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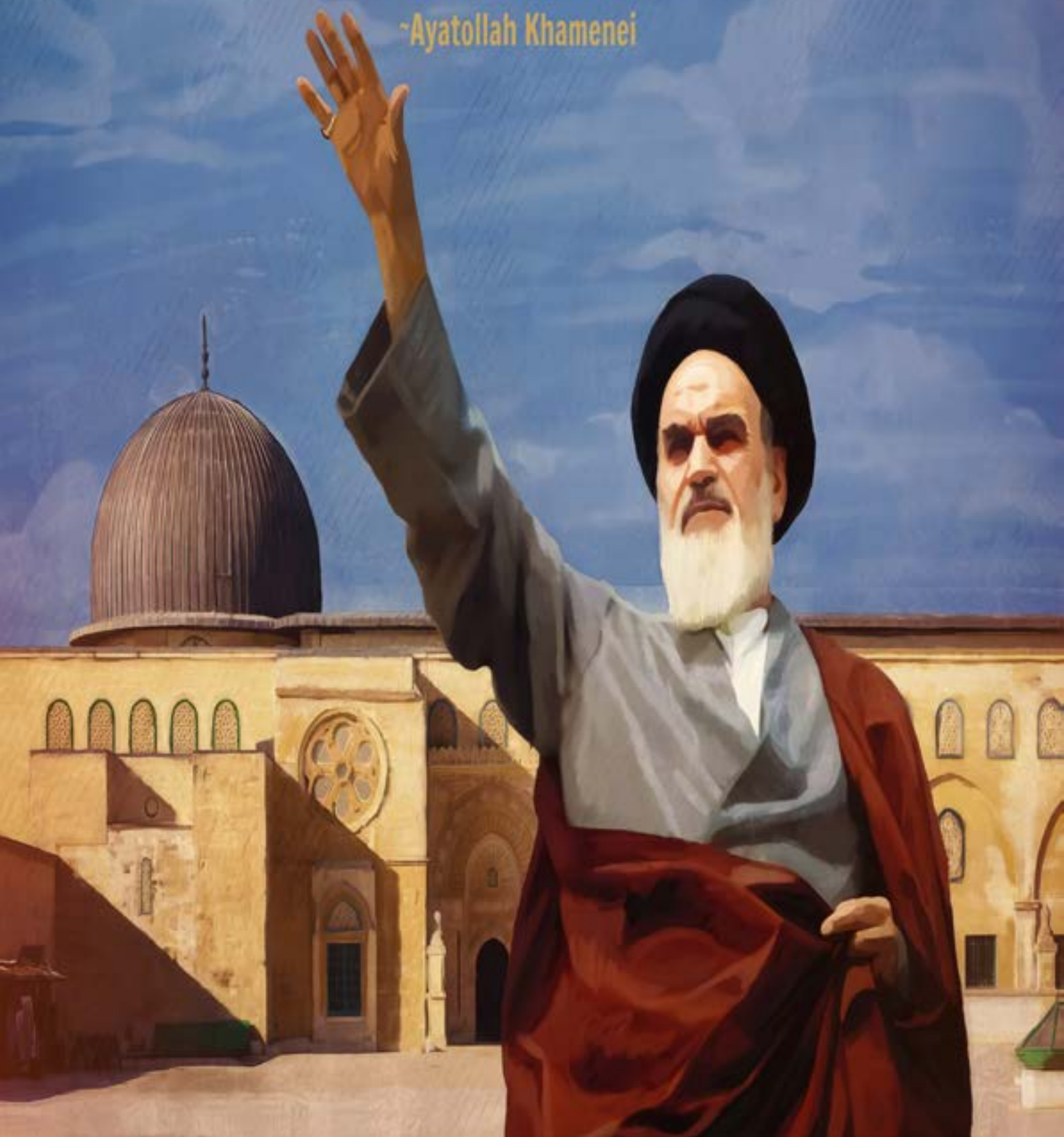


Imam Khomeini

NEVER GAVE UP ON DEFENDING THE OPPRESSED

for fear of global bullies. He emphatically cared for the rights of Palestinians and oppressed Muslims, around the world, in his will and testament.

-Ayatollah Khamenei



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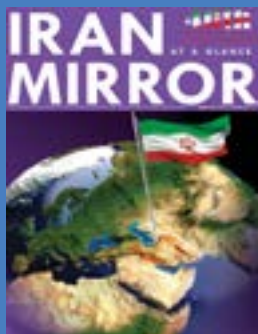


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Every February, Iranians around the world mark the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, which established the prototypical Islamic state of the modern era in Iran.

Undoubtedly, the Islamic revolution in Iran marked a significant chapter in the history of the 20th century and to this day continues to affect political processes in the region and worldwide.

Entering its 40th year, the fact that the Islamic Revolution and its fruit, the Islamic Republic, have survived all these years amid unrelenting hostility is in and of itself a great achievement. What is even more remarkable is that it has made enormous progress in many vital fields despite facing many challenges.

