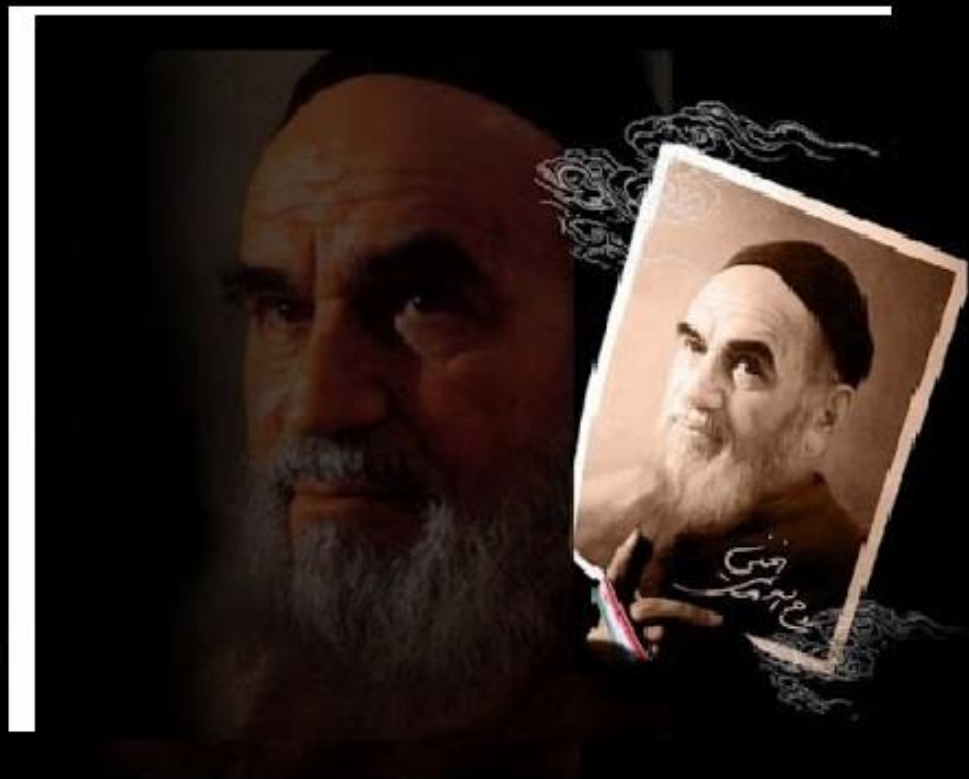


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Millions remember Imam Khomeini across the globe

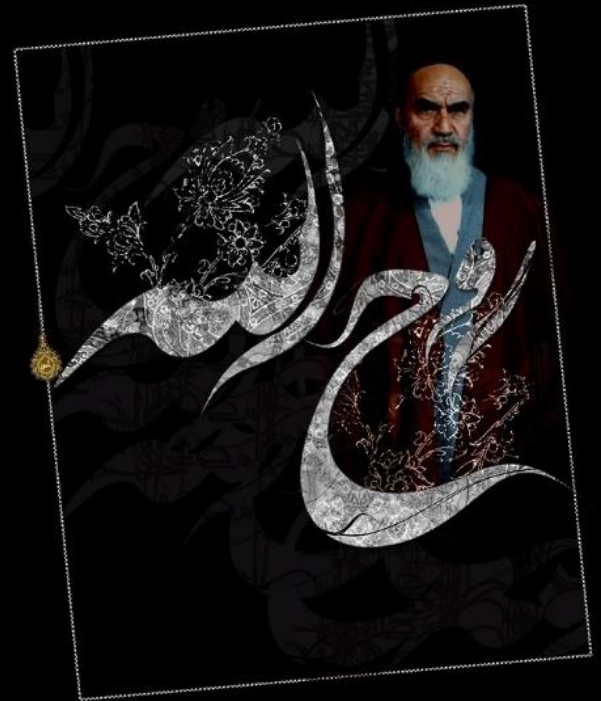
June 4 marks that sorrowful day in the history of the Islamic Republic of Iran on which the Father of the Islamic Revolution left the mortal world for his heavenly abode, leaving a grateful nation in grief.

