

“And Pharaoh led his people astray and did not guide them.” — Surah Ta-Ha, Verse 79

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The Great Iranian Nation

The Death of Ali Khamenei: An Opportunity to Find the Culprit, or an Opportunity to Build a New Iran upon the Ruins of 47 Years?

Throughout history, there have been no shortage of leaders who caused, paved the way for, or initiated wars that brought their nations to ruin. **Xerxes, Muhammad Khwarazmshah, Fath-Ali Shah, Hitler, Khomeini, Saddam Hussein, and Ali Khamenei** are among them.

Khomeini's ideological ambitions, combined with his ignorance of “international relations” and his lack of understanding of “power relations” at the height of the “Cold War,” when the international system was structured around “deterrence” and based on a “balance of power” or “balance of terror,” encouraged him to adopt a number of unwise positions, including the declaration of exporting the revolution, praising the occupation of the US Embassy in Tehran and the taking hostage of its diplomats and personnel, the eradication of Israel from the face of the earth, and encouraging the people and army of Iraq to “rise up against Saddam.”

Taken together, these positions were interpreted as opposition to the “international system,” and particularly against the “free world,” especially against the “United States,” with numerous significant international and domestic consequences, including the “failure of the Democrats” in the US presidential election and the twelve-year dominance of the Republicans in the White House and its various consequences; the “eight-year war” against our country, which was a clear example of a “balance-of-power war”; the “sanctioning of Iran”; the resignation of the “Provisional Government”; the beginning of “radicalism” in Iran; and so forth.

After the eight-year war, during which the infrastructure of the two Shia countries of Iran and Iraq was destroyed and nearly one million people perished, Khomeini, by announcing that he was “drinking the cup of poison” and accepting **UN Security Council Resolution 598**, acknowledged “defeat.” Yet, in response to criticism, he formally stated: “**I was assigned a duty, not a result,**” and even threatened his critics with repression. In the final months of his life, he issued a religious decree that resulted in the massacre of thousands of our fellow citizens.

Following the coup that resulted in the removal of **Ayatollah Montazeri** from the position of successor to the leadership, **Ali Khamenei**, who lacked the legal qualifications and had explicitly acknowledged his own lack of the legal qualifications, usurped the position of leadership through the betrayal of Rafsanjani and the Assembly of Experts.

During his 37 years of unlawful leadership, he continued Khomeini's “wrong policies toward the West” with greater intensity and, through “secret nuclear programs,” despite Iran's accession to

the **Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**, while simultaneously “threatening the destruction of Israel” by setting a “deadline” and installing a “countdown” billboard in Tehran for its destruction, caused Iran to become the target of “crushing sanctions by the UN Security Council” under Chapter VII of the UN Charter concerning “threats to international peace and security,” as well as “primary and secondary sanctions” by the United States and Europe, thereby causing “widespread poverty,” to the extent that the value of Iran’s national currency fell to more than “one twenty-eight-thousandth” of its previous value.

We had repeatedly warned, through numerous statements, that nations are responsible for the conduct and actions of their governments, even when their governments are unlawful. Among them were **Statement No. 63 dated 1404/11/6, Statement No. 64 dated 1404/11/7, and Statement No. 84 dated 1404/12/14**. Furthermore, the current spokesperson of this Council had previously emphasized this matter in separate statements, including those dated **1402/11/6, 1403/2/31, and 1403/9/25**.

We now refer to several examples of the conduct of Ali Khamenei, the unlawful leader:

- 1 – The fraudulent and treacherous seizure of power, despite his admission that he lacked the legal qualifications, while he had sworn, as President, to safeguard the Constitution. By violating the Constitution, he committed treason.
- 2 – He suppressed even the smallest civil protests of the people with the utmost brutality, including following the civil protests of the people of Shiraz and Mashhad in the spring of **1371**, when he declared: **“Mow these weeds down.”** He thereby issued the order for the massacre of the protesting people.
- 3 – He suppressed, in the harshest manner, the reform process that began in **Khordad 1376**.
- 4 – During the chain murders of **1377**, critics and intellectuals were murdered on his orders.
- 5 – He emptied the educational system and universities of meaningful content and, in particular, degraded the humanities.
- 6 – Without completing the required scholarly and religious process, he claimed the status of a religious authority and degraded that institution as well.
- 7 – Through his unwise support for Ahmadinejad, he wasted the country’s resources over eight years.
- 8 – Because of the weakness of the legal foundations of his own leadership, he became dependent on the support of others and began cultivating subordinates, thereby creating a mafia-like and oligarchic structure. This resulted in widespread, blatant, and institutionalized corruption throughout the country.
- 9 – Through wrong orders during the COVID-19 pandemic, and by concealing the situation and prohibiting the procurement of vaccines from the United States and the United Kingdom, he caused the deaths of large numbers of people.