Despite suffering decades of sanctions, Islamic Iran has taken major strides in the fields of science and technology. It is not dependent on any country for its self-defense.

Iran is the only Muslim country in the world to have put a satellite into space. These are remarkable achievements by any standard and they are the direct result of the Islamic system in place in the Islamic Republic.

The 40th anniversary of the Islamic revolution should be considered as the peak of the Islamic Republic of Iran through the great revolution of Imam Khomeini

Iran is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, a living movement that is reinforced in spite of foreign attacks and financial sanctions, and the revolution has transferred Iranians to world leaders in a variety of technological and scientific fields, such as nano-technology and peaceful nuclear industry.

As the Supreme Leader of Iran Ayatollah Khamenei always say the pace of scientific movement in Iran should not slacken; instead it must be maintained and strengthened until the Islamic Republic reach the pinnacle.

He is very categorical urging the Iranian nation never to lag behind the rest of the world in the new sciences and technologies.

Iranian scientists, researchers, and scientific centers should trust Almighty

God and make unwavering efforts to maintain the country's scientific growth, particularly in the field of modern sciences, he always stress.

In this edition of our magazine we have compiled for you a comprehensive report, a research that was done by a group of students and Professors of Imam Hossein University in Iran that evaluates the progresses of the Islamic Republic of Iran in myriad scientific field. It gives the best ranks of Iran in International Statistics.

For instance, as reported by the World Bank, in the field of health and medicine, Iran has achieved astonishing growth and great improvements. Life expectancy has risen from 50 to 75 years. Before the revolution, of every one thousand children under 5, 185 died; however, thanks to medical advances in Iran, mortality rate of children under 5 dropped to 14.9 per 1000 births.

Furthermore, Iran has seen a rise in the number of specialist doctors. Before the revolution, it was impossible for the common people to pursue higher education, especially in medicine; only the aristocrats had the opportunity. There were only 5890 specialists across the country at that time. After the revolution, however, the number of medical specialists, in particular, female doctors rocketed and reached 36000.

Based on the World Bank reports, in 2009, Iran ranked 21 in terms of the quality and number of hospitals. In 2017, Iran was recognized as the second country of the world in controlling contagious diseases. Iran's status of sanitation and medical advances is so praiseworthy that the UNICEF has thanked Iran for its achievements

Finally, our dear reader, Iran is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, a living movement that is reinforced in spite of foreign attacks and financial sanctions, and the revolution has transferred Iranians to world leaders in a variety of technological and scientific fields, such as nano-technology and peaceful nuclear industry.

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Who is Imam Khomeini (r.a)



In the year 1902 a child was born in Iran who later on changed the destiny of a nation and that of the Muslim World by his divine uprising. He led a revolution against which the world's entire dominant powers and all enemies of freedom and nations' independence, lined up since its commencement.

That day no one knew that he would be the one whom the future will know as 'Imam Khomeini', one whose name will be heard in every spot of the world and will remain in history, one who, once began an uprising, will resist against the greatest world powers and defend the independence of the country and the dignity of the Islamic nation and will become the reviver of God's religion in an era when values have undergone a metamorphosis.

A Man for All Ages

The late Martyr Murtada Mutahhari, by way of depicting 'Ruhullah' [the spirit of God], says that he was the extract and digest of faith.

It was this very faith which, bravely and intuitively, spoke of the decline of Communism, and of the need of the contemporary critical world for gnostic spirituality, the spirituality which he himself was its actual personification

and crystallization.

The Islamic revolution under wise leadership of Imam Khomeini emerged at a time when supporters of the communism ruling over the eastern world in the 20th century considered religion as opium for the society and the countries of the western world considered religion as a failed entity in running the political and national affairs, while there was no stable Islamic system in vogue anywhere in the Muslim world and most of the countries were under the domination of the western powers or the Soviet Union.

Imam Khomeini, who himself was a distinguished Islamic scholar, proved through establishment of a democratic Islamic system that Islam can fulfill both the material and spiritual demands of the human beings and a government based on religion can run the national affairs and deal with the social issues in a much better way than the other systems of government.

Why did the imperialism fear from this old man?

He was the man who after centuries, like a spiritual leader and an internal guide for his era, called out to the new Caesars and Emperors to submit to the truth, the wonder of innateness and the conduct of love and faith.





Imam Khmeini (r.a) preparing tea in his home



Imam Khomeini with his granddaughter Naeimeh Eshraghi



Major Javad Fakori and Imam Khomeini (r.a) during an interview

The world has heard, and it will also hear, his voice. Tens of small and large countries in the world testify how great the holy voice of that old spiritual man in its effect was, and how blissful!

Why does a man reach to such a level?