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the demise of Imam Ruhullah Khomeini, the man who led one of the greatest revolutions of the 20th Century, a revolution which survived 40 years of punitive measures by the US-led West and permanently changed the political landscape of the Muslim world and redefined relations between the West and the Middle East in a way that no other event did in recent history. As a matter of fact, conscientious people and the seekers of truth and freedom all over the world were aggrieved on hearing of the news of the passing on of Imam Khomeini (may God bless his soul).

The reformer, who shaped the most popular anti-oppression uprising of the century and revived Islam on the social and political scenes, continues to rule the hearts of the faithful.

Imam understood the US-led West's political and economic systems far better than most Western educated Muslims ever did.

It was his total reliance on God that enabled him to surmount immense challenges in the struggle to establish the Islamic Republic of Iran. He was a leader who on the basis of religious teachings succeeded, in not just overthrowing a despotic regime, but also in reviving in society the genuine teachings of Islam in order to prevent deviation and innovation from creeping in.





Leader says Imam Khomeini shattered superpowers' aura of invincibility

In a televised address to the Iranian nation, Ayatollah Khamenei paid homage to the late revolutionary leader and recounted his legacy. Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has commemorated the founder of the Islamic Republic Imam Khomeini on the 31st anniversary of his passing, saying the late leader shattered the presumed invincibility of superpowers.

Decades after his departure, Imam Khomeini “is still alive among us, and should remain alive among us.”

The Leader recalled how Imam Khomeini also transformed the people’s attitude towards the so-called superpowers and their presumed invincibility to the point that the then US rulers acknowledged that the Imam had “humiliated” them.

"At that time, no one assumed that anything could be done contrary to what the US willed. Imam Khomeini proved that superpowers are not invincible. We witnessed what happened to

the Soviet Union. And today we are watching the US and see what is transpiring there," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding Imam Khomeini taught the masses how these big powers can be overcome.

Commenting on the massive public protests that have swept the United States in recent days, the Leader said the "cold-blooded" murder of an African American by a white police officer in Minneapolis exemplified the US's overall "behavior and essence" that has manifested itself in Washington's atrocities throughout the Middle East and elsewhere in the world.

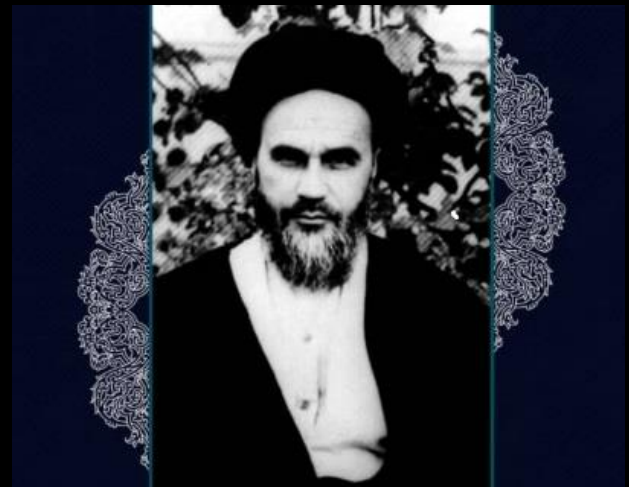
The Leader underlined the Imam's spirit of "seeking and encouraging change," calling him a "true leader."

From a young age, Imam Khomeini would advise in favor of "rising up in the path of God," Ayatollah Khamenei noted, and reminisced how the late leader would invoke "spiritual revolution" among people through his speeches.

