

# The Right Side of History

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## Words of Wisdom

Europe has become weak. In addition to economic, financial, and monetary issues, which are serious weaknesses that have angered people, Europe has also become politically weak today. Let me give you an example. The man currently in office in France simply echoes whatever the US says. He repeats exactly whatever they want him to say and whatever they wish. He has become completely subservient to them! Well, that's a form of weakness. That's how Europe has become. That's France, and the other European countries are even more in such a state. That's how weak their political systems are. (Feb. 3, 2012) The awakening movement will come to the heart of Europe. The day will come when these European people rise up against the politicians, rulers, and powerful figures who have made them utterly submissive to the cultural and economic policies of the US and Zionism. (May 4, 2011)

From Martyr Imam Khamenei's speeches



## Word for Word

Sometimes when I say "a certain event was planned by a foreign enemy," some are very sensitive to the term "foreign enemy." When I say, "Such and such was the work of foreigners. It was carried out by foreign enemies," some quickly jump to the defense of the US and Zionist intelligence services. They use all sorts of fallacious analyses and rhetoric to try to show that foreigners were not in any way involved in that event.

Riots take place all the time around the world. If you look at Europe, especially France, massive riots occur every now and then on the streets of Paris. I want to ask you, "Has the US President or the US House of Representatives ever supported European rioters? Have they ever issued a statement saying we stand with you?"

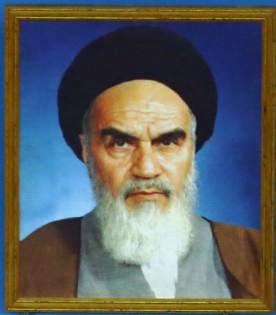
Is there any record of the mass media – which is affiliated with American capitalism, the US government, and their mercenaries, like some of the governments in the region unfortunately, such as the Saudi government – is there any record of them supporting the rioters? Is there any record of them announcing that they will provide this hardware or that software for the internet and put it at the disposal of rioters so that they can easily communicate with each other and carry out their plans?

Is there a history of such a thing happening anywhere in the world, in any country? But it happened here, and not just once or twice. [It has happened] many times, over and over again. Well, how can you not see foreign hands at play? How can an attentive person not sense that there are other hands behind the scenes of these events? Other policies are at play.

From Martyr Imam Khamenei's speech on Oct. 3, 2022



## Memorable Frame



On February 18, 2015, marking the anniversary of the February 18, 1978 uprising, the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution met with the people of East Azerbaijan Province, as he did every year, at the Imam Khomeini Hussainiyah. Illuminated by divine light and deeply convinced of the workings of divine traditions throughout the twists and turns of history, Martyr Khamenei spoke words that would come to pass exactly as he had foretold a decade later. In explaining the profound hostility of Global Arrogance toward the Iranian nation, and the strength of the Front of Truth, he emphasized: "The enemy is making the maximum use of sanctions as a weapon. Its aim is to humiliate the Iranian nation and to halt this great movement, which only the Iranian people can move forward. They want to stop the movement of the Islamic Revolution, the movement of the Islamic system, and the movement toward a new Islamic civilization,

because they know that this movement stands in direct opposition to the interests of the Zionist capitalists and the world's oppressive, bloodthirsty corporate powers.

They understand this, and they can see how this movement is spreading throughout the world and drawing nations' attention to itself. They want to prevent this movement from moving forward. That's why they impose these sanctions, issue these threats, and set all these conditions. On the one hand, there is the domineering, coercive US government, which refuses to abandon its high-handedness despite all the defeats it's suffered in the region. On the other hand, its European followers are imposing even more sanctions.

**The Iranian nation can impose sanctions too.** Let's make this clear. **If sanctions are to be imposed, the day will come when the Iranian nation will sanction them.** We have the world's largest share of natural gas reserves, and this wealth belongs to the Iranian nation. Natural gas is an extremely important, influential source of energy that the world needs, and even impoverished Europe depends on it. These gas reserves are in our hands. As things stand and based on what has so far been discovered in Iran, our country holds the largest share of the world's natural gas reserves. And if we consider oil and gas together, the Islamic Republic of Iran possesses the world's largest combined reserves of oil and gas. When the time is right, we will impose sanctions on them, and the Islamic Republic is able to do this."

At the conclusion of his address, this unparalleled exemplar of our age, underscoring that the people are the true owners of the Revolution and the country, affirmed: **"Without a doubt, in the not-too-distant future, the Iranian nation will stand at the pinnacles of honor and glory."**



## 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



On November 1, 2026, exactly eight months will have passed since the night the Iranian people learned that their compassionate father, who had led the Islamic Ummah for 37 years, had joined his martyred ancestors <sup>(pbut)</sup> along with some members of his family.