Undoubtedly, the Imam enjoyed the flow of the holy

spirit of the Christ's breath, and thus he could breathe into the dead body of the new century the spirit of faith and love, and to historically carry out the desire of all the prophets.

This is why the Late Pope John Paul II had said: "We should respect and venerate Imam Khomeini for the things he did for his country and the world."

Why is it that during the revolution, all of Iran no matter old or young, religious or Marxist, and from all different ethnics, only and only saw one man in their perspective?

The Figure of this Age

It seemed that the whole history of a nation was summarized in this man. Somehow that in 1979 he became a figure, reflecting the needs of millions of people.

He used his strongest power against history in order to deny the empty-handedness of the spirit of the present era.

Perspective of a Nation

Bishop Capuche says: "Iran's victory against the world's greatest powers was due to Imam Khomeini's leadership and people's powerful faith."

It is these particularities which distinguishes Imam Khomeini's revolution from other contemporary revolutions.

The age of united disbelief is over, and now it is time for monotheism and a new era is starting. Imam Khomeini gave everything the color and smell of holiness. The earth got a heavenly appearance, and the soil got the color of the orbits.

World in Sorrow

On June 3rd 1989, he prepared himself to see one who he yielded to attract, his satisfaction in all his lifetime. He bowed nobody and cried for none except his beloved. Now this was the glorious time for him and an intolerable time for his disciples.

Nothing can describe what went on that day to the people. The glory of people's presence in January 1st, 1979 was again repeated with great intensity in the day of Imam Khomeini's death. As the world testifies the presence of almost 6 million people in 1979 when Imam was returning to Iran and a mass presence in Imam Khomeini's funeral ceremony of 9 million people.

As Bishop Capuche says: "Imam Khomeini was the father of the world's Weak and his absence is a great sorrow for the bereft of world."

Imam Khomeini's memory and mode became eternal since he was the actual real and the reality is always immortal and alive.

Ayatollah Khamenei - Imam Khomeini (r.a.) left a guideline for his Ummah with his words and deeds



Most of Iran consists of a youthful population were either born after he passed away or were young children at that time. But these faithful youth, living in various parts of the country, much that it's as

born after Imam Khomeini's blessed life had ended. They

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loved Imam and his memory so if they had been in his company

all along. As we say in Samaat prayers: "We rightly and sincerely put our faith in him without being able to see him." They enjoyed pure and sincere faith without

having been born during the Imam's lifetime and without having the opportunity to listen to his remarks: this is

not peculiar to our nation alone. In many parts of the world, as well as in Muslim countries, people have the

same feeling towards Imam Khomeini.

This reality is the result of two factors: one is the greatness of the Imam and the various aspects of his personality, which was unparalleled in recent and contemporary eras; the other factor is the greatness of this Revolution. It is the greatness of a deed that our magnanimous Imam accomplished in the present era by relying on his faith, acumen, and a strong determination. This deed was his initiation of the Islamic

Revolution and the establishment of the Islamic Republic. The greatness of this Revolution is indicative of our magnanimous Imam's

greatness.

Iran's Revolution was a divine

miracle. Imam Khomeini (r.a.) left a perpetual guideline for his Ummah -- our nation -- with his words and deeds: meaning that the words of Imam Khomeini (r.a.) guide us through all difficult stages of life, and his testament is one of the best and most influential moral legacies of his time. It is advisable that the people, the different officials, and all youth refer to his testament at different

times and reflect on it.

Let me refer to some of the points mentioned in Imam Khomeini's testament which is full of useful meaning. The first point is that Imam Khomeini (r.a.) insisted, in his testament, on the fact that the Islamic Revolution is a divine Revolution, and it is mainly based on the will of the people: the Islamic Revolution belongs to the people. This means that no individual, social class, or group can

and should claim to be the owner of this Revolution and consider others as a subsidiary. If anyone was to claim to be the owner of this Revolution, Imam Khomeini (r.a.) was the most suitable

person who was deserving of ownership. This Revolution was due to his determination and personality, but Imam Khomeini (r.a.) considers his own role as very little and considers the Revolution as a blessing from God.

This is a predominant theme in Imam Khomeini's (r.a.) statements, which has also been stressed and specified in his testament. Therefore, it is the people who are the owners of this Revolution. Protecting this divine gift is a duty that lies upon everyone's shoulders. The

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#Imam Khomeini

Imam Khomeini used to do everything for the sake of God. Since the beginning, he used to do whatever he thought was his divine responsibility. He did not spare any sacrifices on this path.

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people must consider themselves as the guardians of the Revolution. The identity and significance of the Revolution are due to its principals, orientations, and values. There have always been -- and there will always be -- some individuals who have tried to change the revolutionary ideas under the pretext that "conditions have changed." They have tried to separate the aspects related to religion and social justice from the Revolution. They have tried to make the Revolution devoid of its tendency to fight outsiders, hegemony, and autocracy.

