

**IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGES
FOR
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC DAY
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The leader of the Revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, in a message to the nation on April 1st, 1979, declared the establishment of the Islamic Republic after the results of a referendum were announced in which the overwhelming majority of the people voted for the Islamic Republic. The text of this historical messages reads as follows:

*In the Name of God
the Merciful, the Compassionate
And We desired to bestow a favor upon those
who were kept deprived on the earth
and to make them the Imams,
and to make them the heirs.
(The Holy Quran, 28:5-6)*

I hereby congratulate the great nation of Iran which had been belittled by the oppression exerted upon it during the course of monarchical history and tolerated whatever was done to it. Almighty God has bestowed a favor upon us and put an end to the dictatorial regime with His power which is the power of the deprived. Almighty God made our great nation the leader and pioneer of the deprived peoples and by the establishment of the Islamic Republic, bestowed upon them their legitimate rights. On this auspicious day, I hereby declare the day of the leadership of

the ummat (Muslim community); the day of the victory and triumph of the nation which is the Islamic Republic of Iran. I hereby announce to the world that such a referendum has been unprecedented in the history of Iran whereby people from all walks of life and from every part of the country rush to the ballot boxes with so much enthusiasm and love to cast their votes for the Islamic Republic and in this way bury the dictatorial regime in the dust bin of history forever. I hereby praise the solidarity and unification of all the people – except a few adventurists and unpious – who all gave positive response to the divine call of *'Hold onto the rope of God and unite* and cast their positive votes overwhelmingly for the Islamic Republic. (In this way, they) proved their political, social growth and maturity to the West and the East. May this day be auspicious for you who after the martyrdom of our youth and sorrow of mothers and fathers who lost their dear ones and after unbearable hardships, you were able to topple and overthrow this inhuman enemy and the Pharaoh of our time and declare the establishment of the divine, just government, by your decisive and overwhelmingly positive votes to the Islamic Republic, a government whereby people from all walks of life are treated equally and the light of divine justice illuminates all the same and everybody gets the same share from the blessings of the Quran and the traditions of the Prophet of Islam. May this government be auspicious for you where there is no difference between the ethnic groups such as the whites, the blacks, the Turks, the Persian speaking people, the Kurds and the Baluchis. Under such a regime, all are brothers and equal and the criterion and superiority are based upon piety, virtue and performing

divine deeds.

May the day be auspicious for you where the people from all walks of life achieved their legitimate rights. There is no difference between men or women and between the religious minorities and others in execution of justice. The false-god has been buried. Rebellion and revolt were buried along with him. The country has been liberated from the clutches of local and foreign enemies as well as the plunderings and lootings of the elements of the former regime. Now you militant people of Iran are the guardians of the Islamic Republic and you are shouldering the responsibility to preserve this God-given blessing with all your might and power and with decisiveness. Do not let the remnants of the corrupt former regime who are waiting in ambush for an opportunity, to infiltrate among your ranks in support of the international plunderers and oil vampires. Here, you are those who should take the fate and destiny of your country in your hands and not give any chance to the opportunists. You should – with the divine power which is manifested in gatherings – take the next steps and send your trusted, knowledgeable and pious representatives to the Assembly of Experts, to pave the way for the approval of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic and cast your votes for the trustees of the ummat with the same enthusiasm and affection that you did for the approval of the establishment of the Islamic Republic so that the evil-wishers will have no opportunity (to interfere).

The dawn of April 1st (co-inciding with the 12th of Farvardin in the Iranian calendar) when begins the first day of God's rule, is considered one of the greatest and most valuable religious and national festivities. Our people should glorify

and celebrate this day and make it living. It is a day in which the pillars of the 25 century-old palace of the reign of the false-god (*taqut*) collapsed, satanic rule came to an end forever and the rule of the deprived (*imustazafin*), which is the reign of God, replaced it.

Oh beloved people of Iran, who have achieved your right at the cost of blood of your youth! Respect and glorify this right and under the banner of Islam and the Quran, guard this right and help to have divine justice implemented. I am serving my last days of life at your service which is rendering service to Islam. I also expect the nation to guard and preserve Islam and the Islamic Republic with all its power and might. I want the government, without having any fear of the West or the East, and with independence, thought and determination, to purge and purgate the remnants of the satanic regime which has its roots in all the affairs of the country and to transform the Ministries of Culture, Justice and other ministries and government offices which have been set up in western styles and imitating the West, into an Islamic form and style and thus present and show social justice, as well as cultural, economic and political independence. I pray to Almighty God for the glory and independence of the country and the Muslim ummat.

Peace and the mercy and blessings of God be upon you.

Upon the occasion of the first anniversary of the Declaration of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, the leader of the Revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran sent a message on April 1st, 1980, to the nation. The text of the message reads as follows.