Eight months ago, on March 1, 2026, the day after the criminal US-Zionist enemy launched its aggression against the Iranian nation, Iranians spontaneously took to the streets to mourn, and they have remained there ever since.

For eight months now, night after night, across every province in the country, the Iranian people have taken to the streets to renew their allegiance to the Revolution and its Leader, Imam Sayyid Mojtaba Khamenei.

But do not expect the Zionist media to show you these realities. They portrayed armed mercenaries who, in just two nights, destroyed public property and martyred nearly 3,000 people on January 8 and 9, 2026, as "the Iranian people." Yet they turn a blind eye to the thousands and millions who have taken to the streets, night after night, for eight consecutive months.

But this does not change the truth: the Iranian nation remain steadfast in their allegiance to the Islamic Revolution, their Leader, and their values.



## Opinion

# The one fanning the flames is now caught in the fire

The President of France stood before the media and openly admitted that the main reason for the unprecedented surge in fuel prices in his country — itself part of the reason for the current protests in Paris and other French cities — is the US war against Iran.

That single sentence is a sign that the costs of the US war of aggression against Iran are returning to the heart of the European continent.

In recent days, the streets of Paris and several other French cities have been the scene of protests, part of which are rooted in the severe rise in energy and fuel prices. This wave of protest — accompanied by widespread French police violence and a brutal crackdown on demonstrators — has taken shape at a time when the price of gasoline and diesel, both in France and across Europe, has reached its highest levels.

Now, the street protests have forced Macron to formally acknowledge at least part of the consequences of the US war against Iran. He, who had previously sought to project a facade of distance from the US warmongering against Iran, is now compelled to admit that the Islamic Republic of Iran's unchallenged control over the Strait of Hormuz, and the consequences of the recent war, have spilled directly into Europe's energy market — and, in the process, unsettled France's internal calm.

This admission shows, above all, that Washington's repeated claims about the status of the Strait of Hormuz were false from the outset. The terrorist

president of the US and other American officials have claimed repeatedly in recent weeks that control of the Strait has slipped from the hands of Iran's armed forces, and that oil is passing through in unprecedented volumes, without difficulty.

Yet the surge in fuel prices in Europe, and the recent words of the French President, prove the opposite. Plainly, had the flow of oil continued at a higher rate than before — or even at the same rate as before — such pressure would not have been felt on Europe's energy market.

The marked decline — near zero — in the movement of ships and oil tankers, and Iran's resolute, uninterrupted control over the world's most important waterway, show that the narrative of Trump and other Americans about seizing control of the Strait of Hormuz has been more a matter of propaganda — a cover for the US strategic dead end in confronting Iran — than a reflection of conditions on the ground.

But Macron's recent admission that the US war against Iran has been damaging to France comes at a time when, in the final days of January 2026 — a little over a month before the war began, and shortly after the terrorist coup of Jan. 8 and 9, 2026 — Trump published an image of a private message from the French President. In one part of that message, the French President — after referring to coordination on the Syria case, and before raising matters concerning Greenland and Ukraine — had written: "Great things can be done in Iran."

Given the conditions Iran was experiencing at that juncture, one can surmise what Macron meant: to urge Trump to set aside the Greenland question and concentrate Europe and the US jointly on Iran — with the aim of overthrowing the Islamic Republic and then fragmenting Iran. Macron's proposal was raised at a time when maximum pressure on Tehran was on the agenda of Western capitals, and the outbreak of war was not far off. Throughout the recent war, too, US bases stationed on French soil and in other European countries — especially Britain — played a logistical support role, and served as the point of origin for refueling aircraft supporting and sustaining the aggressive strikes against Iran.

But beyond all of this, Iran has for nearly half a century been under the heaviest sanctions imposed by the US and Europe, and through historic resistance has managed to continue on its path. The multi-layered sanctions were designed to weaken Iran's economy and political system, but they did not produce the outcome their architects desired. Compared with Iran, France and Europe — by Macron's own admission — could not withstand even a few months of disruption in the Strait of Hormuz.

After years of Europe's hundred-percent alignment with US anti-Iran policies, the consequences of Tehran's actions in the Strait of Hormuz now cast their shadow over the European officials.



