



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

I congratulate the oppressed people of the world, the Muslims and the honorable and brave nation of Iran on the anniversary of the victory of the great Iranian Revolution. On such an auspicious day Right conquered Wrong, God's soldiers conquered the friends of Satan and the Hizbu-l-Lah [party of God] conquered Satan and his followers. The Islamic government held sway; the vengeful hand of God working through the combatant Iranian nation and the marvelous victory of Islam over atheism was fulfilled. On such a happy occasion the solidarity of all sects of the brave nation increases from day to day. The Army and other forces proved their loyalty to Islam and Iran and rescued their country from the devils of the time at whose head is the U.S. government. Greetings be upon such an alert nation and praise be upon the disciplinary forces, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. Long live the glorious banner of Allahu Akbar which is the secret of the miraculous victory of the great Iranian nation. The great victory established the foundations of an Islamic Republic within just a year and brought about the annihilation of the oppressors, a thing which has not been achieved in non-Islamic revolutions for many years. Our dear nation succeeded in achieving within one year under the protection of Islam and with the least damage what other revolutions achieved with the killing and imprisonment of

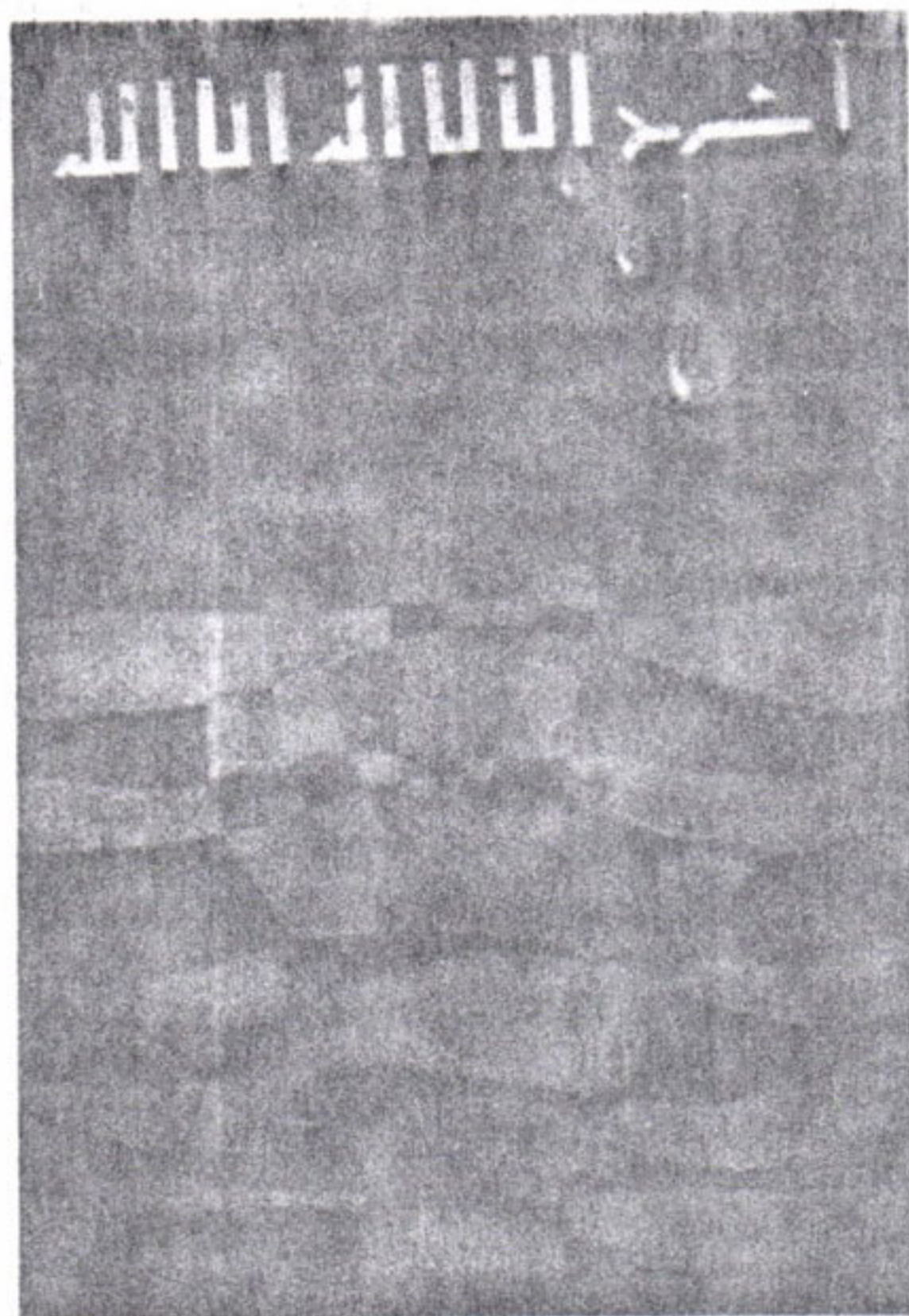
Address of Imam Khomeini on the Occasion of the First Anniversary of the Culmination of the Victory of the Revolution

