

A Tyrant is Dead: Khamenei and the Legacy of Betrayal

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Khamenei is dead. The Iranian state television confirmed it. The Supreme Leader of Iran, Ali Khamenei, was killed in American airstrikes along with his daughter and grandchild. The man who ruled Iran for over three decades, who positioned himself as the leader of resistance, died under American bombs while hiding in his palace.

Let that sink in. The “mighty” Iran, with all its missiles and militias and revolutionary rhetoric, lost its most important leader on the first day of the conflict. Meanwhile, the Qassam fighters in the tiny besieged Gaza Strip managed for two years to hide and protect their leaders and the captives they held. The difference is everything. The difference is sincerity. The difference is that without betrayal and corruption, the unbelievers cannot win a single war against Muslims. And Khamenei's regime was built on both.

Khamenei sold Ismail Haniyeh to the Zionists. The leader of Hamas, a guest in Tehran under the protection of the Islamic Republic, was assassinated on Iranian soil. Khamenei did nothing. He gave speeches. He threatened retaliation. He did nothing. Haniyeh's blood is on his hands because he allowed it to happen. He either betrayed him directly or his security apparatus was so corrupt and infiltrated that the Mossad operated freely in the heart of Tehran. Either way, Khamenei failed. Either way, he is complicit.

Khamenei backed the **US invasion of Iraq**. While American tanks rolled into Baghdad and Sunni Muslims were slaughtered in the streets, the Iranian regime celebrated. They saw it as an opportunity to expand their influence. They supported the destruction of a Muslim country because the government there was not aligned with them. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis died. Millions were displaced. And Khamenei's militias moved in to fill the vacuum.

Khamenei supported **the US invasion of Afghanistan.** He backed the Northern Alliance against the Taliban. He cooperated with America when it served his interests. And when Afghanistan fell into chaos, when Muslim blood flowed in Kabul and Kandahar, Khamenei's hands were not clean. He played both sides. He claimed to resist America while working with them when convenient.

Khamenei backed **Bashar al-Assad (لعنة الله عليه) to destroy Syria**. He sent his Revolutionary Guards. He sent Hezbollah. He sent Afghan and Pakistani militias. And together with Russia, they bombed hospitals, schools, and mosques. They starved cities. They used chemical weapons. Over half a million Syrians died. Millions more were driven from their homes. And Khamenei called it resistance. He called it defending the

axis. What he was defending was a Baathist mushrik who massacred his own people to stay in power.

Khamenei wrecked Lebanon. Hezbollah, his proxy, turned Lebanon into a failed state. The economy collapsed. The infrastructure crumbled. The Lebanese people, Muslim and Christian alike, were left to suffer while Hezbollah maintained its weapons and its power. And when Israel bombed Lebanon, when entire neighborhoods were flattened, Khamenei gave speeches from Tehran while Lebanese families buried their children.

And now they call him a martyr of Islam? This is the man who claims to represent the resistance? This is the leader who was supposed to stand against oppression?

Allah says in the Quran:

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا۟ مَا بِأَنفُسِهِمْ ۗ

"Indeed, Allah does not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves."[1]

Khamenei never changed. His regime was built on sectarianism, on corruption, on playing games with Muslim blood. He used the Palestinian cause as a slogan while doing nothing to actually liberate Palestine. He armed groups when it served his interests and abandoned them when it did not. He talked about resistance while making deals with the same powers he claimed to resist.

The reality is simple. Khamenei positioned Iran behind America when it was convenient. He worked with them in Iraq. He worked with them in Afghanistan. And when the time came for America to turn on him, he was left unprotected. Another political reality is that whoever aligns themselves with the US will eventually be left defenseless. Khamenei learned this the hard way. He died under American bombs after spending decades playing both sides.

Compare this to Gaza. The Qassam fighters, with no state backing, with no oil wealth, with no regional power behind them, managed to protect their leaders and their operations for two years under the most intense bombardment in history. They did this because they were sincere. Because they were not playing games. Because they understood that without betrayal and corruption, the kuffar cannot win against Muslims who are truly committed.

Khamenei's death is a reminder of what happens to rulers who use Islam as a political tool while betraying its principles. He was not a martyr. He was a tyrant who died the death of tyrants. His legacy is not resistance. His legacy is sectarian warfare, corruption, and the suffering of millions of Muslims across the Middle East.

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[1] Surah Ar-Ra'd, 13:11

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said: "*Beware of oppression, for oppression will be darkness on the Day of Judgment.*".

Khamenei committed zulm. He oppressed Sunni Muslims. He supported dictators who gassed their own people. He used the Palestinian cause for propaganda while doing nothing substantive to end the occupation. And now he is gone, and the Iranian people are left with the consequences of his rule.

Do not mourn him. Do not call him a martyr. A martyr dies in the path of Allah, defending the truth, standing against oppression. Khamenei spent his life consolidating power, playing geopolitical games, and betraying Muslims when it suited him. His death changed nothing for Palestine. It changes nothing for the Ummah. It is simply the end of a ruler who claimed to lead the resistance while never actually resisting in the way that mattered.

The lesson here is clear. The Muslim world does not need leaders like Khamenei. It does not need rulers who use Islam as a tool for their own power. It needs a Khilafah. A unified Islamic state that is accountable to Allah, that does not play games with Muslim blood, that does not align with America one day and claim resistance the next. A state that is built on justice, not sectarianism. A state that protects all Muslims, not just those who align with its political interests.

Khamenei is dead. A tyrant is gone. And the work to build something better must continue. Learn from his failures. Reject his methods. And work for the Khilafah that the Ummah desperately needs.

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