

Address of the Imam on the Second Anniversary of the Victory of the Revolution

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

On the eve of the third year of victory of the Muslim nation of Iran, I offer my congratulations and felicitations in the presence of the Imam of Time (may our souls be sacrificed for him) to the great honorable, victorious nation of Iran.

The opening of the hellish prison's doors to release the good scholars and committed intellectuals; the closure of the widespread centers of perversion and youth-deviating brothels, the ousting of the [foreign] advisers, the destructive and coercive arrogant masters, the execution of the criminal and gold-hoarding leaders, put the treacherous, profiteering and criminal parasites to flight. A strange transformation of the various strata of the nation from apathy to conviction in view of Islam and the fatherland was created during a jihad against satanic powers and their affiliates, particularly, during the recent onslaught by Saddam. Amidst thousands of developmental works and the building of educational centers in the villages for the downtrodden masses and the eradication of repression and the creation of a free atmosphere and many other issues which there is not enough time to enumerate, and with all these achievements are the bitterness and chaos such as the armed rebellion of groups affiliated to the satanic powers, the massacre and plundering of the rights of our Muslim Kurdish, Turkish and Balouchi brothers and sisters; disorders and rebellions and uprisings were carried out by the traitors and mercenaries who had infiltrated all the strata

of society and organizations, regrettably, sometimes by the youths who are misinformed about Islamic government and consider their misdeeds as Islamic and above all, the imposed war and savage attack of the criminal Baathist regime of Iraq, and the slaughter and plundering of the people living at the borders rendering hundreds of thousands of dear brothers and sisters homeless. These and other matters, are the unavoidable effects of all revolutions, which the Supreme God willing, have been insignificant compared to other revolutions, even those in the Islamic countries, although witless and biased people who want to magnify them consciously or intentionally are actively striving toward defeating Islam. Now that, thanks be to God the Most High, the great Islamic Revolution is at the threshold of its third year and despite the plots of ill-wishers, corrupt and mercenary splinter groups affiliated to East and West who had hoped for the failure of the Revolution in less than six months and were looking forward to the nation's becoming passive and unresponsive toward the Revolution and pave the way for the return of those affiliated to the previous tyrant regime and consequently for the criminal U.S. and other plunderers who are lurking with satanic ruses, to profit from the situation, the great nation should try to strengthen their solidarity and their unity of expression. The aware nation of Iran today witnesses this magnificent Islamic humane cooperation throughout the country and also is witnessing the sacrifice of its wealth and life and its beloved ones for victory and the ousting of the the Baathist blasphemers from its beloved land, and the poisonous plume of the conscious malevo-

lent enemies and friends has had no effect on the morale of the masses of Iran and that of the world's Muslims.

It is necessary that some points be emphasized:

1 — These are humble remarks to speakers and writers, both the great clergymen and other gentlemen, the press and the mass media.

My dear ones, you know that what you have gained from negating the Taghut and the substitution of the Islamic Republic for it has not been gained easily, but rather it was attained with the blood of thousands upon thousands of devout youths and thousands of invalids and injured youths to whom we must consider ourselves indebted till our death. Do not make light of this great Divine blessing.

You gentlemen who had a share in the victory of the Revolution and Islam; Iran belongs to you too, use your pens and tongues in the service of the Revolution, for its fruition which is freedom and independence under the auspices of the Islamic Revolution and the banner of monotheism and great Islam. Try to strengthen the nation's morale and work unsparingly against the vilification of the deviated ones which is to weaken the nation's morale. Refrain from defaming the personalities or groups who are in the service of the Islamic Republic; weakening them is directly serving the world oppressors who are lying in ambush to make use of your pens and tongues. It is not fair that the dear youths of Islam whether from the Army or Corps or Gendarmerie or Mobilization Committee or police or from the sacrificing groups of tribesmen and those beloved ones in the villages, cities and throughout the country are giving their blood and sacrificing their lives in serving Islam and Muslims, and we sit in a corner and torment their radiant hearts with our pens and tongues. Be fair; what have we done for Islam and our Islamic country and what have these dear self-sacrificing youths from students to clergymen, from villagers to city-dwellers, and from workers to Bazaaris [merchants], done?