Imam Khomeini thus managed to eventually bring about "change across the whole Iranian nation," and prompted the people to abandon the spirit of lethargy and capitulation in the face of oppression, the Leader stated.

Imam Khomeini also caused the nation to abandon its feelings of self-deprecation and consider itself entitled to self-esteem, and extended the nation's attitude towards religion beyond a simply personal matter, Ayatollah Khamenei remarked. The revolutionary leader kept up his efforts at inducing change even after the Islamic Revolution, the Leader remarked.

The revolutionary attitude is still alive today, said the Leader, citing the country's scientific and defensive achievements and noting that Iran has attained the "deterrent status" thanks to its defense power.



The Leader then underlined the importance of continued pursuance of change as a means of betterment, and proceeded to name some instances of desired change across the country's various affairs.

As one desired prospect in the field of economy, the Leader cited potential severance of dependence on oil revenues.

Across the social sphere, the Leader sternly warned against allowing the population's median age to rise.

The ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the passing away of Imam Khomeini - the great founder of the Islamic Revolution - which used to be held annually at his resting place with masses of people attending, was broadcasted live due to the Corona pandemic.

The following are some more excerpt of the statements his eminence made at this speech:

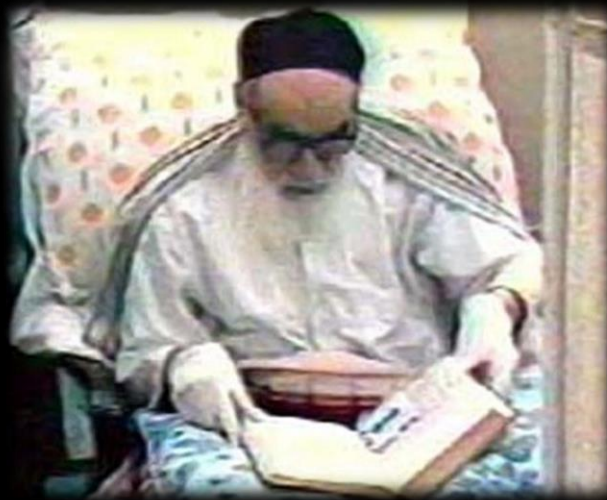
"Nations resemble an ocean. Creating a storm in an ocean is not something anyone could do. Imam Khomeini created a storm in the ocean of the Iranian nation, turning the Iranian nation that had abandoned self-determination into a determining, influential nation in the world."

"During the Pahlavi rule, the Iranian nation had a contemptuous outlook towards itself, not only before world powers but also before government officials. It didn't occur to people they could rise up against the Pahlavis and global powers. Imam Khomeini inspired this belief in people."

"The Iranian nation regarded a despotic government to be a natural matter. Imam Khomeini turned such a nation into a nation that determined their own type of government. People's demands progressed from trivial, limited requests to great, global demands."



Memoirs recounting last moments of Imam Khomeini's life



Imam Khomeini was keen to know about welfare of each individual

Despite all responsibilities, Imam Khomeini knew welfare of each individual and person and well-aware of what was happening around.

Dr. Shorabpour, a member of Imam Khomeini has recalled through a series of historic memoirs that Imam did not like us to stand for him out of respect while he was sitting.

Although Imam had to deal with numerous political problems on larger scale during those war-time, but he never ignored the personal problems of each individual's as well.

Once I had to take some days off for having a surgery, so Imam was amazed to find me at the work desk on the specific date. The medical expert concluded by saying that Imam never liked us to walk behind us in any conditions.

Several members of Imam Khomeini's medical team say that they were deeply impressed by ethical norms and moral excellence of the late founder of the Islamic Republic.

Addressing the Physicians, Nurses and Staff of the Heart Hospital and some common people, Imam Khomeini once said as following:

“In the name of God, the beneficent, the merciful

Thanks to the physicians, nurses and employees of the hospital. I, during the time that I was in the hospital and was a source of trouble to you all and now I am departing from your,gentleman, I thank you all and I pray for you all. I hope that we all during this time, and during these sensitive moments that our nation is passing through and conspiracies that are hatched against our nation and country, whole nation, all class of people should put hand in hand together and make the conspiracies ineffective.

