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**MESSAGES
OF
IMAM KHOMEINI
TO THE
HAJJ PILGRIMS**



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

*God made The Ka'aba, the Sacred House, an
asylum of security for the people, also the sacred
month, the animals for the offerings and garlands
that mark them, that you may know that God has
knowledge of what is in the heavens and on the
earth and that God is perfectly aware of all things.*

Noble Quran 5: 97

**IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGE TO THE PILGRIMS
EMBARKING ON THE GREATER PILGRIMAGE (HAJJ)**

**The Leader of the Revolution and Founder of the
Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, on September
29, 1979 sent the following message to the pilgrims who
were to converge at the Holy City of Mecca.**

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

**Hold fast to the covenant of God, all together, and be not
divided.**

Noble Quran 3:102

Salutations and endless greetings to all Muslims in the four corners of the world. Greeting to the pilgrims of the Sacred House of God, the Ka'aba, may God bestow success upon them.

It is an undeniable fact and needs no reminding that the great religion of Islam is the religion of monotheism, the annihilator of atheism, polytheism, blasphemy and egoism. It is a religion based upon the nature and essence of humanity and liberates human beings from the chains and bonds of nature and from the conspiracies of jinn and mankind which are both hidden and manifest. It is also the religion of politics, justice, and guidance to the straight path. It is neither eastern nor western. Rather, it is a religion in which the rituals of worship contain politics and its politics have aspects of worship.

Now that Muslims of different countries of the world are going to the Ka'aba, the House of their hopes, to make the pilgrimage to the Sacred House of God, and now that this very important Divine ritual and this great Islamic congress and gathering is being held at the Sacred Place and at this sacred time, Muslims, who are resurrected by the Almighty

God, must, in addition to their ritual devotions, benefit from the political and social implications of this gathering. They should not be satisfied with merely performing external rituals.

It is known to all that no government or authority in the world could establish such an important and great gathering. It is only by God's command that such a great gathering is being held. It is unfortunate that throughout the whole of history Muslims have been unable to take advantage of the Divine Power at this Islamic congress and gathering and make favorable use of it for Islam and Muslims.

Gatherings, ritual prayers, the ritual Friday congregational prayer, and especially such a valuable gathering as the Greater Pilgrimage (Hajj) contain a large number of political aspects.

One of these aspects, is to become aware of the basic and political difficulties and problems of Islam and the Muslims. Such an awareness is only possible at such a gathering of Muslim clergy, intellectuals and trusted pilgrims at the Sacred House of God. They have the opportunity to discuss problems together, and by discussing them, find solutions, and then upon returning to their countries, they can report them to their public and congregational gatherings so that they can employ means to remove the problems and obstacles confronting them.

Another important duty at this magnificent gathering is to invite people and Islamic communities to Unified Expression and to eliminate differences among various groups of Muslims. The preachers, speakers and writers should perform this important task and should try to bring all of the deprived people of the world into a united front. Through the testimony of la-illaha-illa-lah (there is no god but God), Muslims must liberate themselves from the slavery and oppression which the evil powers of the foreigners, the colonialists and exploiters bring and through Islamic brotherhood, they must triumph over the evil-forces and

overcome all problems.

My dear sisters and brothers, in whatever country you may reside, defend your Islamic and national honour! Stand fearless against your enemies, namely, the U.S. government, international Zionism and the eastern and western superpowers. Fearlessly defend the Islamic countries and their peoples and reveal the atrocities committed by the enemies of Islam.

My Muslim brothers and sisters, you are well aware of the fact that the eastern and western superpowers are plundering our material and spiritual resources. They have kept us in poverty and have made us politically, economically, culturally and militarily dependent upon them. You must awaken and seek out your Islamic identity. You must not yield to oppression, and intelligently reveal the evil and vicious plans of the global plunderers headed by the U.S. government.

Today, the place of the first Islamic direction of prayer (Quds) is under the occupation of Israel, this cancerous growth of the Middle East. Today, Israel is massacring our dear Lebanese and Palestinian brethren and is destroying them with all its power. Today, Israel, with all its evil means and power, is creating discord and division among the Muslims. Therefore, all Muslims are duty bound to arm themselves against Israel. Today, the Muslim countries of Africa are enslaved and under the yoke of the U.S. government and other foreigners as well as their lackeys. Today, Muslim Africa is raising its cry of oppression. The philosophy of the Greater Pilgrimage (Hajj) should answer these cries of oppression.

Circling around the Sacred House of God means that you should circle around nothing but God. The stoning and punishing means to stone and do away with the demons of mankind and jinn. When you throw stones, you are making a covenant with God to drive the satans of mankind and the superpowers out of the Islamic countries.

Today, the Muslim world is enslaved by the U.S. regime. You must take God's message to all Muslims on all continents. The message of God is to yield to the subservience of none and worship none but He. Muslims of the world and followers of the School of Unity should know that the troubles and difficulties of Islamic countries stem from their disunity of expression and discord, and the secret of victory is Unified Expression and in bringing about harmony. This secret has been revealed to us in one simple sentence by God, that is, to «Hold fast to the covenant of God, all together, and be not divided.»

To adhere to God's covenant is to hold to the solidarity and harmony of all Muslims for Islam and towards Islam and for the sake of all Muslims. It is to refrain from any kind of disunity, discord, discrepancies and self-worship which are the main causes of all the miseries and falling behind.

I pray to Almighty God for the glory of Islam and the Muslims, as well as for United Expression among all the Muslims of the world. Peace be upon the Muslims and the righteous servants of God.

**IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGE
TO THE HAJJ PILGRIMS**

On the occasion of the annual pilgrimage to Holy Mecca, Imam Khomeini, the Leader of the Revolution and Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, sent the following message to the pilgrims on September 12, 1980.

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

Greetings to the pilgrims at the Sacred House of God (**Bait al-Haram**) in Mecca. Greetings to the pilgrims who have gathered at the center of Divine Revelation and the place of descent of God's angels. Greetings to the believers who migrated from their homes to the Sacred House of God. Greetings to all the Muslims of the world whose prophet is the exalted Prophet (upon him be peace), whose book is the Noble Quran, and for whom the Sacred House of God is the center of direction (**qiblah**) of their ritual prayers. Greetings to those who turned away from all kinds of polytheism (**shirk**) and who face towards the center of Divine Unity and monotheism (**tawhid**); who freed themselves from obeying and worshipping all of the idols of the world; who freed themselves from centers of arrogance, colonialism and satanic powers and then turned to the Divine Absolute Power and held firmly onto the Divine covenant of monotheism. Greetings to those who accepted the meaning of the invitation of God, the Most High, to turn towards the Sacred House of God and responded positively to His invitation.

