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Words of Wisdom

Martyr Khamenei's selected statements

Since the Islamic Republic of Iran relies on the people, it doesn't fear the US or any other Arrogant Power whatsoever.

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Word for Word

This [the January coup attempt] wasn't the first sedition, and it won't be the last. Similar events may happen again. After all, we're a country with a new way of thinking and a new path. We're in friction and colliding with the interests of the global aggressors. We must always be expecting this. And how long will this continue? Until the Iranian nation reaches a point where its stability, steadfastness, and control over its affairs cause the enemy to lose hope. We must reach that point, and we will reach it. [In January] it was the people themselves who trampled the fire of sedition into ash. When the people decide and enter the field, they extinguish the fires and reduce the flames to ashes. This is what happened this time as well. And in the future too, God willing, should any other event befall this country, Almighty God will raise these people to confront it. The people will be the ones who will stop it.

From Martyr Khamenei's speech on Feb. 1, 2026



Memorable Frame



Seven days had passed since all of evil had martyred the Sayyid of Lebanon, Sayyid Hassan Nasruallah, with several bunker-busting bombs. Emboldened by having struck the beloved right-hand man of Sayyid Ali, evil had grown reckless and opened its mouth to threaten the Imam of the Ummah.

The Resistance was going through days of sorrow. All eyes were fixed on the Imam of

the Resistance. The entire world sat watching, waiting for the next move of the Leader. The world waited, and the Resistance was anxious — fearful that while all of evil, intoxicated by its own malice, was carrying out its madman strategy, harm might come to the beloved Imam of the Ummah.

But the Leader, as always, was calm and composed. With firm steps, without a cane, he led the

Friday prayer himself that week. The whole world had its eyes on the prayer site that the accursed Zionist regime had threatened. That day, like every other historic day, was etched into the book of the Iranian nation's glories. Inspired by their Imam, the Iranian nation, in their own unique state of serenity and devotion, performed the ritual ablution of one preparing for martyrdom and went to the Friday prayer with their families. The

Iranian nation soared toward the greatest martyrdom-seeking operation the world has ever seen. Millions of Iranians filled not only the prayer site but also the surrounding highways, and established the congregational prayer there.

Indeed, the Iranian nation rose once again. They saw only God, feared only God, and will continue on this path for years to come.



The People Rise Up



Should any event befall this country, Almighty God will raise these people to confront it. The people will be the ones who will stop it.

Martyr Khamenei
Feb. 1, 2026



Opinion

Civilizational miracle of Iranians after martyrdom of Imam Khamenei

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In the latest civilizational confrontation between Islamic and Western civilization in the recent war, one of the important matters that must be examined is the issue of the people and their role. The concept of «the people» holds a pivotal place in Islamic culture and thought, as well as in the ideology of the Islamic Revolution.

One of the issues that deserves discussion is the concept of the "Umami Generation." By "ummi," we mean a generation that relies on innate beliefs and fulfills its ordinary duties – such as the massive street presence of these people today, chanting slogans in support of the system and the Armed Forces – thereby generating a powerful wave both across Iran and throughout the Islamic world. Essentially, civilizations have not always been, and are not, merely the product of the elites and their actions; rather, they are the outcome of the behaviors and actions of this ummi generation. The ummi generation does not rely on academic education; rather, relying on human awareness and knowledge, it discerns politically where to take its stand, when to act, and what form that action should take.

The great achievement of the Islamic Revolution during the rule of the Islamic Republic was that it elevated and nurtured this ummi generation in terms of their humanity, ethics, and reliance on their innate nature. It was also able to train an educated population from the very heart of

this same unlettered generation – a population that, despite having a deep academic background and experience, holds beliefs that are rooted in innate, religious, and spiritual convictions. The combination of these beliefs and academic education has created a blend that is not easily found in other nations around the world. This stands as one of the wonders of the Islamic Republic, which has succeeded in training a generation that not only carries the positive traits of being ummi (unlettered), but also possesses a high level of academic sophistication that have been utilized in various periods, crises, and throughout its civilizational journey.