From the start of the Revolution up to now, all the pains and difficulties and self-sacrifice were upon the shoulders of these strata and they have



been our masters.

Our leader is that 12-year-old child, who with his small heart, which is more valuable than hundreds of our pens and tongues, threw himself with a grenade under an enemy tank, destroying it and achieving martyrdom.

O Lord, I ask forgiveness from Your Holy Presence that our dear youth and adults are sacrificing their lives and we are exploiting [this divine resource.]

2— To the army men and the Guards Corps and Gendarmerie and Mobilization groups and Police and all the armed non-military forces my message is that you are at present, in the service of Islam and are among God's army and the protectors of the Islamic government. The Muslim nation of Iran expresses its gratitude and considers you not separated from itself and itself not separated from you.

Right now there is no country in the world where the bond between the people and the Armed Forces is this strong.

The military and disciplinary forces who broke away from Taghut and battled against it and joined Allah at the time when disobeying Taghut meant death, joined the rank of the nation's sacrificers with full honors. They paid their debts to Islam and their country and pleased God the Most High, or the dear guardsmen and all the irregular forces who brought the sacred Revolution to victory, with the backing of the great nation. It is hoped that all would be proud before the Holy Presence of God the Most High, for they made the Islamic Republic proud.

My dear ones, pay heed that some God-ignorant individuals want to sow discord among you and through this, to separate the nation from all of you and then pull the Revolution into ruins, making the country easy prey for the superpowers. Keep away from the satanic temptations of these affiliates of the East and West and fight them. The Armed Forces, from whatever walk of life they are, while they should have political insight and should never act blindly, at the same time should not enter into the affairs of the *politicians* for if they enter into politics, inevitably, those who have mastered the cunning art of politics, would create discord among them and draw various groups to different sides and disrupt the order of the Army at its very foundation which can only serve the country through full harmony. [These traitors] would attain their ultimate goal which is the enslavement of the country. You, O dear Armed Forces, who are going to serve your fatherland, by entering the political arena, you would be inevitably deterred from serving your dear fatherland, and would be drawn towards the East or West. It is in the political arena that your distance fluctuates among groups making you pessimistic toward one stratum; then when discord has been sown the blow would be delivered.