10 – By granting his agents “open fire” authority, he threatened the security of the people.

11 – He repeatedly insulted the Iranian people and foreign officials. Among other things, he called protesting citizens “microbes” and even called supporters of negotiations with the United States “dishonorable.” During his meeting with Mr. **Shinzo Abe**, the Prime Minister of Japan, who was carrying a message from Trump, he declared: “**Trump does not deserve a response to his letter.**” Following Trump’s failure in the 2020 presidential election, he said: “**They threw him out of the White House with ...**”

Perhaps these positions, which were contrary to international diplomatic etiquette and Iranian culture and which created personal resentment in Trump, had a particular impact on the United States’ military expedition against our country.

12 – He suppressed the people’s protest uprisings using the most brutal methods, including the **1378 student uprising**, the **1388 Green Movement**, the **1396 uprising**, the **1398 uprising**, which occurred following the tripling of gasoline prices, the **1400 uprising of the people of Khuzestan**, the **1401 Woman, Life, Freedom movement**, and the massacre of protesters in **Dey 1404**, for which the number of deaths, according to his own statement, was several thousand, while according to figures provided by the government it was **3,117**, with estimates reaching as high as **84,000**.

13 – Despite Iran’s accession to the **Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons** and its commitment to refrain from clandestine nuclear activities, he devoted the country’s resources to secret nuclear programs and aroused the suspicions of the region and the international community.

As a result, Iran was accused, within the framework of **Chapter VII of the UN Charter** concerning threats to international peace and security, of threatening world peace and security and became the target of crushing sanctions and ultimately the **12-day and 40-day attacks by the United States and Israel**, followed by the US naval blockade of Iran.

Even during the ceasefire, our country was subjected to foreign aggression. In addition to the enormous costs of these clandestine activities, the country’s economy was devastated during the past quarter-century by crushing sanctions and corruption arising from so-called “sanctions circumvention,” and widespread poverty prevailed throughout the country.

Ultimately, the nuclear facilities themselves were destroyed in several stages: first, under the **2015 JCPOA**, through the pouring of concrete into the core of these facilities; and second, during the **12-day and 40-day wars**, through bombardment and destruction. Even Iran’s enriched uranium will be destroyed, and if anything remains, it will be eliminated through imposed agreements.

The repeated warnings of this Council, including **Statement No. 70 dated 1404/11/14**, **Statement No. 84 dated 1404/12/14**, **Statement No. 88 dated 1405/1/29**, as well as separate statements by the current spokesperson of this Council dated **1403/7/9**, **1403/8/7**, **1403/9/21**, and **1404/7/20**, in which it was stated that Ali Khamenei was like a gambler who wins little by little but ultimately loses everything at once, failed to prevent this catastrophe.

In accordance with the verse:

**“And do not be like the woman who untwisted her spun thread after she had made it strong.”
— Surah An-Nahl, Verse 92**

the story of Ali Khamenei’s unlawful and irrational leadership is like the story of a woman who unraveled the threads she had firmly spun and tore them apart piece by piece.

Yes, that is exactly what he did. And in reality, the principal loser of his nuclear masterpiece was our nation, to the extent that **Hamzeh Safavi**, a professor at the University of Tehran and son of a former Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, described Ali Khamenei’s nuclear program as **the most expensive nuclear program in the world**, which resulted in neither a bomb, nor electricity, nor legitimacy, nor security.

Now we are left with the regret born of our own negligence:

“And warn them of the Day of Regret, when the matter will have been decided while they remain in heedlessness.” — Surah Maryam, Verse 39

Warn them of the Day of Regret, when the matter will be finished while they remain in heedlessness.

Should we blame Ali Khamenei for bringing us to ruin?

Just as we have spent all these centuries standing still or moving backward, this half-century too has passed. But just as the death of **Mao Zedong** removed the most important obstacle to China’s development and progress and created the conditions for **Deng Xiaoping’s** reforms, the death of **Ali Khamenei** can also become a valuable opportunity to build a new Iran upon the ruins of the country’s 47 years.

We will inform you, the great nation, of another deception and coup.

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