush the enemy with their unity. The nation should refrain from personal and group conflicts springing from worldly desires which if they spread, may push everyone and the country towards destruction. Intellectuals, thinkers, university people and scientists should use all their efforts to destroy the hopes of our main enemy, the U.S., and know that in case of the domination of this powerful enemy, nothing will be left for anybody.

I am calling on my Kurdish sisters and brothers to defend their country together with their other Muslim sisters and brothers, and to accept the Army and other security forces who are working for the security and well-being of the nation as their brothers. Do not listen to those who under the name of Kurd and the Kurdish nation want to push your country into the hands of the satanic powers, to return the previous sufferings and problems, and who have no idea about Islam or its teachings, but are the enemies of Islam. With the establishment of the Islamic government, by God's will, all classes of the nation will live side by side in security and well-being. My brothers, if, God forbid, the Islamic movement fails there will be neither Kurdistan nor Khuzistan nor other provinces. For God's sake stop these conflicts, live with your other brothers in peace and defend your country, relying on God, for then God will be with you and no power will be able to overcome you. I pray to God Almighty for the victory of Islam and the Muslims, and for the guidance of those who have been misled.

*May peace be upon the righteous servants of God.*



*We witnessed that there was no other sound except the cry of "Allahu Akbar!" [God is Greater!] "We want an Islamic Republic." Throughout the country, the people screamed: "Neither East nor West, Islamic Republic!" This is a fundamental issue, our nation loved Islam so much that they went to the square with empty hands, and faced the mercenaries; men and women went, fought and won.*

*Imam Khomeini*

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