Now, it is necessary to remind you Muslims who have left everything of this world behind, and who have gathered at the place of Revelation to fulfill your duty which is both political and devotional, so that you will be informed of what takes place in the Islamic countries, what schemes are at work and what vicious hands are involved in kindling fires here and

there in order to colonize and exploit the Muslims and to bring them under domination.

First, on the threshold of the convergence of all the Muslims of the world; on the threshold of the understanding of all of the sects of Islam to free their countries from the dastardly clutches of the superpowers; on the threshold of the curtailment of the hands of the western and eastern tyrants from Iran, with the key words of Unified Expression, relying upon God the Almighty and gathering under the banner of Islam and Divine Unity, the Great Satan has summoned its agents to create division among the Muslims in any way it can, to push the monotheistic community (**ummah**) and brothers in faith towards discord and enmity. This is aimed at opening the way (as wide as possible) for themselves to dominate and plunder. The Great Satan (the U.S.) which is afraid that the Islamic Revolution of Iran will be exported to other Muslim and non-Muslim countries, resulting in its vicious hands being curtailed from dominated countries, while it gained nothing from economic sanctions and military intervention, has resorted to another tactic to slander the image of the Islamic Revolution before the Muslims of the world so that disputes would break out and it could pursue its despotism and plundering of the Islamic countries.

At a time when Iran is at the threshold of uninterrupted efforts to preserve Unified Expression, grasp onto the great religion of Islam and create unity among the Muslims of the world, the Great Satan orders one of its perverse agents, who is among the friends of the deposed and deceased Shah, to have the Sunni theologians and muftis give a religious declaration (**fatwa**) against the Iranians calling them «disbelievers». Some of these agents have said, «The Islam which the Iranians profess to follow is different from the Islam which we speak about.» Yes, the Islam of Iran is different from the Islam of those who support the U.S., puppets like Sadat and Begin, who extend a friendly hand to the enemies of Islam against the commands of the Almighty

God and who spare no pains with their insults and defamations so that they can sow division and discord among the Muslims. The Muslims of the world must recognize these agents who cause division and discord, and neutralize their dastardly conspiracies.

Second, on the threshold of the invasion by the superpowers of Islamic countries like Afghanistan, and the merciless and savage killing of the Afghani Muslims who do not want foreigners to interfere in their destiny or the U.S. government which has its hand in all kinds of corruption; at the same time, when criminal Israel launches a massive invasion against the Muslims of beloved Palestine and Lebanon; simultaneous with the criminal plan of Israel to transfer its capital to Quds and the extension of the crimes and savage killings of Muslims expelled from their homeland; and, at the same time when Muslims, more than ever before, need Unified Expression (**vahdat-i-kalimah**), Sadat, this traitorous servant of the U.S. government and the brother and friend of Begin and of the deposed and deceased Shah as well as Saddam, the puppet of the U.S. regime, has begun creating division and discord among the Muslims. They will stop at nothing to implement the wishes of their criminal masters. The U.S. regime, with its continuous invasion of Iran and its dispatching of spies to dissolve our Islamic Revolution, jointly conspired with Sadat to create division as well as produced vicious propaganda thereby spreading lies and insults against the leaders of the Islamic governments through Iraq, has revealed just some of these conspiracies. Muslims, must pay attention to the crimes and treasons of these U.S. puppets and mercenaries against Islam and the Muslims.

Third, from among the schemes which the planners have devised and which the agents of imperialism are propagating in order to create disunity among the Muslims, is the issue of ethnic superiority and nationalism which the Iraqi government has for years been actively spreading. Some

other groups have chosen the same line and have pitted Muslims against each other or have even gone to the extent of making them enemies of one another. They are negligent of the fact that the love of one's homeland and its people, and the desire to preserve the boundaries and national integrity of the country are something which needs no discussion. But, nationalism in relation to other Muslims states, however, is another matter which Islam, the Noble Quran and the commands of the beneficent Prophet of Islam (upon him be peace) are against. This kind of nationalism leads to enmity or hostility among Muslims and causes division in the ranks of the believers, which is against Islam and the good of the Muslims, and it is from among the devious schemes of the foreigners, because Islam and its development causes them to suffer.

Fourth, more dangerous and more sorrowful than raising the issue of nationalism is the sowing of discord between the Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims thereby instigating disruptive and hostile propaganda among Muslim brethren. Thanks be to God, the Most High, that there is no difference between these two sects in the Islamic Republic of Iran where they exist side by side with one another in friendship and brotherhood. Sunnis who are innumerable in Iran and who live in and around the country and have many religious scholars and leaders, are our brothers and we are their brothers and equal to them. They also oppose the hypocritical and division-sowing words uttered by some of the criminals and lackeys who are attached to Zionism and the U.S. regime. Let the Sunni brothers in Islamic countries know that evil agents attached to the great satanic powers do not want unity and that which is good for Islam and Muslims.

It is necessary that Muslims prevent this and the hypocritical propaganda. I extend the hand of a brother to all committed Muslims of the world, and call upon them to look upon Shi'ites with the eyes of a dear brother. In this way, they will neutralize the devious plans of the foreigners.