I am very thankful all of you, the employees and the workers of the hospital and respected physicians who during this time showed their high love and care for me and like a son who nurses for his old father, nursed me. I am thankful. May God protect you all and protect all of nation.”

Imam led a very simple life before and after becoming leader of the Islamic Republic as he used to opt to live in a very simply-built house following the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979. Imam Khomeini passed away in June 1989; however, 29 years after his death, his legacy of views and values in life are still being treasured in the region and across the world.



How did Imam behave doctors during final years of his life?

It has been recalled through a series of memoirs that Imam Khomeini used to deal with great patience and moral with members of his medical teams during last year years of his life

It has been narrated that Imam Khomeini, the late founder of the Islamic Republic used to behave with great moral excellence and ethical norms with members of his medical team, including doctors and nurses. A team of doctors had been appointed to observe Imam's health care after 1980s when his health conditions were not ideals.

The doctors say that sometimes they suddenly used to reach Imam and enter by just knocking his door while he was busy in reciting Quran or doing another important task.

"Imam just used to raise his head in order listen us carefully just after finishing the last Quranic verse as he was busy in recitation," they said. In those years, sometimes we had to check Imam's blood pressure with a remote medical device during nighttime. He never uttered an unpleasant expression if his nap was disturbed or he felt inconvenience during the process, they noted.



Imam Khomeini showed great patience and moral excellence during sickness

One of members of Imam Khomeini's medical team has recalled through a series of memoirs that he was extraordinary kind and showed affection towards doctors and nurses.

Dr. Faridoon Noahi, who has written a series of memoirs titled "healer of the hearts" narrates as following: During the last days of Imam Khomeini's, in addition to the regular members of the medical team, other physicians were also invited to Jamaran (a neighborhood of Tehran) to consult on the illness of the Imam.

They were all deeply impressed by Imam's ethical norms as he used to welcome them warmly and always thanked for their attention.

In a fun mode, once I asked my colleagues what can be done to attract more attention of Imam or his affection?

Imam had great moral excellence and paid a special affection for each individual who was in the team.

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Rouhollah Khomeini never stopped praying until last breath

The historic photos at hospital show that Imam Khomeini, the late founder of the Islamic Republic had great devotion for praying and reciting Quran and supplication

Imam Khomeini even continued performing final daily prayers and recitation of Quran and supplications on death bed. He passed away in June 1989.

Mourning processions are being held elsewhere across Iran, with the participants renewing their allegiance to the ideals of the Islamic Revolution.

Born in 1902, Seyyed Rouhollah Mousavi Khomeini grew to become the iconic leader of the Iranian nation's struggle in the 1970s against the centuries-old monarchical tyranny.

Imam Khomeini spearheaded a popular protest against the policies of the tyrannical Pahlavi regime, which was a key ally of the US. He was arrested and imprisoned in 1963 at a time of mounting protests. Upon release, he made a historic speech in the holy city of Qom, where he lambasted the "capitulation law" granting immunity to Americans on the Iranian soil.

In the pre-Revolution era, Imam Khomeini spent more than 15 years in exile for his stiff opposition to the last monarch, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who the Imam believed was a lackey of the Western imperialist powers.

While in exile, Imam Khomeini continued to guide the uprising against the Pahlavi regime, which culminated in the victory of the Islamic Revolution on February 11, 1979.

In the April of the same year, Iranians took part in a national referendum for the country to become an Islamic Republic.

Imam Khomeini passed away on June 3, 1989 at the age of 87.