They may step into the ring with various

motives and under various pretexts to change the revolutionary slogans and aspirations. The people have to be alert: they must know that this Revolution is alive due to its values. Being Islamic, adhering to religious principles, opposing hegemony and arrogance, and supporting the oppressed -- sincerely and openly -- all over the world, are the most essential values among the slogans written on the revolutionary flag. The fact that this Revolution belongs to the general public is one of the best tenets of the Revolution. In this regard, there is no discrimination in favour of a particular social class.

The second point is about a prophecy in the Imam's testament that the Revolution would spread to other places, and it will liberate the Muslim world from the clutches of colonialists.

That was a prediction that our magnanimous Imam had made. When we look at the reality on the ground, today, we see that his prediction has been fulfilled. In Imam Khomeini's (r.a.) opinion, the Revolution --

unlike other revolutions -- was not to be propagated by sowing the seeds of discord in other countries or by deploying military forces, or by spreading terrorism. Spreading the Revolution among other nations is to be realized through setting an example on the part of the Islamic Republic. In other words, the Iranian nation should help the Islamic Republic reach a point and a position that when other nations look to it, they are filled with enthusiasm and are encouraged to follow in its footsteps. Such an initiative is to occur through propagating Islamic teachings, through public support of the oppressed groups within the Muslim world, and through supporting the oppressed nations that have been downtrodden by

the oppressive, arrogant powers. That is what we mean by the spreading of Islamic rule, and it has already begun.

Today, other nations, throughout the world, have fixed their attention on the Iranian nation.

They are inspired and motivated by our nation. Today, the anti-domination principals of the Iranian nation have spread to all parts of the Muslim world. If you travel to different Muslim countries, you will notice that

their people have a high opinion of your beliefs, motives, and aspirations regardless of their governments. They admire our slogans against oppression, the snake-like Zionist network, and hegemony. They admire the chants that we shout in support of the oppressed and the Palestinian nation: this is what Muslim nations think. Their behaviour is indicative of the spread of an Islamic Revolution. As you can see, even our nation's views regarding nuclear energy -- the fact that the Iranian nation resisted the pressures of the enemies and asked for its right -- have been reflected in the Islamic world: in a way that resulted in Muslim and Arab countries declaring that nuclear energy has turned into a public

“ It's time for all caring Muslims, Christians & Jews to obey the prophets & truly honor Jesus' birthday by standing up against injustice.”



sense of urgency for all Arab countries.

Both the friends and foes of the Iranian nation admit that the prophecy of Imam Khomeini (r.a.) regarding the spread of the Revolution has been realized today, an instance of which is the Palestinian issue. Like the Iranian nation, all nations are sympathetic towards the Palestinian nation. Like the Iranian nation, all nations consider the "zionist" regime as an illegitimate and imposed power on the region.

Of course, many governments are not supportive of their nations: that idleness is exactly the element that strengthened "Zionists." The Zionist regime has no internal power to stand on its own feet. Today, there are two factors that have helped the Zionist regime to resist. One is the unconditional and shameless support of the Western powers for this degenerate regime, and the other is the lack of support for the Palestinian people on the part of the Arab and Muslim governments. Unfortunately, most of the Muslim governments do not carry out their responsibilities in favour of Palestine as they should, and they are not harmonious with their people.

The third prominent point -- which is important to our nation and youth -- in Imam Khomeini's (r.a.) testament, and in the statements that he made during the last 10 years of his blessed life, is that the Islamic Revolution helps our nation progress. The Islamic Revolution facilitates innovation, on part of the Iranian nation, which is the exact opposite of what the enemies of

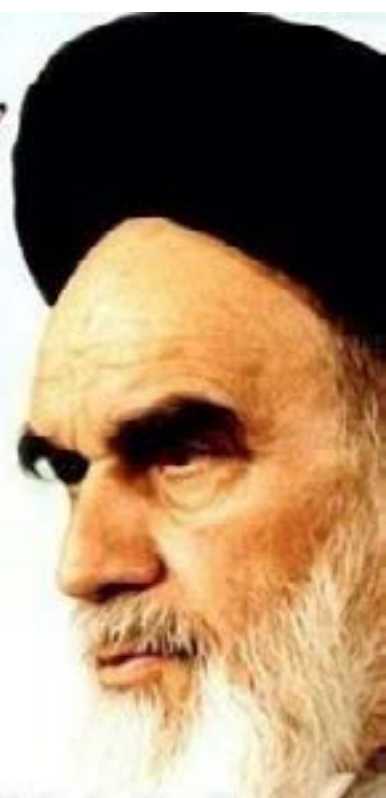
Islam have propagated for several consecutive years. The enemies of Islam assumed that being religious conflicts with progression. They assumed that if a nation wanted to achieve progress, it had to let go of religion and become completely westernized. --They tried for decades to instill this belief into the Iranian nation. From the beginning of the Revolution to the last day of his life -- and in his testament --- our magnanimous Imam used to emphasize the fact that the revolutionary spirit is the spirit of progress and innovation; that was what the Iranian nation experienced.