Fifth, from the massive propoganda which outwardly appears to be against Iran, but, in reality, is against Islam, they say, «The Revolution of Iran cannot manage the country», or «The government of Iran is collapsing because it does not possess a healthy economy, a proper culture, a consolidated army or prepared armed forces.» This propoganda is dispatched by the slanderous U.S. mass media and by those attached to it and thus complies with the desires of the enemies of Iran and Islam. In reality, this propoganda is against Islam. They want to pretend that Islam at present, is not capable of regulating the affairs of countries. Now Muslims must with care, study the situation and compare non-Islamic revolutions with the Islamic Revolution of Iran. The Islamic Revolution, despite being the inheritor of a country which was one hundred percent dependent, ruined and made backward in all aspects, and despite the puppet regime of Pahlavi which had during more than fifty years destroyed this country and exploited the abundant natural resources and poured them into the pockets of foreigners, especially Britain and the U.S., the remainder being utilized by him, his relatives, his agents and their lackeys, caused us to face many difficulties. But despite all these issues, we Muslim people, with the blessings of Islam, in less than two years, approved and implemented all that is necessary for governing a country. With all the problems which the U.S. regime and its satellites prepared in terms of economic sanctions and military intervention, and with extensive preparations for a coup d'etat, our combatant people managed to provide for their own basic needs and have neared self-sufficiency. Soon we will transform the colonialistic culture of the Pahlavi regime to an independent Islamic culture. The Armed Forces, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, the Gendarmerie and the National Police are on alert and ready to sacrifice themselves to restore order and defend this country. They are prepared for this Jihad (religious and spiritual struggle) for the sake of Islam. In addition, the 20-

million- member army and national mobilization forces which have been organized by the people themselves, are ready to sacrifice themselves upon the way of Islam and the country.

Our enemies should know that no revolution in the world was accomplished with so few damages and with such great successes as compared to our Islamic Revolution, and this is due to the blessings of Islam. What do these ill-intended people say? How can Islam, which ruled half of the inhabitable world for several centuries, and in less than half a century dominated all the governments of atheism and oppression, now be incapable of governing countries?!

Today our people are active and prepared to help in administering and organizing the country. The enemies of Islam are either ignorant of or pretend to be unaware of the power of Islam in being able to uproot the very foundations of oppression and setting up the management of a country based upon justice. The enemies of Islam as well as many friends of Islam are not acquainted with the administrative power and the political and social laws of Islam. In reality, Islam, throughout its history, was abandoned and covered over except for the beginning of Islam. Now, Islam with the help of all Muslims, scholars, thinkers, and Islamologists, must introduce its enlightened visage so that it may reflect itself like the brilliant sun.

O Muslims of the world who believe in the truth of Islam, arise! Gather under the banner of Divine Unity, monotheism and under the shelter of Islamic teachings. Curtail the traitorous hands of the superpowers from your countries and their abundant resources. Restore the glory of Islam. Do away with differences and lustful desires. You have everything. Rely upon the culture of Islam and fight against the West and westoxication. Stand upon your own two feet and assail the eastern and western oriented intellectuals. Seek your own identity. Know that hired intellectuals have brought disasters to your people and countries. Until you

unite together and rely upon true Islam, that which has already happened to you will recur. Today people should become the guiding light for their intellectuals and should save them from self-alienation and from becoming destitute before the East and the West.

Today is the day of the movement of peoples. The people are guiding those who used to guide them. Know that your spiritual strength will dominate the other powers and almost one billion Muslims with their endless resources and wealth can destroy all the powers. Help God so that He will help you. O great ocean of Muslims! Raise your voices! Crush the enemies of humanity! If you turn to God and take His Divine teachings as your guide, God, the Most High, and His great army will be with you.

Sixth, the most important and most painful problem which the Muslim people and the non-Muslim people of the dominated countries are confronted with is that of the U.S. regime. The U.S. government, as the strongest and most powerful country in the world, will stop at nothing to devour the material wealth of countries under its influence. The U.S. regime is the number-one enemy of the abased and deprived peoples of the world. The U.S. government will not refrain from committing any crime in order to perpetuate its political, economic, cultural and military domination over the world. It exploits the oppressed people of the world through its extensive propaganda which is organized by international Zionism. It so sucks the blood of the unprotected peoples through its secret agents and traitorous aids that it really says, «No one has a right to life except us and our satellites.»

Iran, which has decided to sever its relations from all sides with this Great Satan is today involved with this imposed war. The U.S. regime has compelled Iraq to spill the blood of our youth. It has forced the other countries under its influence to destroy us with economic sanctions. Regretfully, most of the Asian countries are also at odds with us. The

Muslim people must know that Iran is a country which is officially at war with the U.S. regime. Our martyrs, our young, brave combatants of the Army and the Revolutionary Guards defend Iran and beloved Islam against the U.S. government.

Thus, it is important to recall that the conflicts in the western part of our country are instigated by the U.S. and carried out by its God-ignorant affiliated groups. We were founded upon true independence: If we had compromised with the U.S. government or other superpowers, we would not have been confronted with these misfortunes. But our people under no circumstances will yield to such degradation and abjectness. They prefer a red death to a shameful and disgraceful life. We are ready to be killed and we have made a covenant with God that we will be the followers of the great martyr, Imam Husayn (upon him be peace).

O Muslims who are praying beside the Sacred House of God, pray for those who are confronting the U.S. regime and other superpowers. You should know that we have no conflict with Iraq, and the people of that country are supporters of our Islamic Revolution. We are at war with the U.S. regime and today the hands of the U.S. manipulate the Iraqi government. God-willing, this conflict will continue until true independence is realized. I have repeatedly stated, «We are men of war and surrender has no meaning for Muslims.»

O non-aligned countries! We call you to bear witness that the U.S. regime intends to annihilate us. Become vigilant and help us in achieving our goals. We have turned our backs on the East and the West, both the Soviet Union and the U.S., so that we could control the affairs of our country by ourselves.

Is it right for us to be subjected to invasions from the East and the West? With the present world situation, this is a historic exception, and we know for sure that our goal will not be defeated by our death, martyrdom or failure.

I have repeatedly said that the taking of hostages by our

committed and combatant Muslim students is a natural reaction to the sufferings and damages inflicted upon our nation by the U.S. . They will be freed upon the return of the wealth and property of the defunct Shah, after the cancellation of all the claims the U.S. has against Iran, after guaranteeing non-interference in our political and military affairs and upon the freeing of all our assets. This matter rests with the Islamic Consultative Assembly and they will act accordingly.

The hostages have been treated in the best way possible in Iran, but the propaganda machines of the U.S. and those of its satellites did not waste any accusation or calumny in this respect. The U.S. and Britain have made use of the worst insults and physical and spiritual tortures against our dear children (in their countries). No official figure in any international forum defended our beloved youth. No one condemned the U.S. and Britain for their savage and brutal treatment.

I pray to Almighty God to bestow freedom and independence upon the Islamic Republic and to all the nations in bondage and under the yoke of others. May the Peace and Blessings of God be upon His righteous servants.

**IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGE
TO THE HAJJ PILGRIMS**

The Leader of the Revolution and Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, sent the following message to the pilgrims on September 7, 1981.