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

April 1st is the anniversary of the day officially recognized as the day of the rule of the deprived over the arrogant in Iran: the anniversary of the actualization of Almighty God's promise.

Thanks be to God, Who bestowed a favor upon the deprived people of Iran by making them victorious over the world's arrogant, be it western or eastern. April the 1st is the day of triumph of the army of God over that of Satan and the day of victory of God and His committed servants. The people of Iran will take this day as an Islamic-national festival. This day will be perfect and reach absolute victory when all the world deprived are blessed by this divine blessing and fall under the banner of 'victory is that of God'; the day when the Muslims of the world, with divine support, curtail the hands of the oppressing criminals and plunderers from their own lands and hoist

the banner of Islam with the emblem of *alla'ho akbar* (God is Greater). It will be a day in which the Muslims, with their brave arising, chanting the slogan of *allaho akbar* deal with Sadat, and the likes as the brave nation of Iran did with Muhammad Reza Pahlavi.

The great people of Egypt, who have been fed up with the disgrace of criminal Sadat, are now facing even greater shame and disgrace which has been imposed upon them by the conspiracies and atrocities of the great satan. The great satan resorts to any sort of satanic conspiracies in order to continue its reign of terror, crimes and treasons. It imposed Muhammad Reza upon the Egyptian people while propagating itself as having no information and knowledge about it, not knowing that the people have been awakened and are well familiar with the tricks of this satan and the likes of it. The great satan (the U.S. government) which threatened our country by occupying it or isolating it, got nothing out of it. Now it has appealed to a political plan, a satanic trick and seeks to deceive us with flattery and this political gamble from its rivals.

This new trick, designed by Carter, is the same trick planned by the deposed Shah at the end of his monarchial rule. He sought to flatter the people, the Muslim clergy and to play tricks but all his conspiracies were foiled. Mr. Carter should know that by sending the deposed Shah to Egypt, apologizing to me, who is only one member of this great nation of Iran for past mistakes, admitting American crimes against the oppressed peoples including Iran and reaching a solution for the Den of Spies (former American Embassy in Iran) are all incorrect ways of approach. Nobody can solve this issue but the noble nation of Iran and the Is-

lamic Consultative Assembly which stems from the votes of the people. He (Carter) must know that extending his support to the deposed Shah after committing such great crimes, treason and plunderings have left no place for the so-called graceful solution.

Entrusting the deposed Shah, the enemy of Islam and Iran, into the hands of another enemy, whose shameful deeds have frustrated the Muslims of the world, has caused the solution to become more complicated. It is interesting to note that Sadat claims like Carter that he agreed to allow the deposed Shah to enter his country because of humanitarian reasons. Such individuals who crush the great nations merely to appear as seekers of justice whenever opportunity allows, to also extend their support to a criminal who led a great nation towards decadence and decline over the course of almost 40 years, who massacred tens of thousands of innocent people, who disabled and maimed over 100 thousand persons and also plundered the national wealth of a poor nation. Extending support to such a criminal is done under the pretext of humanitarian grounds. They seek to politically deceive our people and their own people as well. Now that we are facing such individuals who spare no crimes to remain in power for another few years and who do not hesitate to resort to lying, rejecting and falsifying (their aims) and unfortunately possess satanic powers at the same time, the deprived of the world, particularly the Muslims, are duty bound to come to their senses and defend their rights, the truth and purge their countries from the shame of such individuals.

The noble people of Iran, no matter which school of thought or group they belong to, are

bound to avoid any kind of division, hypocrisy and hindering of the affairs of one another. (They are bound to) crush the enemies by unified expression and holding to the rope of God. They should also avoid any personal or group disputes which all stem from selfishness and egoism because in such cases, such actions are spread. They will lead to the annihilation of all and to the destruction of the country. The intellectuals, speakers, academia and scholars should do their utmost to dash the hopes of our main enemy which is the U.S. government for, with the domination of our political enemy, nothing will remain for anybody here.

Let us join and leave your differences for the sake of and for the satisfaction of God. Treat your other brethren in peace and friendship. Defend your homeland with reliance on the divine power. In that case, God will come to your support and no power will be able to overcome you.

I pray to Almighty God for the victory of Islam and the Muslims as well as the guidance of the deviated individuals.

May the peace and mercy and blessings of God be upon the righteous servants of God.

The leader of the Revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini, on April 1st, 1981, sent a message to the nation marking the second anniversary of the Declaration of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The text of this message is presented in what follows:

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

Endless greetings to the revolutionary people of Iran who curtailed the hands of the criminals within and without the country and founded the Islamic Republic with their arising.

May Almighty God bestow His blessings upon the martyrs of independence, liberty and the Islamic Republic. Greetings upon the valiant combatants in the warfronts who are proudly defending the beloved homeland and the great Islam.