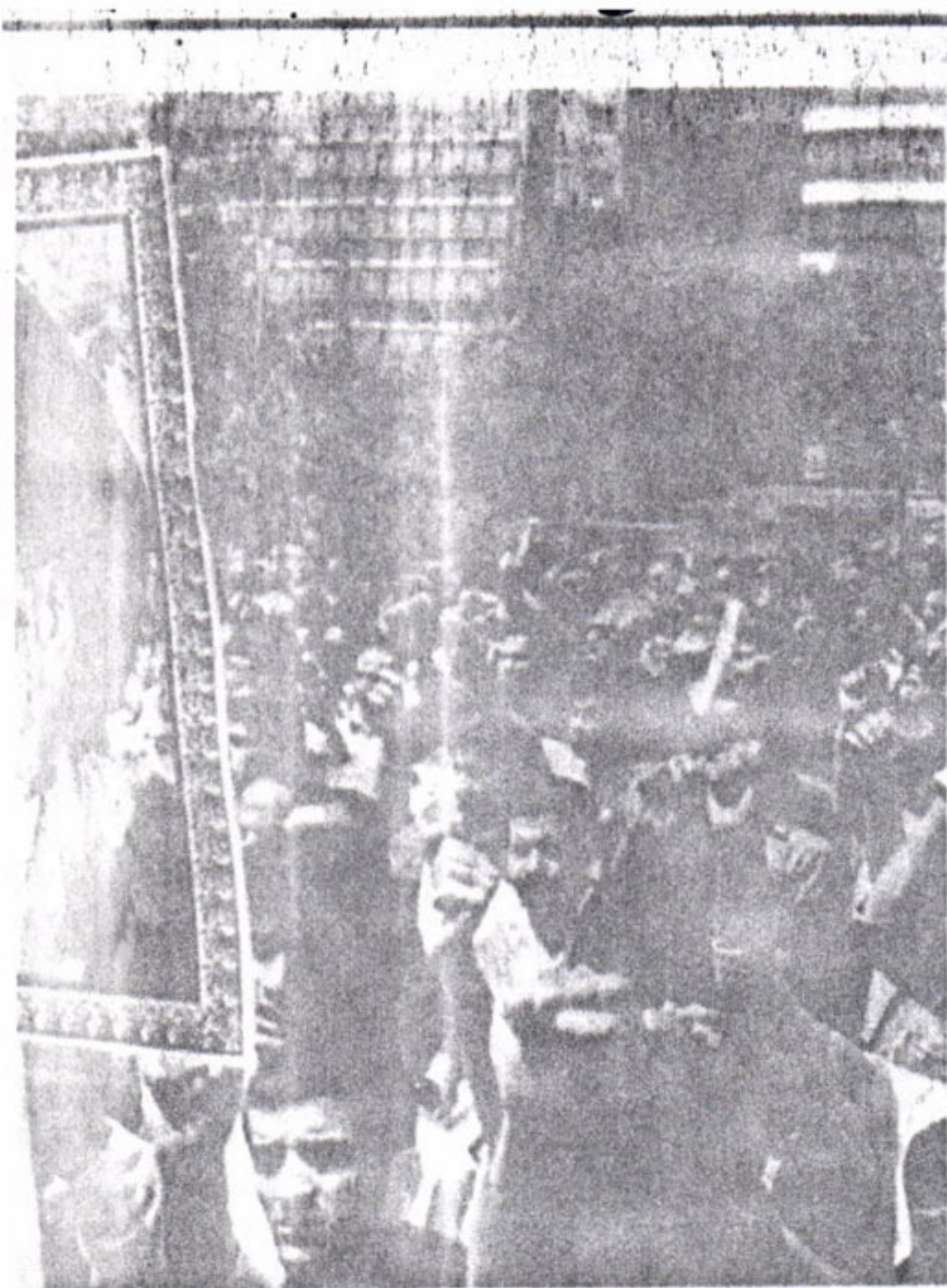
Today, the whole nation is optimistic towards the Armed Forces and considers them as servants of the fatherland and Islam. They support you, as you are witnessing. Behind the fronts, young and old, men and women of the multi-million masses are active and serving for your victory.



Today, orators and writers have an earnest interest in you, and deviated persons have infiltrated your midst, to make you pessimistic toward the clergymen and the faithful and to separate you from them and finally from the nation.

Be informed that these have no goal other than their satanic aims. Be aware and drive the satans out of your grounds. It is necessary to strive with all your power so that there will be no rift, God forbid, among you. Be informed that the Armed Forces are not apart from each other and all are united in war and sacrifice in the way of God and Islam and the beloved fatherland. Those who want to create discord among the Corps and the Army and other strata of the Armed Forces are not thinking about the fatherland and Islam and, God forbid, they will exhaust you from within and deliver their coup de grace.

3 – The clergymen who are serving in the



Tribunals, Reconstruction Crusade, Committees and other organizations must firstly, under all circumstances, be alert to *not* interfere in matters in which they have no authority; for, in addition to their interference being illegal due to their lack of authority, it will lead to the nation's mistrust of the clergy and consequently, their estrangement from you, which is a great damage to Islam and an Islamic country, and is among the big and unpardonable sins.

The evil forces who push you into these kinds of interference are the staunch enemies of the clergy and Islam; they achieve satanic results by this deed of theirs and would isolate you [from the nation] and ruin the country. Intervention in the executive affairs, appointment and dismissal and such as these, with the exception of the intervention of those whom the government had directly appointed are illegal and would cause disturbance in the country and should be avoided. I fear that young clergymen

who are duty bound to preserve the honor and reputation of Islam and the clergy, due to some actions which some of them do, even though with good intention, depict Islam and the clergy contrary to what they really are.