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

**God made the Ka'aba the Sacred House
for the arising of the people.
Noble Quran 5:97**

Greetings to the pilgrims at the Sacred House of God. Salutations to all the Muslims of the world. Greetings to all the committed Muslims throughout the world of Islam and to those who hasten on the pilgrimage to the Sacred House of God and its environs.

Among the divine rituals, the rituals of the pilgrimage (Hajj) have special significance. Perhaps the political and social aspects of the pilgrimage predominate its other aspects.

The committed Muslims who converge at this public gathering and divinely organized meeting which abolishes all privileges and which makes no distinctions between the people, with regard to their skin colour, language, country or region, join once a year in the Holy Places of staying. They gather in the simplest forms possible, unostentatiously as to any material aspect, with total attention to spirituality and they make the pilgrimage towards God. Here, they put their Islamic duties into practice. It is important that they do not neglect the political and social dimensions of the pilgrimage.

The respected religious scholars and orators must familiarize the Muslims with their political duties as well as with their other great responsibilities. If the world's Muslims

seek to attend and act upon these important duties, it is then that the glory which God has bestowed upon the believers will be restored and regained and they will achieve the pride and values of Divine Islam which are the rights of the Muslims. Then with refuge in Islam and under the banner of Divine Unity, monotheism and «*la-ilaha-illa-lah*» (there is no god but God), they will encompass independence and freedom and will curtail the hands of the oppressors and their lackeys from the Islamic countries and return the glory of Islam

Almighty God in the above-mentioned verse of the Noble Quran reveals that the secret and motive as well as the ultimate goal behind the pilgrimage is that the Ka'aba (the Sacred House of God), is a center for engineering and initiating movements and revolutions as well as the place for the uprising of the Muslims so that they can meet the needs of their people and the deprived throughout the world. Muslims at this great Divine gathering, which no power other than the Infinite power of God could have made possible, must study the real and general problems of the Muslims. They must then strive to eradicate the problems by consulting with each other.

One of the greatest and most sensitive of problems is the absence of unity among Muslims which has been created by some of the rulers in the Islamic countries. It is unfortunate that no important steps have been taken to eliminate this. Rather, criminals who only seek their own interests, benefit from the differences among the peoples and governments, and instigate differences with the help of their God-ignorant agents. Wherever the foundation for unity is laid among Muslims, they utilize all of their efforts to create disunity by planting the seeds of discord and division.

Today, all the governments and many of the Muslim peoples know that the people of Iran, after hundreds of years of subjugation at the hands of oppressive kings and professional oppressors who had used Islam as a means for

their personal gain and plunder, as well as for the superpowers, and most recently the criminal U.S. regime, and after the people of Iran saw that the Noble Quran and Islam were endangered, they rose up, and with their great Revolution overthrew the un-Islamic and illegal monarchial regime. They established an Islamic government and curtailed the hands of the superpowers, (particularly the U.S.) with their property and lives. It is hoped that all Muslim brethren, who are subjugated by the world's tyrants and oppressors, will benefit from this Islamic Revolution, and that the Islamic govnrments will join the great Revolution of Iran with the support of their own peoples.

Today, the criminal hands of the U.S. regime and other plundering powers have extended the sleeves of their paid agents who are ignorant of God and who engage in attacking this oppressed nation from both inside and outside with their arms and pens, the latter of which are worse and more criminal than firearms. They are striving to defeat the Islamic Revolution and beloved Islam. They hold back no insults which they throw at a nation which does not think of anything other than Islamic principles and precepts and the Noble Quran. They have arisen to destroy the Islamic Revolution under baseless pretexts. Those who possess arms like Saddam and those who do not have weapons but rather poison-tipped pens which are more criminal than weapons, have made our tyrannized and oppressed country the target of their blows.

The plan of causing differences and discord among the different sects of Islam is among the crimes which have been perpetrated by the power-wielders (and their Godless agents) who benefit from the differences among Muslims. Among them are the monarchist-clergy who are blacker and more disgraceful than the oppressive Sultans. Everyday they fan the flames of discord, and cut throats for this reason.

With the hope of demolishing the very foundation of unity among the Muslims, they always formulate plans for causing

division. Most recently, the propagandic loud-speakers have blown forth a scandalous rumor of Irano-Israeli links and Iran's purchase of arms from Israel. They are hopeful that in this way they will separate the Arabs from the Iranians and bring about enmity among the Muslims, and thus, pave the way for the superpowers to further their domination as far as possible.

But, what informed person is there who does not know that Iran has been and is the staunch enemy of Israel and one of our basic differences with the deceased Shah was his friendly relations with Israel? Who does not know that for more than 20 years, we have been condemning Israel as an equal to the U.S. regime in oppression and the follower of the U.S. in aggression and plunder? During this period, we have condemned Israel in all our speeches and statements. Who is it that does not know that the Muslim people of Iran throughout the course of the Islamic Revolution and in the demonstrations of millions of our Muslim people recognized Israel to be our enemy on par with the U.S. regime? Also, Iran terminated the supply of oil to them and the Iranian people share equal wrath and hatred towards both of them. Is it not surprising that this evil tune is heard from the U.S., the illegitimate mother of Israel, and Saddam who is the younger brother of Begin and their propaganda machines, especially those of the U.S. which launched wide-scale support to spread these lies. This is due to the fact that the damage inflicted upon them by Islam has been more fatal than on others.

They feel more apprehensive than others towards the unity of Muslim Arab brethren with Iran. The U.S. government is worried about its interests in the region and Saddam is worried about his downfall and eternal disgrace. Muslims, and in particular our Arab brethren, should know that the issue is not of Iran or Israel. Rather, that which poses danger to the eastern and western world-devourers is Islam, which is capable of uniting the world's Muslims under the honourable

banner of Divine Unity and monotheism, and will curtail the hands of the criminals from the Islamic countries and from dominating the deprived of the world. This Divine, progressive and valuable school of thought needs to be introduced to the world.

The Arab world should know that the blows inflicted upon it by Saddam and Sadat are so miserable and dangerous that it can only be compensated for by their unity. Today, Sadat has rendered great services to Israel by wide-scale arrests and imprisonment of Muslim brothers in that country. His joining with the U.S. and Israel has resulted in disrespect for all the Arab people. He has joined with Israel which during those, days, in addition to its crimes in the region, had launched a greater crime, which was the continual excavation around Al-Aqsa Mosque, the first direction of prayer (**qiblah**) the Muslims turned to in their ritual prayers. This digging will weaken the pillars and supports of the mosque, and God-forbid, may lead to the destruction of the first **qiblah** of the Muslims and through this, Israel will achieve its dastardly goal.