millions. Despite the fact that we lost brave youngsters and many brothers and sisters became invalids -- the martyrs who are the light of our Revolution and our invalid brothers and sisters who are the investments of our Islamic Revolution and are particularly respected by our appreciative nation -- we saved a great nation, cut the claws of the man-eating wolves and man-like savages off the vital vein of a dignified Ummah [community.] By the will of God and the decision of our dear nation, we rid our Islamic country of the evils of the ignorant criminals and treacherous plunderers. Under the blessed banner of Allahu Akbar, we achieved freedom and independence for our fellow countrymen.

I have said many a time and still I announce that, until the severing of all political, military, economic and cultural ties with America, Iran must maintain a firm struggle against this cruel world plunderer and later, if our honorable nation permits, we will re-establish normal relations with the U.S.A. as with other countries. I have always said and repeat on this glorious day that the irreconcilable struggle of our nation against the oppressors will continue until all dependence on the superpowers of the East and West is removed. We all know the world of Islam expects the complete victory of our Revolution. We completely support all dominated countries in gaining their complete freedom and independence. We explicitly tell them that rights are something to attain, and that they

should rise up and overthrow superpowers. I have repeatedly said and now warn that if the oppressed East and Africa do not rely on themselves, they will be in trouble forever. Come and stand on your own feet and attack the West and run them off the battlefield. From a corner of the hospital, I ask oppressed Africa and the dominated East and all oppressed countries to unite and expel the criminals of America. The hands of America and the other superpowers are bloody up to the elbow with the blood of our youths and other oppressed and militant people of the world. We will fight them with all our might until the last drop of our blood. Since we are warriors we will export our Revolution to the whole world, because our Revolution is Islamic, and our struggle will continue until the clamour of "La ilaha Illa-l-Lah" [There is no god but God] and "Muhammad Rasoulu-l-Lah" [Muhammad is the Messenger of God] echoes over the whole world. Wherever there exists a struggle against the oppressors we will be there. We will defend the unprotected Lebanese and Palestinians against Israel. Israel, this source of corruption, has always been an American base. I have been pointing out the danger of Israel for nearly twenty years now. We should all rise up and destroy Israel and replace her with the brave nation of Palestine. We support the brave Muslim nation of Afghanistan, a nation that has risen up in a struggle against the invaders. They should know that God is with them the firmer their ranks become and the more they fight with resolute belief until victory. And they should know that victory is near.

Dear nation of Iran, you have scared the aggressive East [the U.S.S.R.] and the criminal West. Never compromise with any power, and I am certain that you won't. Throw out anybody who thinks of compromising with the East or West, without fear and without any consideration, no matter what position they hold. Compromising with the East or West is dependence and treason to Islam and the Muslims. Today is the day of martyrdom and blood. We expect all kinds of conspiracies to happen every day throughout Iran. Our dear Islamic ideology makes it obligatory upon us not to give up struggling for freedom and independence and we won't. By the order of doctors, I am regrettably not able to participate in the celebrations of the courageous nation and the Islamic



I bear witness that there is no god other than Allah.

Army but my heart is with the honorable nation, the Islamic and popular Army, and Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, and my insignificant prayers accompany them. Until my very last breath, I am a devoted servant of all. I pray to Almighty God for the glory of Islam and the welfare of the Muslim society.

May Peace and the Mercy of God be upon you

Ruhullah al-Musavi al-Khomeini
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