I fear that the devils who are waiting for the failure of the Islamic Republic to make a mountain out of a mole hill with their poisonous pens, would publicize the misconduct of individuals in the Islamic Republic, and with the cry of "This is Islam!" defame the Islamic Republic.

4 — Undoubtedly, the inappropriate interference of some individuals who have donned clerical garb as well as laymen who have infiltrated government offices without any authority are many. The authorities should curb such deeds and competent orators and writers should strive to resolve these situations with brotherly advice and constructive criticism but not in a vindictive manner, based upon individual and personal inner hostilities thereby depicting the Islamic Republic contrary to its real entity which by itself is a great sin. Such encounters not only haven't any positive effect, but also they have negative results. Regrettably, some of the writers and speakers instead of extending healthy criticism and useful guidance, through destructive and offensive criticism want to make the people pessimistic about the Islamic Republic. Those who have resorted to abuses instead of constructive criticism have themselves committed an evil deed instead of forbidding it. May God guide them.

5 — Once again I remind you of the danger of the U.S. government all over the world and especially in the region and Iran. Today, all of those united against the Islamic Republic are directly or indirectly in contact with the U.S.

The Iranian nation should fight off this great threat decisively. The U.S. after it saw that the military invasion of one of her servants, that is the Iraqi government, has made our people more united, proceeded once again by aggravating internal discord. The valiant people of Iran should nullify this plot just as [they did] the previous plots with their unity.

6 — The danger of international Communism is not a matter to let pass lightly. The superpowers



WE ARE BUT A DROP OF YOUR ARMY, KHOMEINI!

today under various pretexts suck the blood of the oppressed people of the world, inconsiderate of their ideology. What is important for them are their economic goals, but the threat Communism poses is not less dangerous than that of the capitalist West; the dear people of Iran should be alert in face of their intrigues.

7— Today, Israel and her close friend Egypt are thinking about creating a center in the region for the destruction of Muslims and their exalted spiritual values.

Recently, Iraq and some of the heads of states in the region have also agreed to this plan. I've been reiterating the dangers of international Zionism for approximately 20 years now. Today, consider its danger to all the revolutions for liberation in the world and the genuine Islamic Revolution of Iran to be not less than in the past, for these world devouring leeches have stood up and are implementing various stratagems to defeat the oppressed of the world. Our nation and free nations of the world should courageously and heedfully resist against

these dangerous intrigues.

8 — Once again, I support all the world liberation movements and hope that they be triumphant in realizing their free society, and it is hoped that the Islamic government will help them during opportune circumstances.

9 — My message to the great nation and vast human masses with whose blessed hands the victory was achieved and dear Islam in this century revived—all are indebted to them—is that this miracle of the century and this unparalleled victory and this Islamic Revolution needs to be preserved and protected and that will be achieved by your able hands with the help of God the Almighty. You, the dear magnanimous nation, you sacrificed all your belongings for the satisfaction of God the Most High and gained this great heavenly blessing the safeguarding of which requires patience and endeavor. The devils who are mostly from the well-to-do stratum affiliated to the previous regime want to discourage you with rumors and lies and deceits. You've gained this possession with the blood of martyrs and



beloved youths. They want to dishearten you towards the Islamic Republic government with shortages of petrol and kerosene and sugar and such as these and deliver their last blow, whereas such rumors and deceit are a blow to your human honor.

These blind creatures imagine that you have given your youths and loved ones in the way of oil and petrol and are serving your dear Islam and country to fill your stomach. Expel these who are the enemies of your dignity and honor from among yourselves and don't give an opportunity for their plots to be fulfilled. You should look at the exalted Prophet (ﷺ) and his magnanimous Companions, with what hardships and shortages they were confronted; they achieved the goals of Islam by sacrificing their lives and shedding blood. You should strengthen Islam by following these magnanimous leaders and protect the dear people and reject the ill-wishers and do not let fear rule you for God is with you.

I implore God the Most High for the victory of Islam and the Muslims and soon the victory of the Army of Islam over Kufr.



May Peace and the Blessings of God be upon you.

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