The Iranian nation believes in its capabilities today. The people are confident enough to enter scientific and political arenas. Whenever the Iranian nation has seriously entered an arena, it has managed to take the lead. Our status in scientific innovations, political power, and international grandeur is not comparable to the pre-Revolution era. The nation of this era has awoken: it has been revitalized: all due to the Revolution. The more this revolutionary spirit is revitalized, and the more dynamic it is, the more revitalized the spirit of innovation and creativity will be, just as the Revolution itself which was a great innovation.

*If Our Enemies besiege us Economically
we are the children of
"RAMADAN"
and if they besiege us Militarily we are
the children of
"ASHURA"*

~Imam Khomeini (ra)

امام خمینی



Islamic Revolution's Restoration of Women's Rights



Women make up half of the population of the country. They form the nucleus of the family. It is women who bring up children and help build a sound and healthy society. As a matter of fact, the soundness of a society depends on the virtue of women and their faith. In Iran, following the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (God bless his soul), restored to women their natural rights that were trampled by the British-installed Pahlavi regime and its imposition of the morally-lose western culture. Imam Khomeini said after the victory of the Islamic Revolution:

"Islam grants woman a say in all affairs, just as it grants man a say. Women from the Islamic point of view enjoy a dignified position; they have free will just as men have. God created them free beings and gave them dignity; He has laid down laws to prevent them from corruption which is for their benefit."

Among other injustices of the upstart and rootless Pahlavi clique was the violation of women's rights. Those

were the dark days in Iran's history when virtuous and veiled women were treated as law-breakers, and it was a fashion to insult one's own femininity by dressing immodestly and indulging in immoral ways -- a far cry from the constructive role designed by the Creator for women. Imam Khomeini's first sign of protest to this moral indignity was the following statement in *Kashf al-Asrâr* way back in the early 1940s.

"Of course, they regard the civilization and advancement of the country as dependent upon women's going (half) naked in the streets, or to quote their own idiotic words, turning half the population into workers by unveiling them."

In accordance with the dynamic shari'ah of Islam and the practical precedent set by the Ahl al-Bayt or Blessed Household of the Prophet, as was shown by his Immaculate Daughter, Fatema Zahra (peace upon her), Imam Khomeini freed Iranian women from the shackles of western-style corruption and created a worldwide impact for a return to innate feminine values. Thanks to

his liberating measures in Iran, Muslim women all over the world began to rediscover the freedom and virtues of the Hejab.

As oil-wealth and western experts brought vices and the vilification of women to the Iranian society, the people rose up against the Pahlaví regime, joined by the country's Muslim women. It was a normal sight in the events leading to the victory of the Islamic Revolution to see thousands of devoted and dedicated women clad in black veils marching along men in the streets to protest the violation of rights by the Pahlaví regime. In February 1978, after the suppression of the demonstrators by the regime's security forces, we see the Imam delivering a speech from exile in Najaf:

"Could any Muslim agree with this scandalous uncovering of women? The women of Iran have risen up against the Shah themselves and delivered a punch to his mouth with the cry: We don't want to be forced into immorality. We want to be free."

After the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, the women of Iran regained their denied rights. The freedom of the Hejab was back in vogue, and they started participating in all spheres of life, with a sense of honour and dignity. Gone were the days when publications of the regime ran columns against chastity and feminine virtues, under direct orders of the United States and in blind aping of the decadent western culture. The Founder of the

Islamic Republic, who put the Iranian women back on the pedestal of virtue, delivered the following speech to a group of women who called on him:

"Islam has a particular regard for women. Islam appeared in the Arabian Peninsula at a time when women had lost their dignity, and it raised them up and gave them back their pride. Islam made women equal with men. In fact, it shows a marked concern for women. In our revolutionary movement, women have likewise earned more credit than men, for it was the women who not only displayed courage themselves, but also reared men of courage. Like the Holy Qur'an itself, women have the function of rearing and training true men. If nations were deprived of courageous women to rear true men, they would decline and collapse."

Thanks to the vital step taken by the Late Imam Khomeini, today Iranian women enjoy all sorts of rights, protected by the freedom of the Hejab. This has annoyed the Godless societies of the West, and frustration they accuse Iran of violating women's rights. They attack the dignity of the Hejab and resort to preposterous lies by alleging that women are treated as second class citizens in Iran. This is far from the truth, when we see Iranian women active in all spheres of society, with their Hejab intact and their determination to protect feminine dignity through their campaign for materializing the fruits of the Islamic Revolution.



