

# Islamic Revolution Is Alive and Dynamic

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**T**he arrival of the 44th anniversary of the glorious victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran is an opportunity to restudy this revolution and the new discourse it brought into being.

Many theoreticians of political and social uprisings and world revolutions have pointed out the uniqueness of Iran's Islamic Revolution. Post-modern philosophers like Michel Foucault have highlighted the role of spirituality in Iran's Islamic Revolution and scholars like Teda Skocpol have emphasized the incompatibility of this Revolution with common Western theories applicable to oth-

er, especially western, revolutions. In this article, we intend to talk about the secret behind the stability of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and the continued dynamism of this great divine and popular movement after more than four decades.

In Imam Khomeini's logic, engaging in politics with the intention of forming a government is not the aim and rather the aim is to pave the path for the divine upliftment of human society, and the formation of the government is a tool at the service of this divine goal. And to attain this objective, it is necessary for societies and nations to be freed from the bondage of Western and Eastern powers and return to divine teachings. In the political thought of Imam (RA), Islamic civilization is the most complete form of civilization, and it is necessary for the Islamic Revolution to continue on its path in order to ensure the formation of the new Islamic civilization and prepare the ground for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi and formation of his divine rule.

By referring to the principle of negation of the prevalence of infidels over believers and adopting the policy of "Neither East nor West" the late Imam Khomeini (RA) breathed the spirit of independence into the Islamic Revolution. This principle is considered one of the most dynamic Islamic principles. The Quranic verse: "Allah will never provide the faithless any way (to prevail) over the faithful", specifies that God Almighty does not approve of the dominance of infidels over the believers. According to this logic, the inclination of Muslims to accept the rule of infidels over themselves has been one of the main reasons for their helplessness and desperation throughout history. As a Muslim leader and reformist, Imam Khomeini (RA) had identified this weakness and cause of damage in Islamic nations and, therefore, had based his call for independence on the divine and progressive principle of negation.

At the time when the world was under the hegemony of the two superpowers of East and West, and religion was considered a "personal matter" or referred to as "the opium of masses", the international system witnessed the emer-



gence of a revolution that emphasized being independent of any of the two poles of power and negating their dominance on the basis of religious beliefs. It was for this very reason that both the United States of America and the Soviet Union tried to overthrow the Islamic Republic in the years following the victory of the Islamic Revolution and during the imposed war on Iran. Nevertheless, by relying on dear Islam and the ingenious leadership of Imam Khomeini (RA), the revolutionary nation of Iran made the impossible possible and despite eight years of unjust war did not allow the Baathists and their western and eastern supporters to take over an inch of the soil of their sacred homeland.

After the sad demise of Imam Khomeini (RA), his successor, the learned Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, Grand Ayatollah Khamenei, led this revolution and the Islamic Republic, and under his leadership, the Iranian nation managed to thwart anti-Islamic and anti-Iranian strategies and plans of the enemies at sensitive times.

As per the discourse of the Islamic Revolution, the formation of “resistance” and faith in

the “power of the nations” are measures that thwart such strategies of the enemies as maximum pressure and hegemony. The key to the powerful survival of the Islamic Revolution and its dynamism during the last four decades has been “resistance” against known enemies. The greatest honor of the revolutionary nation of Iran is to move within the divine teachings of Islam and pay special attention to lofty concepts such as “the link between religion and politics”, “Velayat-e Faqih”, and “independence and negation of foreign domination”. These concepts have been established in the minds of different generations, created unity, and have thwarted the plans of the sworn enemies of this land.

As the headquarters of cultural diplomacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization is determined to fulfill its great responsibility of promoting the great and deep values of this sacred revolution by throwing light on the discourse of the Islamic Revolution and its elements, and continue moving on this enlightening path; the path that, as per Almighty God’s promise, will eventually result in the victory of the discourse of resistance.