O Muslims and deprived of the world who are under the yoke of the tyrants, arise! Reach towards unity and defend Islam and your own destiny. Do not fear the screams of the power-wielders because, with the Will of God, this century will witness the victory of the oppressed over the oppressors and truth over falsehood. The world must realize that Iran has found its way towards God and as long as the interests of the world-devouring U.S. regime - this staunch enemy of the deprived of the world-exists, Iran will continue its uncompromising struggles.

The events in Iran will not for a moment result in our retreat, rather it will increase our people's determination to eradicate the interests of the U.S. here. We have begun our decisive and unending struggle against the U.S. government and we are hopeful that our children will raise the banner of Divine Unity and monotheism throughout the world with

freedom. We are sure that if we fully perform our duty which is to fight against the criminal U.S. regime, our children will taste the sweetness of victory.

Is it not disgraceful for the Muslims of the world that, with all their human, political, and spiritual resources, and with their progressive school of thought and with God's support and backing, they surrender to the yoke of the oppressive power-wielders, these arrogant land and the sea plunderers of the century?

Is it not time to put aside our worldly desires and drive the enemies of humanity out of the scene, and put an end to their disgraceful lives which are full of tyranny and oppression? Is it not time that the combatant and brave people of Palestine condemn the political games of those who claim to be fighting against Israel and with their weapons strike the heart of Israel, this staunch enemy of Islam and the Muslims? What response do the Muslims have to God's invitation for the people to «hold fast to the covenant of God, all together, and be not divided»? Is it not the duty of Muslims to support the people and government of Iran which tore down the banner of blasphemy with their sacred Jihad and raised the great and honourable flag of Islam? Do the pseudo-clergy, who praise the kings, consider crushing the Islamic Revolution of Iran to be more essential than opposing the U.S. and Israel? We call upon our Muslim brethren in the four corners of the world to join our voice and direction in unity, and with the help of God, the Most Exalted, eliminate the criminals and their hands from the Islamic countries and deprived lands, and give a positive answer to the call of God in this vital matter.

We ask the pilgrims at the Sacred House of God to pray for the victory of Islam while they are in the Sacred Place, and also to convey the message of the oppressed people of Iran to their countries. I pray to Almighty God to bestow all with the blessing of Unified Expression in becoming more familiar with their Islamic responsibilities.

May the Peace and Mercy of God be upon His righteous servants.

**IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGE
TO KING KHALID**

The Leader of the Revolution and Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, on October 10, 1981, sent the following message to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia in response to his protest against anti-U.S. government demonstrations by the Iranian pilgrims in Mecca.

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

His Excellency, King Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia.

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter. What the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran has said is totally correct. I deem all social problems and miseries of the Muslim countries as having their roots in the division and discord among them. Why should the Muslim countries, despite a population of almost one billion people and possessing abundant mineral resources, especially oil, which is the life-blood of the the superpowers, despite enjoying the nurturing tenets of the Noble Quran, despite having access to the rituals of worship and the political teachings of the Prophet of Islam (upon him be peace) which calls the Muslims to hold fast to the covenant of God and to prevent division and discord, despite having two sanctuaries which were centers for worship and Islamic politics during the life of the Prophet Muhammad (may the blessings of God be upon him and his descendents), and which continued to exist in the same capacity long after the Prophet's (upon him be peace) demise, and wherein strategies for the great victories as well as political affairs were designed today, due to misunderstandings and ill-intentions as well as due to the vast propaganda campaign of the superpowers, the situation is

such that participating in the political and social affairs in these sacred centers which is very necessary and among the most important affairs of the Muslims, be considered to be unlawful and criminal? Why should the Saudi police with arms and boots, attack, beat, arrest and then imprison the Muslims inside the Sacred Mosque, a place where, according to the command of God and the direct saying of the Noble Quran, is considered to be a sanctuary and place of immunity for all, even the deviated people?

The only crime committed by these dedicated Muslims was the chanting of slogans against the U.S. and Israel, these enemies of God and His Prophet (upon him be peace). I truly wonder if you receive accurate and true reports of what happens in your country and in the two Sacred Sanctuaries or are the reports you receive false and distorted, like the reports about the slogans of the Iranians, the nature of which are clear everywhere.

I am not certain about the understanding of the leaders of the congregational prayers of these two Sacred Sanctuaries of Islam. What have they understood from the Pilgrimage to the Sacred House of God which in its totality is full of political matters and is prelude to the uprising of human beings for justice and equality as well as to the eradication of tyranny and plunder which was the strategy of the great Prophets, particularly that of the last Prophet (upon him be peace)? Based on this understanding, at the two Sacred Sanctuaries, they prevent the pilgrims from participating in politics and even from chanting slogans against Israel and the U.S. They prevent the Muslims from becoming involved in politics to the satisfaction of the U.S., Israel and the other enemies of Islam, which is against the practices of the Prophet of Islam (upon him be peace) and the Muslims during the early days of Islam. Through this, deliberately or through ignorance or negligence, they pave the way for the domination of Islamic countries by foreigners and even of the two Sacred Sanctuaries, which are the centers of Revolution

and where the Angels of God descend.

Had the government of the Hijaz (the original name of Saudi Arabia) chosen to utilize the presence of millions of Muslims in the Sacred Sanctuaries in light of its political and worship aspects, it would have had no need of the U.S. government, its AWACS or the other superpowers. In that case, all the problems of the Muslims would have been solved.

It is a known fact that the U.S. had provided the said planes to Saudi Arabia in order to use them for safeguarding U.S. and Israeli interests in the region. As the people witnessed, in a bid to divide the Muslims and to create disputes among the Muslims of Iran and those of other countries, the U.S. government recently published a totally false and baseless report in which it claimed that the AWACS in Saudi Arabia recorded the trespassing of Iranian aircraft into Kuwaiti territory and their bombardment of some oil installations there.

