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Imam Khomeini

The reasons that made Imam Khomeini the undisputed leader of Islamic Iran was that besides his characteristics, he enjoyed other qualities such as honesty, courage, perception, decisiveness and resolution.

By giving vent to the thought that a Muslim must not tolerate oppression because of the verse of the Holy Quran which says: And Allah will not give the disbelievers any way (of success) against the believers (4:141), the Imam opposed tooth and nail oppression, injustice, colonialism and exploitation, an opposition which was founded under the banner of Islam and based on Islamic tenets.

The slogan of "Neither East nor West" is the principal slogan of the Islamic Revolution propounded by the uncompromising Imam-in a world of hunger and oppression and outlines the true policy of non-alliance for the Islamic countries and countries that in the near future, will accept Islam as the only school for liberating humanity and will not recede, or sway from their policy even for a moment.

While paying glowing tribu-

Legacy of autocratic regime

made

New Cabinet next week

Khaleda's call to bring down child mortality rate

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday stressed the need for bringing down child mortality rate to create a positive impact on the efforts to control population explo-

tes to the Holy Man of the 20th century, on his second death anniversary, I quote from the Imam's message to the HAJJ PILGRIMS IN 1983, "(1403 Al-Hijra)": "O Allah lead the Muslim Nations and governments towards achieving unity and fraternity and bestow Your mercy for victory to Islamic forces in defending their homeland and debasing the usurping Israel, empower Islam and Muslims and safeguard them against sedition of foreigners".

Islamic Iran today owes much to the Imam Khomeini. Iran has so far solved many of her problems. And this has been possible because of the divine teachings as enshrined in the book of Allah and Sunnat of His Prophet (SM), leadership of the Ulema led by Velayat-e Faqih (Islamic jurisprudence) Imam Khomeini and assistance of the committed and the adherents.

After the victory of the revolution in 1979, Imam Khomeini and the Revolutionary Council took all necessary steps to organise the Iranian State and society in accordance with the laws of Shariah.

Freedom of speech and thought, freedom of political parties and freedom of the press have been established by the unforgettable Imam. The mass media is now free from colonial culture and influence.

I conclude with the remarks of Mr. R.W. Carlsen, an American writer and journalist who wrote his experience in a book after visiting the Holiest of the Holy on February 9, 1982 and was published in the daily Tehran Times (March 2-10, 1983): "While I was in the presence of the Imam I had a yearning that all politicians of note take the time to visit Imam Khomeini. I still have that yearning. Imam Khomeini is the most charismatic political leader of the twentieth century-and he is much more beloved of individuals I have met who have held me transformed. He is there in Iran supporting one of the precious pillars of God: Islam and the supreme truth of surrender to God."

But alas ! the westoxicated Muslim leaders failed to listen to the call of the Imam to unite and work in unison to regain their lost image, glory and status.—SAYED EQBAL REZVI Dhaka