Greetings be upon the war refugees and those who have become homeless as well as the families of the martyrs and the blessings of God be upon them who support the fronts from behind the lines throughout the country.

May the beginning of the third year of official recognition and declaration of the Islamic Republic be auspicious to all the people. During the past three years, the great nation of Iran, with the power of the revolutionary institutions and the

Armed Forces, gloriously passed through great problems and various conspiracies planned by the superpowers and satanic powers headed by the criminal U.S. government and made truth victorious over falsehood, Islam over blasphemy, with the help of Almighty God, the supporter of the deprived and the shelter of the oppressed.

At the present juncture, from a position of power with unified expression and a unified goal, we are confronted by world-devouring enemies as well as self-sold agents within the country.

Last year we faced the plots hatched by the U.S. regime and its obedient hireling, Sadat, who by giving refuge to the deceased Shah, was seeking to take advantage of his presence there and to exploit the situation, but with the support of Almighty God, the Shah was destined to the cemetery with disgrace and shame and the conspirators were led scandalessly to the dust bin of history.

This year we are confronting a corrupt branch and criminal root of the West and the East (the Iraqi regime) and thanks be to God, this imposed war has caused more solidarity and unity among the ranks of our combatant people.

The Ba'thist regime of Iraq, which has been entrapped by its own miscalculations and the deception of the provocaters, has no way out, because from one side, the people of Iran have turned their backs towards it and have shaken the very foundations and on the other side, the valiant armed forces of Iran are pressuring it from every side. The Iraqi regime is striving to get itself out of this trap made by its own treacherous hands by useless efforts and by appealing to every side. In its wishful thinking, it intends to regain its lost dignity and respect and to deceitfully cover over all its numerous crimes committed against

the noble peoples of Iraq and Iran without knowing that it is now too late and he (Saddam Husein) is destined to the same dust bin and graveyard that the deposed Shah and his supporters were doomed to. Dawn is close at hand.

Saddam and his criminal supporters should bear this fact in mind that this year, the unity, solidarity and power of our valiant army and combatant Revolutionary Guards and other Islamic, national and military forces are more than the preceding years and our combatant people are vacking them more than before. The volunteers who are awaiting the divine command for martyrdom for the cause of Almighty God are increasing daily.

Today, the thinkers of our great nation have started utilizing their talents and brains as the result of economic blockades and are noticeably removing the present shortcomings and bottlenecks. They have compensated for damages resulting from the economic seige to a great extent by their round-the-clock efforts. Today, the Iranian government is standing mightier and stronger against its enemies due to the support extended to it by the people.

The criminal Saddam and his friends should realize that the crimes committed against both Iraq and Iran with his criminal ruling clique are so many that they are not countable.

The material losses amount to hundreds of billions while the human losses are much heavier. The best sons of ours, who were to work for the exaltation of Islam throughout the world and our beloved homeland, were martyred. The Iraqi army, which at least should have entered a war against the enemy of the Arabs, namely the criminal Israel to liberate Quds (Jerusalem), was

forced to enter a war with a country which has nothing in mind but Islam. In this way, the Iraqi forces have been led to annihilation.

The world should come to realize that today, Iran does not resemble the superpowers or their corrupt puppet affiliated regimes in which a tyrant and oppressor minority rule over an oppressed majority under their domination and to take their destinies into their hands. Rather, Iran is a nation now where a number of its people are servants having the responsibility of running the affairs of the country or defending it, with the will of the nation and the people of Iran. They find themselves duty bound to support them. During the course of the victory of the Revolution, the people throughout this beloved country, men, women, young or old, were taking measures and helping to remove the problems faced by the government or the army. The same is true now during this imposed war whether in the warfronts or behind the frontlines. All the people of the country are taking part in defending their homeland. The will of such a nation is determined in the fate of the country and in concluding peace or continuing war. Those who have taken measures such as good-will missions and are coming and going, should — if they really have taken this step for humanitarian grounds, have good purposes and are doing this due to the commands of Islam — examine the case fully in order to find out who is the oppressor and who is the oppressed; who is the plunderer and who is being plundered; and who is the criminal and who is being subjected to crimes and then introduce them to the world. Our nation yields to truth and justice while it resists against oppression and tyrannies. We expect a delegation and mission to fully investigate the aggressions,

oppressions and crimes and then introduce the oppressor and the aggressor. They should then deal with the aggressor in such a way that it will be a hard lesson for all the violaters of human rights. In this way, peace and calmness can be returned to the world. Neglecting the crimes and atrocities of the criminals will pave the way for the oppressors and this in turn will lead and direct the world towards total annihilation and destruction.

Peace and blessings be upon this great nation under the mercy of God and blessings be upon the martyrs and those who have become disabled in the way of Islam.

Peace and the mercy and blessings of God be upon you.