**Imam
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Remarks on Imam Khomeini by political, cultural and social leaders of global repute

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The Islamic revolution under wise leadership of Imam Khomeini emerged at a time when supporters of the communism ruling over the eastern world in the 20th century considered religion as opium for the society and the countries of the western world considered religion as a failed entity in running the political and national affairs, while there was no stable Islamic system in vogue anywhere in the Muslim world and most of the countries were under the domination of the western powers or the Soviet Union.

Imam Khomeini, who himself was a distinguished Islamic scholar, proved through establishment of a democratic Islamic system that Islam can fulfill both the material and spiritual demands of the human beings and a government based on religion can run the national affairs and deal with the social issues in a much better way than the other systems of government.

Remarks on Imam Khomeini by some of the great personalities and political, cultural and social leaders of global repute are given below:



Imam Khomeini was full of faith: Archbishop

Sebuh Sarkisian, the archbishop of the Armenian Diocese of Tehran says Imam Khomeini was full of faith in God and this faith led to overthrowing of the imperial regime.

He made the remarks at the ritual ceremony in Saint Sarkis Cathedral on Sunday.

Offering condolence over death anniversary of founder of Islamic Revolution Imam Khomeini, Archbishop noted that in Imam Khomeini's beliefs, minorities enjoy the same rights and freedoms as the rest of individuals in country.

The Christian leader said that the stance of Imam Khomeini towards establishing friendship between Islamic constitution and religious minorities has been successful and he always highlighted the freedom of these minorities.

Followers of divine religions enjoy freedoms enshrined in the country's constitution, he highlighted.

Imam Khomeini left great impact on spirit of Muslim youth: Al-Hakim

Head of the Iraqi National Alliance Seyyed Ammar al-Hakim made the remarks in a statement released on the departure anniversary of the father of Islamic Revolution and Founder of the Islamic Republic, the Imam Khomeini.

Al-Hakim stressed that the character of the late Imam Khomeini left drastic impact on the spirit of the Muslim youth worldwide against tyrannical and arrogant powers.

He went onto say that the world oppressed nations will continue the path of the late Imam Khomeini. Late Imam Khomeini always concerned about other Islamic nations as well as Palestine, he said. Inspired by the preaching of the late Imam Khomeini, the world nations are now shaking the pillar of arrogant powers, al-Hakim concluded.

Coverage and reporting of Imam Khomeini's passing

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In Foreign news agencies

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AP Ayatollah Khomeini had great will power and determination. Ayatollah Khomeini astonished the world powers by overthrowing the Shah regime and with a message of brotherhood and unity revolutionized the entire Muslim world. He had a personality with qualities such as patience and determination. He used to behave enemies and opponents as if they were powerless against the might of Islam.



Stat-run US media

Ayatollah Khomeini had been too influential figure
Ayatollah Khomeini had been such a figure about whom much was said and discussed on international stage over the past years. Many analysis and discussions were presented about him.

Ayatollah Khomeini had been an unprecedented revolutionary figure and was a man of great determination.



BBC television

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Radio Liberty

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Ayatollah Khomeini had such a matchless personality who changed the course of history. With great personal qualities and characteristics and deep understanding of Iran and the entire Muslim world, he relieved them.

from the western influence by establishing an Islamic-democratic system in Iran.

He did not reconcile with the western materialistic government system and became an inspiration for the whole Muslim world.



Radio Moscow

Ayatollah Khomeini crushed western dominance

Ayatollah Khomeini played a greater role to eliminate the Western dominance from Iran.

Under his supervision, Iran took key steps to adopt an independent and sovereign foreign policy. He refuted hegemony of the United States and other Western Imperial countries and vehemently rejected their dominance.

Due to these factors, the western rulers exercised a great amount of animosity against Iran and Ayatollah Khomeini.



Radio London

Ayatollah Khomeini changed course of history

Whatever views the West may behold or whatever judgment history may deliver about Imam Khomeini. But one point remains like a crystal-clear that he still has very special place among vast majority of Iranians and keeps ruling their hearts and minds.