Iranian women played a pioneering role in 1979 Revolution: Ayatollah Khamenei



Rallies Held in Tehran in Celebration of Islamic Revolution Anniversary

Iranian women rose up at a time when only a few religious scholars and outstanding personalities were involved in the issue. They arranged a gathering and blocked the path of the ruler of the time. The ruler ran away from them and went into hiding in his palace. Later on the agents of the government beat them up.

Addressing women, Imam Khomeini (r.a.) would say, "You accepted that Women's Day should be the birthday anniversary of Fatima Zahra (s.a.) and this creates a responsibility for you." It was decided that Women's Day should fall on Fatima Zahra's (a.s.) birthday anniversary. What was the significance? It was a symbolic act. The meaning of the symbolic act is that women should move ahead on this straight path. And this path brings about

greatness and the highest positions for women. It is the path of piety, modesty and knowledge. It is the path of resistance in different arenas. It is the path of raising children, the path of family life. It is the path of all spiritual virtues and values. Women should move ahead in this direction.

Fortunately pious women have been pioneers in different arenas and in different events in our society, not just after the Revolution, but since a long time before the Revolution. Women were present in the arena before the intense political activities of the Constitutional movement had started. At a certain stage, these political activities were not very intense, but later on the activities intensified and everybody entered the arena. Iranian

women rose up at a time when only a few religious scholars and outstanding personalities were involved in the issue. They arranged a gathering and blocked the path of the ruler of the time. The ruler ran away from them and went into hiding in his palace.

Later on the agents of the government beat them up. They had entered the arena wearing a chador. They had entered the arena wearing Islamic-Iranian hijab. There were some people who thought that as long as women wore hijab and observed morality, they would not be able to enter different social and political arenas. In the case of the resistance that led to the Islamic Revolution, I know for a fact that in certain parts of the country our women entered the arena earlier than our men. They arranged street protests earlier than men. The same is true of different other events which took place after the victory of the Islamic Revolution and during the Sacred Defense Era.

I have pointed out on many occasions that in my meetings with the families of our martyrs I have often found mothers more courageous and more resistant than fathers. Motherly love cannot be compared with fatherly love. A mother with her delicate soul raises a child in the best way she can and then she decides to send him to the battlefield. And when her son is martyred and the body is returned to her, she does not even cry in order avoid making the enemies of the Islamic Republic happy. I have repeatedly asked the families of our martyrs to cry. I have told them that nothing is wrong with crying. But they would



not cry, saying that they were afraid the enemies of the Islamic Republic might become happy. This is how our women are. They passed the test.

Our women must stay present on the national scene

It is not possible to measure the importance of women's role (in society). I admit that our magnanimous Imam was the first person who understood this role. There were many other things that he understood, but we failed to understand the role of the people. He understood the importance of the role that the people could play, and this was at a

time when nobody else could understand the importance of such roles. There were certain luminaries who used to tell us, "Do you really think it is possible to make a big achievement by relying on the people?" They were

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so condescending that it sounded as if they were not speaking about human beings. But Imam Khomeini (r.a.) was different. He appreciated the role of the

people. He discovered the potential of the people and he called on them to take action. He became an influential figure because he was sincere, and because his words were coming out of his enlightened and pure



heart. Therefore, everybody stepped into the arena. When it was time to establish a committee, people from different social backgrounds signed up for the committee: students signed up; University professors signed up; seminarians signed up; high-level religious scholars signed up and ordinary people signed up. They all came and signed up for the committee. When it was time for the war, everybody went to the battlefield on Imam Khomeini's command. Towards the end of his life, when Imam Khomeini said everybody had a role to play in constructing the country, everybody entered the arena. The effect of his pioneering actions has continued into the present era. I believe, even today, whatever progress we make is because of Imam Khomeini. The people moved forward and the motivation is being passed down from generation to generation.

Imam Khomeini (r.a.) understood the importance in the role that women could play, otherwise there were certain luminaries, among our religious scholars, who had to be convinced it was necessary to let women take part in the demonstrations. They used to say that women should not take part in the demonstrations. Imam Khomeini's thought and determination served as a firm

pillar that people used to rely on in order to stand up against such views, views which used to be presented by important centers. God bless his soul until the end of time.

In any case, the role of women is a unique role. It is necessary to preserve this role, because it has a future. The Revolution is only thirty-two years old. Even a human being is considered young at the age of thirty-two, let alone a revolution. This divine system must persist hundreds of years from now. It is very young. Our women must stay present on the national scene: this is necessary for our future. Therefore, we must make efforts regarding the issue of women, and try to preserve the potential that exists in our society in this regard. This is the first reason why we must discuss the issue of women.



On the Occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Victory of the Islamic Revolution.