The next point is the way in which the democracy existing today with this kind of people in Iran has formed. The democracy today in Iran is one based on love and affection. It is a faith-based democracy, rooted in religious beliefs. Popular sovereignty in Iran is not limited to election periods or the act of casting votes. In the days following the martyrdom of Leader of the Islamic Revolution, the people, through their presence in the squares and streets, have preserved the governing system, provided direction to it, and prevented its collapse or deviation from its path. This democracy is qualitative rather than merely quantitative. Whenever it perceives that its presence is essential, the people step forward – at personal cost and sacrifice – delivering an effective and decisive role that finds no parallel even in other Islamic countries.

Another point is that in this love-based and wilayah [guardianship]-based democracy, the nature and timing of the people's presence on

the scene are not limited to the lifetime of Wali Faqih [Guardian Jurist]. Even in the absence of the Leader, this democracy prevents the emergence of a social vacuum or rift. This ensures that the path for selecting a new leader and establishing social relations after the war is paved. Equally significant is the fact that such intelligent actions, such as transforming the mourning for the martyrdom of the Leader of the Islamic

Revolution into an epic of public presence in the squares, are one of the key civilizational indicators divinely bestowed upon the Iranian people as a miraculous gift from God. This enabled the people, in the shortest possible time, to shift from a position of passivity and vulnerability to one of proactive strength and empowerment, thereby fulfilling their responsibilities with resolve.



Choose the Right Side of History



Images of the people of Iraq rallying at protests in the city of Kadhimia, condemning US-Zionist aggression against Iran and demonstrating their solidarity with the Iranian people and the Armed Forces in mourning the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution



A Moment with Caravan of Martyrs

Martyress Maryam Sadat Rafiei

«Do not suppose those who were slain in the way of Allah to be dead; no, they are living and provided for near their Lord» (Quran, 3:169).

During the 2026 Quds Day in Tehran, amid US-Zionist airstrikes near Enghelab Street, an Iranian woman participating in the Quds Day rally was martyred by shrapnel. Photos of Iran's flag — stained with her blood — held in the hands of her fellow compatriots went viral on social media. After this tragic event, not only did the people refuse to leave the arena, but they also held her flag aloft and continued the rally with even greater resolve. This is the effect of the martyrs' blood.

The bravery and valor of the Iranian people left the world in awe. Now, her memory lives on in the hearts of those who rallied beside her and those who have heard of her martyrdom. Her memory remains alive in the minds of free-spirited people as a symbol of resistance and courage. She was the very embodiment of the resilient people promised by our martyred Leader — a people capable of thwarting the enemy's evil schemes.

As a symbol of a Muslim woman, she combined her dignity with a public presence in support of her country, faith, and principles, illuminating the path of God and exposing the atrocities and cruelty of the Iranian nation's enemy — an enemy with a long history of killing innocent women and children, not only in West Asia but across the world. It can be said that the best way to keep her memory alive, and the most peaceful tribute to her soul, is to maintain our solidarity and unity — now and always.





Narrating the Art



Iranian people, throughout their glorious and noble history, have always supported their beloved country, no matter the circumstances. They have proved to be a nation that knows how to fight back against any evil and malicious force trying to seize their land. Even if their country had been captured, their valuable and deeply rooted culture would have swallowed the aggressors whole — Chengiz Khan and his brutal soldiers and commanders stand as proof of this.

Today, the Iranian people remain the same. No matter the conditions, they do not allow foreign aggressors even to entertain the

thought of seizing their land. This strength and steadfastness are rooted in the Iranian people's firm national and religious convictions. The honorable history of the country as the world's most ancient civilization, combined with faith in Islam and devotion to Imam Hussain (pbuh), has made this nation as strong and resilient as can be. The martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, in one of his speeches, referred to this unique and exceptional quality of the Iranian nation: "This is a nation that confounds anyone who does not understand it." That is why it seems absolutely impossible to break or defeat this nation.

These people always rise up to defend their country and identity, even in the hardest and most difficult of circumstances. They are always ready to make sacrifices in the path of God and are unafraid to do so. Today, in their confrontation with the American-Zionist aggressors, the Iranian people — through their extraordinary and unmatched support for their Armed Forces — have become like Imam Ali's Zulfiqar, rising to avenge all Muslims who have been oppressed and murdered by these criminal regimes. These are the people promised in the Quran and in the words of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution: a nation raised by the Almighty to put an end to the atrocious and illegitimate presence of the criminal Zionist and American aggressors in the region.



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