

# IMAM'S MESSAGE



THE POLITICO-RELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF HAJJ IN THE WORDS OF IMAM KHOMEINI

"Hajj, Friday Prayers and congregational prayers have social and political aspects as they have worshipping aspects. Their worshipping aspects are a part of their political aspects. The religion of Islam isn't merely a religion of worship."

[Imam Khomeini, 1978]

"...The Muslims of various countries have come towards the Ka'aba and the Hajj of Bait-ullah and this great divine precept, the great Islamic congress is held during these blessed days and in a blessed place, and the appointed Muslims of Allah should make use of the political and social aspects of this gathering in addition to its religious aspect. A gathering such as that held during the Hajj has various political aspects, including information about the political and basic problems of Islam and the Muslims..."

[Imam Khomeini, 1979]

"From among the Divine precepts, the precept of Hajj possesses a special characteristic; perhaps its social and political aspects dominate its all other aspects though its worshipping and religious aspect has an exceptional speciality as well."

[Imam Khomeini, 1981]

"One of the great philosophies of Hajj is its political aspect, which is aimed at by the hands of the criminals from all sides. The continuous propaganda against this political aspect has also affected some of the Muslims to the extent that most of them believe that performing Hajj is only a kind of spiritless worship which has nothing to do with the interests of the Muslims. The importance of the political aspect of Hajj isn't less than its religious and worshipping aspect."

[Imam Khomeini, 1983]

"Often the ignorant people may say that one should not violate the sanctity of the House of Allah and the Ka'aba by slogans, rallies, demonstrations or a declaration of hatred (towards the pagans), and that Hajj is a place for worship and prayers, not an arena for arraying troops and a place for combat or war; or many times pseudo Islamic scholars may raise the issue that struggle, estrangement, war and combat are the work of world-mongers and mixing political issues in the Hajj lowers the dignity of the clergymen and scholars. The spread of this very belief is considered to be the hidden policy and instigation of the world-mongers."

"Muslims should seriously struggle with all their means and facilities against this and should defend the Divine values and the interests of the Muslims. They should rise up and strengthen their struggle and sacred defence. They should not allow these unaware, ignorant followers of Satan to attack the ideology and dignity of the Muslims any longer."

[Imam Khomeini, 1987]