February 11, 2019

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and peace and greetings be upon our Master and Prophet, Ab-al-Qassem Al-Mustafa Muhammad, upon his pure and immaculate household, upon his chosen companions and upon those who follow them in charity until the Day of Judgment

Among all the nations suffering from oppression, few make an effort to launch a revolution; and among those nations that have risen and launched a revolution, few have been witnessed to have pursued it to the end, or moved beyond merely changing the government and

safeguarded their revolutionary values. However, the auspicious Revolution of the Iranian nation—which is the greatest and most popular revolution of the contemporary era—is the sole revolution that has persisted forty years of pride, saved from betrayal to its values, and it has preserved its dignity and original slogans against all the temptations which seemed irresistible; hence, entering the second phase of self-development, society-processing and civilization-building. Heartfelt salutations to this nation, the generation who initiated and continued [the movement] and the generation that currently steps into the magnificent and global phenomenon of the second forty years!

The day when the world was divided into the material



West and East, and no one presumed a major religious movement would emerge, the Islamic revolution of Iran stepped into the scene gloriously and mightily; it broke the frameworks; it flaunted to the world the outdatedness of the clichés; it put the religion and the material world together, and declared the coming of a new era. It was much expected that the leaders of deviation and oppression would react—but in vain. Whatever the right and left modernity did—from pretending to ignore this emerging and unprecedented voice to extensive efforts for suffocating it—just brought them closer to their indispensable demise. Today, after forty annual celebrations of the victory of the Revolution and forty Fajr ten-days, one of the two centers of animosity has already perished, and the second one is struggling with predicaments that signal its death in the near future. Whereas, the Islamic Revolution is advancing while preserving and adhering to its mottos.

It is possible to assume an expiry date for anything, yet, the global mottos of this religious revolution are exceptional; they will never expire, because they match human nature in all eras. Freedom, ethics, spirituality, justice, independence, dignity, rationality, brotherhood, are not limited to a single generation or society so that they would rise in a period and decline in the next. It is impossible to imagine a people who despise these

values. The reported cases of reluctance to these values were due to the officials who had shrunken from these religious values; and not due to their adherence to them and endeavors for achieving them.

The Islamic revolution—like a living and unwavering phenomenon—is always flexible and ready to correct its mistakes, but it is not revisionary or passive. It is positively sensitive to criticisms; it regards them as a divine blessing as well as a warning to those who do not act upon their words; yet it, by no means, takes distance from its values, which are blended with the religious faith of the people, thanks be to God. Since the establishment of the system, the Islamic revolution has never suffered from, and will never suffer from stagnation and recession, and it does not see any conflict and contradiction between revolutionary dynamism and political and social order; rather, it eternally defends the theory of the revolutionary system.

The Islamic Republic is not reactionary and it does not lack perception and understanding in face of new phenomena and situations; however, it strongly adheres to its principles and it is highly sensitive to its frontiers in relation to its rivals and enemies. It never imprecisely regards its principal lines and considers it important as why and how it would persist. Undoubtedly, the gap between the musts and the realities has always

tormented the idealist consciences; however, this gap is fillable, and in the past forty years it has been filled in many cases, and certainly in the future, with the presence of a young, faithful, wise and motivated generation, it will be filled more vigorously.

The Islamic Revolution of the Iranian nation has been mighty, but merciful; forgiving and even oppressed. It has not committed any of extremist and deviated acts that have marked many other uprisings and movements with stigma. In no conflicts—not even against the United States or Saddam Hussein—did it ever shoot the first bullet and, in all cases, it defended itself after the enemy's attack; of course, it blew the defensive strike vigorously. Since its inception, this Revolution has never been merciless nor has it ever shed blood; it has neither been passive nor hesitant. Standing assertively and courageously against bullies and thugs, it has defended the oppressed. This revolutionary bravery and gallantry, this honesty, assertiveness, and sovereignty; this global and regional realm of action in support of the oppressed of the world represent a source of pride for Iran and the Iranians, and may it persist eternally!

Now, at the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the Islamic Republic, I would like to address my dear young people: the generation who steps up to start another part of the Great Jihad [selfless endeavor] for building a great Islamic Iran. The first section of my address concerns the past.

Dear ones! You cannot learn but from your own experience or listening to the experiences of others. Many of what we have seen and experimented, your generation has not experienced and seen yet. We have

seen and you will see. The decades ahead are your decades, and it is you who should protect your revolution while you are qualified and full of motivation, and move it closer to its great ideal: that is, the emergence of a new Islamic civilization and the preparation for the rising of the great sun of wilayat (may our souls be sacrificed for him) [Imam Mahdi (a.s.)]. To take steady steps in the future, we need to develop a good knowledge of the past and learn from the experiences. If this strategy is neglected, lies will replace the truth, and the future will be menaced by unknown threats. The adversaries of the revolution are strongly motivated in their efforts to spread distortions and lies about the past and even the present, exploiting money and all the necessary tools for it. The bandits of thought, creed and awareness are ample; the truth cannot be heard from the enemy and its troops.