It is unfortunate that this negligence and carelessness is witnessed in many Islamic countries to the extent that the Muslims, particularly the high ranking government officials, are prevented from participating in politics and in striving for the welfare of Muslims. This action is implemented by the criminal plans of the superpowers. It has gone to such an extent that today, at the centers of Islamic politics, upon the orders of the court clergy and pseudoclergy affiliated to the kings, Muslims are considered guilty because of their participation in political affairs and in their chanting of slogans against the bloodthirsty enemies of the Noble Quran and Islam and are subsequently imprisoned and tortured.

Are you indeed informed of these vicious crimes which are being committed in the Sacred Sanctuaries and close to the Prophet's (upon him be peace) tomb? Or is it that these facts are misrepresented and falsely reported to you, as in the case of the slogans of Iranians there? We rose up in Iran in order to unite the Muslims of the world under the banner of Divine Unity and monotheism, with the Will of God and inspired by

a sense of commitment to the progressive laws of Islam. We did this in order to curtail the hands of the superpowers from the Islamic countries and to restore the glory of Muslims as in the early days of Islam. And we rose up in order to eliminate the tyrannical domination of the infidels over the Muslim countries, and to restore freedom and independence to the Muslims.

We hope that the Muslim governments and especially the government of Saudi Arabia which is at the center of Islamic politics, will join us in voice and thought, so that each and every government thereby might taste the sweetness of receiving the wholehearted support of their peoples, and enjoy this Divine Blessing as does the people-oriented government of Iran, and act according to the order of the Noble Quran to behave with kindness and in a fraternal manner with Islamic governments and peoples, and to assume a tough and powerful stance against the infidels and international plunderers.

And lastly, I feel impelled to point out that it is apparent from your letter that you are buried under false reports which is manifest in your reference to the slogans chanted by the Iranian pilgrims as having caused inconvenience and hatred among other pilgrims at the Sacred House of God. You should have commissioned reliable and trustworthy persons for the task of collecting information for you, in which case you would have realized that the cause of anger and hatred of the world's Muslims and especially that of the pilgrims at the Sacred House of God and the Noble Sanctuary of the Messenger of God (upon him be peace) was not the result of chanting anti-Israeli and anti-U.S. slogans by the Iranian pilgrims. Rather, this hatred and anger was due to the rough conduct of the Saudi government officers who had beaten and jailed the pilgrims.

I pray to Almighty God to awaken the Muslims from ignorance and to enhance the greatness and the glory of Islam, and to guide the Muslims, and in particular their

statesmen, for the benefit and interests of Islam and the Muslims.

Peace be upon you and all Muslims.



**Imam Khomeini's Message to
Persian Gulf Sheikhs**

**The Leader of the Islamic Revolution and Founder of
the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, on
August 3, 1983 sent the following message to
Persian Gulf Sheikhs and Heads of State of Muslim
Nations.**

I would like to advise, for the tenth time, the Persian Gulf sheikhs and the heads of state of Muslim nations to cease the kind of behavior they have shown to us, or else they will wake up when it is too late. I am afraid the government of Hijaz (Saudi Arabia) will wake up when it is too late. The Saudi government should proceed to correct its past behavior now.

The preventive measures against the Iranian pilgrims to Mecca is not anything likely to have been done by the Saudi government. It is much too incapable of preventing the travel to Saudi Arabia by the Iranian pilgrims. But all the same it is putting a spoke in the wheel.

(Addressing himself to the Saudi government): «If you are a government in the country wherein is the Ka'aba, do not allow yourselves to think that the Ka'aba belongs to you or that you are the superintendent of the «House of God», for it belongs to the world's Muslims. While U.S. advisors indulge in every manner of comfort in Saudi Arabia, and while they receive infinitely from the resources of the deprived people in that country, the Saudi government loathes seeing Iranian pilgrims there. Why should you debase yourselves so much in the eyes of the United States so that no one should dare utter anything in Mecca against the United States, or Israel? Why should you be opposed to the travel there of 100,000 Iranian pilgrims? Iran will send all of its pilgrims, or else it will send none.

I exhort the Saudi government to cease the behavior they have thus far shown to the Muslims and to discontinue their support for the enemies of Islam and the Ka'aba. I would advise the Saudi government to come to itself before it is too late, and I advise it against seeking apologies when it is too late. I would advise them to reflect on what has become of Saddam and his government which was the most powerful of all the governments in the region, and see how wretched he has become. See how frustrated he is, and see how he is stretching out his hand begging for aid here and there; but that it does not avail. I warn the governments of the region to cease defiance against Iran and to discontinue their support to Saddam, so that this Ba'ath Party will see its end and so that Iraq will be a government ruled by the Muslim people there, as is the case in our country.

Let not the Iranian pilgrims be deprived of this pilgrimage, lest this denial foment the anger of the Muslim world, and that will be the end of the sheikhs and of the dependents of the United States. I would urge them to think of themselves and remember that what they are doing is against Islam and is in express defiance of the dictates of the Noble Qur'an.

How can they who talk and act in express defiance of the Noble Qur'an have an Islamic government and exercise authority over the «House of God»? Therefore we, desiring to maintain good relations with all Muslims and governments, are asking them to change their attitude and way of thinking.

(To the governments of the region): When you are overwhelmed with problems, then on that day the United States will not be of any assistance to you, as it is of no assistance to Saddam. The United States keeps repeating that it is impartial with respect to what is going on in this part of the world, because it cannot say candidly that it is a party to the conflict. They (the superpowers) wish to pit this group against the other group for the purpose of reaping benefits for themselves. They would not consent to letting their soldiers

be killed for the sake of Saddam or his likes. It is high time the rest of the governments of the region woke up and learned from Saddam's plight.

And if they come to themselves and turn to Islam, God, the Merciful, will forgive them; we are also the followers of God's commands.

I hope the Muslim people of Iran will be kept under the protection of God, and that He, the Almighty, shall keep the Islamic government victorious so that it can continue to serve the people. All those who work for the ministries and the parliament are to consider themselves servants of God. May you all be victorious.

On the occasion of 'Id-ul-Adha, (September 1982), the Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, addressed the following important message to the Muslims of the world and the pilgrims to Mecca.

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

«And we take our complaint to God»

On the threshold of the auspicious 'Id-ul-Adha when I should congratulate the Muslims of the world, particularly the pilgrims to Mecca, the travellers to the Sacred House of the father of the prophets, Abraham (upon him be peace), regrettably such calamities have afflicted the Muslims in this year that condolences should be extended instead of congratulations.