June 3, 1989



**Guinness Book recorded
Imam Khomeini's funeral as the largest in history**



Over 10 million people attended Imam Khomeini's funeral

More than 10 million people from across the country and devotees from several other parts of the world attended Imam Khomeini's funeral to form one of the largest ever funerals in the world.

A large number of foreign dignitaries, intellectuals and academic personalities were in attendance at the funeral, which is considered the largest.

Imam Khomeini passed away on June 3, 1989.

Many Iranians mourned Imam Khomeini's death and poured out into the cities and streets. Imam Khomeini's untiring decades-long work in asserting the nation's rights culminated in the Revolution, which confronted imperial powers and sought to change the political foundations in the interest of the world oppressed nations.

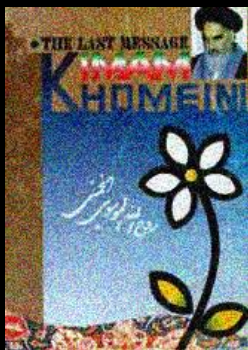
Nations around the world, including people in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and even Russia, welcomed Imam Khomeini's message, which was looking for freedom and standing against tyranny.

Imam Khomeini managed to stand up to imperial powers and reaffirmed the sovereignty not just of Iran but of nations everywhere. He is well-known for changing political landscape of the world.

The Islamic Revolution under Imam's wise leadership changed the balance of power in the interest of oppressed nations and confronted world arrogant and colonial powers and their policies.







Lessons to be Learned from Imam Khomeini's Last Will

Imam's Last Message contains social, moral, spiritual and philosophical and monotheistic points which could determine the fate of the Muslim world and all the oppressed nations if they pay proper attention to it.

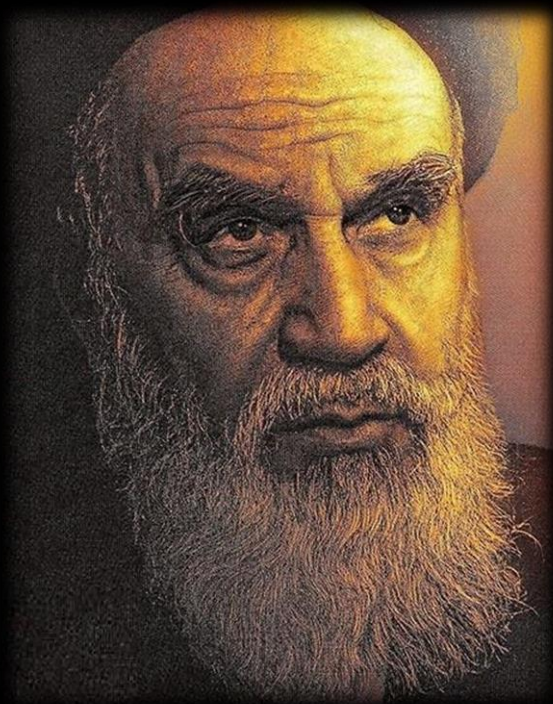
The message is also full of lessons for individuals, world leaders, the government officials and masses.

The great religious and spiritual leader of the Muslim world tells his siblings that he has not left any property of material value, but instead advises his son Seyyed Ahamad to behave kindly and with great respect with his mother and all other relatives.

The great Imam also recommends of delivering his hand written books especially on moral and ethical topics to some responsible individuals if they express readiness for its publications. He also advises several of his personal books should be donated to public libraries.

The last message discusses social, moral, and monotheistic issues which needs hundreds of research articles and analysis. The last message of Imam has also attracted the attention of many pundits and researchers who have written down useful articles and conducted interdisciplinary research studies.

The last message of great Imam should be dealt with an international charter which presents solution to all human problems and can prevent societies from falling into social and moral decline.



The presence of foreign guests at ceremonies held to commemorate the passing anniversary of Imam Khomeini over the past few years







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