## Choose the Right Side of History



**Demonstrators carry a Palestinian flag as they march along Rennes Street in Paris, France on October 17, 2026.**



## A Moment with the Caravan of Martyrs

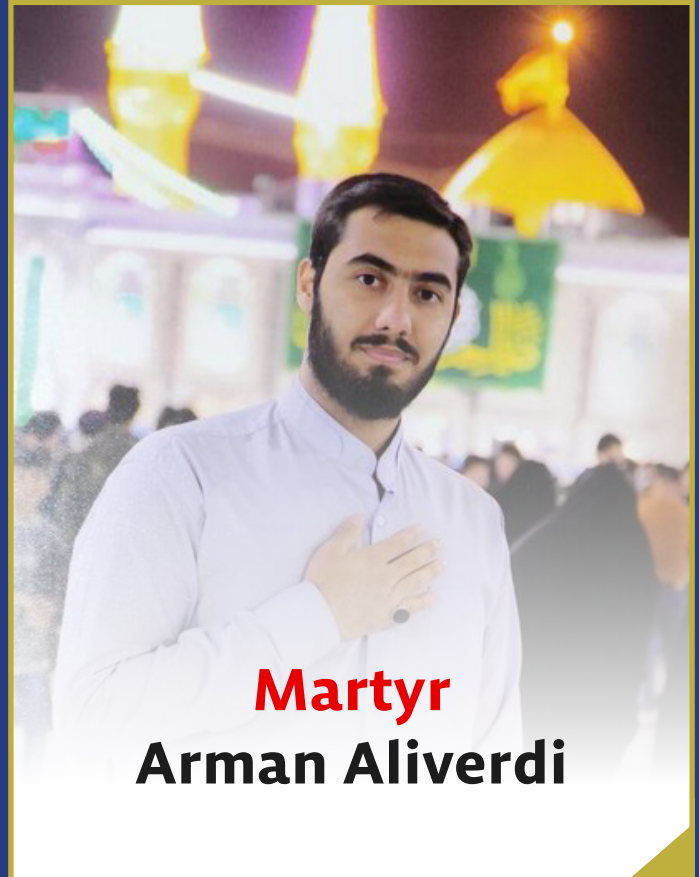
### Martyr Arman Aliverdi

He was born on July 3, 2001, in Tehran, and from the age of four his parents enrolled him in Quran classes. From the beginning, Arman was a boy of boldness — whatever he set his hand to, he did himself. He was not a man of words alone, for he worked with a group of students in a Quranic center, and when the floods came to Pol-e Dokhtar, he went with jihadi groups to serve those affected.

His friends remember him as a diligent student, a loving and straightforward soul, unblemished in his ways. Then came the autumn of 2022, and with it a wave unlike anything the country had seen in



The martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution visiting the resting place of Martyr Arman Aliverdi on Jan. 31, 2023



**Martyr**  
**Arman Aliverdi**

years. What unfolded on the streets was not spontaneous anger but an orchestrated assault — well-funded, well-organized, and directed from abroad — designed to destabilize the Islamic Republic of Iran and turn its cities into arenas of chaos. The rioters were not ordinary protesters; they were agents of chaos, mobilized and armed by foreign intelligence services and trained to terrorize civilians and strike at the symbols of the Revolution.

Arman was a Basij force from the Imam Reza (pbuh) Unit, in the Imam Ali (pbuh) Battalion, and he went out several times on missions to control the rioters. On the last night, October 26, 2022, after attending his seminary classes, he joined his comrades in the field.

In Ekbatan, a mob fell upon him. They bound his hands, and what they did to him in those

hours was not the work of men but of a mob that had abandoned every trace of humanity; and when they had finished, they dragged him across the ground and left him at the roadside.

Hours later his comrades found him, his face and head covered in blood, and although he was carried to a hospital, the wounds

were too deep. On Friday, October 28, 2022, he attained the highest station a servant of God can reach — he was granted martyrdom. He was twenty-one years old.

Arman was a symbol of the believing revolutionary youth in the enemy's hybrid war, and a hero of the generation that kept its pledge.



## A Word to My Martyred Leader

I'm a Belgian from an atheist family. I was a very convinced atheist myself until 2016, when I had an unexplained sudden desire to visit Iran. There I saw real Islam, not the lies they tell us about Islam in Europe; and after my trip I learned more. Two years later, I could call myself a Muslim and I called you my Leader.

I wish I could have met you and I wish I could have told you how much you meant to me.

I pray for you, your family and all of the other martyrs. We are all sad you left but we know you and the other martyrs are now eternally happy. The next time I visit Iran I will visit your grave too, and then we'll meet.

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