Condolences should be expressed not only for the aggression of the Great Satan, the criminal U.S., against the Muslims; and not only for the criminal Israel and its rulers' terroristic invasion of the dear Islamic country of Lebanon; and not only for the crimes of the Ba'athist Saddam, this will-less servant of the U.S. and Israel, against the Arab and non-Arab Muslims of the south and west of our country (Iran); and not for the gambol and happiness of the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Sudan, Morocco, and so forth for the victory of the enemies of Islam and humanity over the oppressed people of Lebanon and Beirut, and the slaughter of thousands of innocent children and young and old men and women, though these are all calamities and should be mourned for.

But the great calamity and catastrophe before all is that a handful of shameless Zionist terrorists attacked the Muslims in the worst manner possible--these very Muslims who

possess so many spiritual and material resources that they can force the U.S. to retreat from the region with one thrust, not to mention Israel. We are mourning not only the homelessness of a large number of wronged people who have been expelled from their lands and have no shelter, but the great calamity is that these crimes are committed by Israel and before the eyes of the governments which claim to support Islam.

The great catastrophe is that these governments, at the command of the U.S. and Israel attempted to execute the Camp David Accord or similar plans, and following this great catastrophe, will recognize Israel as their explicit master.

The catastrophe for the Muslims is that some of the so-called Muslim governments, while witnessing these great calamities, did not allow these wronged people to even complain about the tyrants. The great calamity is that although the U.S. has tyrannized the Muslims of the world, and especially those of the region for almost half a century and plundered their resources, the governments for fear of the U.S. are not only deaf to the oppressed people's expression of their deprivation, but as we witnessed, they have repeated what they had done to the plundered nation of Iran which wants to raise its innocent cries along with the Islamic movement and convey its message to the oppressed nations of the world.

In opposing Iran they surpassed even the U.S. and Israel. In order to approach the oppressors they aided the aggressor against Iran with their extensive propaganda and military power. Instead of extending the hand of brotherhood and unity to their brotherly nation and government, they gave the hand of servitude and submission to the U.S. and Israel and began to conspire against the nation of Iran.

We have now despaired of many of the so-called Islamic governments and have no hope for their guidance, unless the Exalted Lord regards them with great favor and causes a

transformation in them so that they will examine the issues properly and rescue themselves and their countries from the clutches of the the world-devourers.

Now it is necessary to address the pilgrims to Mecca and those who attend the House of Abraham (upon him be peace): First, it is essential for the pilgrims to study the issues pertaining to the pilgrimage (Hajj) with the outstanding ulema including the imperative and forbidden deeds and rituals, so that, God forbid, violations of the Islamic orders may be prevented and their efforts not wasted.

Second, it is necessary for the honorable Iranian pilgrims to notice that they have embarked on the Hajj from a revolutionary and Islamic country which is committed to the decrees of Islam and that the eyes of their friends and enemies are fixed upon them. Their friends eye them in order to observe whether the honorable pilgrims maintain their Islamic commitment, preserve the credit of their glorious Islamic Revolution by their behavior, speech and meeting with the Muslims of the world, practicing patience and perseverance in the face of the troubles, hardships and shortcomings which are an inevitable necessity of this holy travel, who regard the Exalted God as present and observant in all affairs, who will return to their country with dignity and make their country and Revolution honorable among the Muslims of the world, and who will convey the Islamic Revolution of their beloved country to the other Islamic countries and to the world's Muslims.

Or, God forbid, contrary to Islamic morality and behavior some action or word uttered by them violates the honor of Islam and the Islamic Republic which is among the unforgivable sins.

The enemies eye them (Iranians) in order to distort their words or actions and, God forbid, if even a very minor misbehavior is displayed by them, their enemies will find a pretext, magnify the small issues with their propaganda organs and portray Islam and the Revolution before the eyes

of foreigners and the people of the world in a very negative manner, will introduce the Muslims of Iran as a negligent people to the Muslims of the world, and will project Islam as an ideology far from sublime human values and the noble nation of Iran as a degraded nation far from civilization and progress.

The honorable pilgrims should know that their responsibility before God Almighty and the noble nation which endeavors in the way of Islam and its human teachings is very important and great. Never should they imagine that this year in which we all know that the claws of the Superpowers and their lackeys have penetrated the Islamic countries and the oppressed people of the world more than ever before is like that of other years.

Now the big powers of the world have been intimidated by Islam and its uncompromising policy towards the East and West. The Great Satan has called upon the small satans to conspire in order to extinguish the Light of God.

Third, it is necessary for the honorable pilgrims to the Ka'aba, the Sacred House, from whatever nation or school of thought, to obey the decrees of the Noble Qur'an and join hands in Islamic brotherhood before the satanic and destructive flood of de-Islamization is unleashed by the East and West and their will-less lackeys. It is necessary for them to pay attention to the Divine verses which have called upon them to hold fast to the covenant of Allah and have warned them against division and discord.

It is necessary for them to make utmost use of the spiritual and political implications of this politico-devotional ritual of Islam in those Noble Sanctuaries which have been built for the benefit and interests of the monotheists and Muslims of the world. They should pay attention to the secret of the Sacred House of Abraham and Ismael (upon them be peace), that is, that one should sacrifice the dearest fruits of one's own life for the sake of the Exalted Lord and the sacred goal of Islam and for defending this

Divine aim. All satans, great and small, must be expelled from the sacred environs of Islam and the Ka'aba. The satans' hands must be curtailed from the Ka'aba and the Islamic countries, and God's invitation should be welcomed.

The honorable pilgrims from the Islamic revolutionary country of Iran should convey the message of the brave and devoted warriors of their noble combatant nation to the world's Muslims in this public gathering of Muslims, and make them duty-bound to be the couriers of the message of the Iranian people to the oppressed masses of the world. They must convey this revolutionary nation's cry for help to all the people of the world and make them understand that the nation of Iran requests help from all Muslims, not for its own interests or those of the region, but for Islam.

Today Islam is entangled in the conspiracies of the world-devouring criminals, and if the Muslims do not build an iron dam against them with Islamic unity, the destructive flood of atheism and infidelity will sweep away all.

Fourth, the Muslims should know that after the Islamic Revolution and the world's observance of the extraordinary power of Islam, the U.S. regime's plots and schemes, ranging from sowing division and discord between Sunni and Shi'ite brothers and the invasion of Iran, which is the center of gravity of the Islamic movement, to the deep and extensive plan of invading Lebanon and thereby committing such enormous crimes, have all been directed at annihilating Islam and weakening this Divine power. They should know that the U.S.'s plan which is being implemented by sinister Israel, is not confined to Beirut and Lebanon alone, but Islam is the target everywhere, especially in the Islamic countries of the Persian Gulf region and Arabia, which is the center of Divine Revelation.

Their first aim is that the rulers of the region be servants of the U.S. and more painfully, Israel. Being deaf and blind, they must accept the disgrace and contempt of servitude. In such an atmosphere and in the face of such a great

catastrophe, the Islamic nation should not remain indifferent and should not refrain from any attempt to safeguard Islam and the Islamic countries.

How painful and miserable it is that in the land of Muslims and the so-called Islamic governments, the usurper Israel launches this bold aggression against the innocent people of Lebanon and the dear sisters and brothers living in Beirut, and the governments of the Islamic countries instead of rising in defense, which is a religious and human duty, show compliance and even carry out activities for the sinister aims of the U.S. and Israel. Instead of Israel, (they) direct their attacks at Islam and Islamic Iran.

Can they also distort history if they manage to provide pretexts for their silence and contribute to the sinister aims of this criminal and its master today? Can they deceive the free nations, and can they please the Avenging God with their unjustifiable pretexts? And is the great sin of these who have derided noble Islam forgivable? Will they be able to account for the blood of the innocent children, women and men of Beirut?

Fifth, it is necessary that complete coordination exists in the Islamic political plans and activities of all in this auspicious journey and that disorder and anti-Islamic behavior be completely avoided. Therefore, it is essential for the honorable pilgrims to Mecca to follow the proposals of Hujjat-al-Islam Musavi Khomeiniha, the honorable person in charge of the affairs of the Hajj and pilgrims.

God forbid, if any group should act independently or in disregard of the spirit of coordination, it could result in a catastrophe and great deviation which could distort the Islamic sanctity of the Islamic and revolutionary republic. And this is a great sin which entails very heavy responsibility before the Creator and His creatures.

I hope the dear pilgrims will take care of themselves and their friends so that this glorious Divine worship will not be stained by sin and faults. I hope that the rituals of standing

before the Sacred Presence of God Almighty around His Blessed House will be observed, and that the hearts of the dear pilgrims will be freed from dependencies upon anything except the Truth, devoid of anyone except the Friend, and illuminated by Divine Light. So that the rituals of this movement towards God will be ornamented with the purport of the Hajj of Abraham and Muhammad (upon them be peace), I hope that they will all return to their homelands free from conceit and the traps of nature, with knowledge of the Truth and love for their Lord.

Instead of the ephemeral material souvenirs, I hope they will take lasting eternal achievements for their friends, and with a handful of Islamic human values for the promotion of which the great prophets from Abraham to Muhammad (upon them be peace) were missioned, join their martyrdom-seeking friends.

It is these values and motives which prevent the human being from enslaving himself to corruption, enable him to rescue himself from dependence on the East and West, and lead him to the «blessed olive tree, neither eastern nor western.» (Qur'an: Chapter «Nur», verse 35)

If the Muslims of the world know the Prophets' (upon them be peace) incentive, the essence of which radiates from the origin of light and from the light of the heavens and the earth in the bright heart of the last human-compiled Book, the Book of Guidance, and if they join the ocean of light, they will never be enslaved by the satans and their lackeys. They will never accept the brand of disgrace and abjection, even for a few days of imaginary positions and chiefdoms. They would have never rejoiced for being favored by the Great Satan and for approving the enslaving Camp David plan and its likes.

O, the drops that are apart from the ocean of the Noble Qur'an and Islam! Awaken and join this Divine ocean and seek light in this Absolute Light so that the covetous eye of the world-devourers will turn away from you and their hand

of plunder and aggression will be severed, and you will attain human values and an honorable life. You will abandon this shameful life wherein a handful of vagrant Israelis rules over you and tramples upon the innocent Muslims before your eyes.

O God! Bestow the success of awakening upon us, the sleeping ones. Awaken the rulers of the Islamic countries so that they will rule the Muslims according to Islamic standards and shatter the evil idols and the transgressors.

Sixth, in order to foil the poisonous propaganda, rumors and lies spread against Islam and the Islamic Republic of Iran by the U.S., Israel and their dependent mass media, it is necessary for the honorable ulema, the committed writers and the orators to defend Islam and the Islamic Revolution of Iran. They must introduce its real face to the people of the world by referring to the Islamic achievements which have been gained as a result of the uninterrupted support of the committed nation of Iran despite the imposition of many difficulties and sabotage by the enemies of Islam, both inside and outside the country. They must prepare the nations and expose the slander which has been spread against this nation by the propaganda loudspeakers. They must disclose the schemes and plots of the U.S. and its lackeys by informing the people of the world about the aggression of Saddam's Ba'athist army at the command of the U.S. and with support from the U.S. - dependent regimes.

They must make the Muslims aware of what is afflicting Islam and the Muslims at the hands of some U.S. - backed rulers; the worst affliction being the official recognition of Israel, and after that the savage invasion of the Islamic country of Lebanon which resulted in the martyrdom and crippling of tens of thousands of innocent and homeless people.

I hope that the nations, with trust in the Exalted Lord will prevent this great catastrophe of history which, God forbid, may cast shame on the Muslims of the world and before the

upcoming generations. I hope they will emancipate precious Islam and the Muslims from this great disgrace and free themselves of this contempt and abjection, the memory of which shocks every devoted Muslim.

In conclusion, I warn the governments of the region which convene to launch attacks against Islam and the teachings of the Noble Qur'an, not to take action and rise against Islam and the Islamic nations. If they do, the government and nation of Iran which is the greatest power in the region, will not pardon you, and you will be responsible for whatever consequences may befall you. No excuses will be accepted from you who are holding the vital artery of the world's economy and industries, before the Creator and His creatures.

It is hoped that, God willing, precious Islam will attain its goals with support from the Islamic nations of the world, especially those in the region, and the Muslims of the world will be victorious over the oppressors.

Peace be upon the righteous servants of God.
Ruhullah al-Musavi al-Khomeini