The Islamic Revolution and the establishment that rose from it started from scratch. Firstly, everything was against us: the corrupt regime of Taghut [Pahlavi tyranny]—which, in addition to its dependence and corruption, tyranny and being coup-based—was the first royal regime in Iran that was brought to power by the foreigners rather than by the force of sword; the government of the United States and some other Western governments; or the extremely chaotic situation inside Iran; and the shameful backwardness in science and technology, politics, spirituality, and any other virtue.

Secondly, there was no precedent experience before us and the path ahead of us had not been walked. Obviously, Marxist uprisings and the like could not represent a role model for a revolution that



emerged from the heart of Islamic faith and knowledge. Islamic revolutionaries began without an example and experience, and the combination of a republic and Islam and the means for the formation and progress of it were not achieved except through the divine guidance as well as the luminous heart and the great thought of Imam Khomeini. And this marked the first brilliance of the Revolution.

Then, the revolution of the Iranian nation transformed the bipolar world of that day into a three polar world, and then, with the fall and disappearance of the Soviet Union and its allies and the emergence of new poles of power, the new dichotomy of “Islam and the Arrogant Front” became a prominent phenomenon of the contemporary world and the focal point that is attracting the world’s attention. On the one hand, the aspirated look of the oppressed nations, freedom-seeking movements and some independence-seeking states of the world fixated on it; and on the other hand, it was screened by resentful and malicious eyes of the world’s bullying regimes and blackmailer thugs. Such, the world adopted a different orientation, and the seismic power of the Revolution shook the untroubled pharaohs. Hostilities began with all intensity; if it was not due to the magnificent power of the faith and the motivation of this nation and the heavenly and endorsed leadership of our imminent Imam, it was impossible to resist the hostility, conspiracy, and vice [directed at us].

In spite of all these onerous problems, the Islamic Republic took greater and stronger steps day after day. The past 40 years exhibited great jihads, brilliant achievements and amazing advances for Islamic Iran. The magnitude of the progress made by the Iranian nation in the last forty years is well-recognized when compared to similar spans following other major revolutions such as the French Revolution, the October Revolution of the Soviet Union and the Indian Revolution. The jihadi management strategies inspired by Islamic faith and the belief in the principle of “we can do it”—that Imam Khomeini (r.a.) had taught us all—assisted Iran in its achievement of dignity and progress on various areas.

The revolution put an end to a long historical decadence, and the country, which was severely humiliated and utterly retrograded during the Pahlavi and Qajar dynasties, started to progress rapidly. In its first step, the revolution turned the disgraceful regime of the tyrannical monarchy into a popular and democratic state, and employed the element of national determination—which is the essence of comprehensive and genuine progress—to the heart of the country’s governance; then, it turned the youth into the main

forerunners of the developments and the key players in the management of the country. It conveyed the “we can do it” spirit and belief to everyone; thanks to the enemies’ sanctions, it taught everyone to rely on domestic capacities, and this unfolded a source of great blessings:

Firstly: It guaranteed the stability and security of the country; the territorial integrity and the protection of the borders—which were targeted by the enemy’s serious threats—and gave rise to the miracle of victory in the eight-year war, leading to the defeat of the Ba’athist regime, and its American, European and Eastern supporters.

Secondly: It acted as the country’s engine in developing the field of science and technology, and in creating the vital, economic and constructional infrastructures which continue to grow more prevalent day by day: several thousands of knowledge enterprises; several thousands of infrastructure and necessary projects for the country in the areas of civil engineering and transportation, industry, power, mining, health care, agriculture and water; millions of university graduates or students; thousands of colleges and universities throughout the country; dozens of big projects, such as the nuclear fuel cycle, stem cells, nanotechnology, biotechnology, etc., all ranking among the top of the world; developing sixty times more non-oil exports and nearly ten times more industrial units. The quality of the industrial sector advanced tens of times more than before; the industry that only relied on assembling and montage was transformed into domestic technology; in various engineering disciplines including the defense industries visible prominence was observed; achievements were made in the critical fields of medicine and the position of authority in it; and dozens of other examples of progress are the outcomes of that morale as well as the social involvement and the collective feeling that the Revolution granted to the country. Before the revolution, Iran had zero production of science and technology; it had no capability in the industry except for assembling and no ability in science except for translation [of other works].

Thirdly: The Revolution has elevated to a culmination the popular participation in political matters such as elections, confronting internal seditions, turnout in national arenas and scenes involving the fight against the Arrogant Front. Regarding social matters, it boosted, for instance, humanitarian aids and engaging in charity activities that had begun before the Revolution. After the revolution, people eagerly partake in service-providing to those affected by natural disasters and social shortcomings.



Fourthly: It astonishingly enhanced the political acumen of the people and their view of international issues. The Revolution expanded beyond the limited number of isolation-seeking elites—often known as the enlightened—the political analysis and understanding of international issues on the matters such as crimes by the West and particularly the United States; the Palestinian cause and the historical oppression of the Palestinian nation; the issue of bullying powers' warmongering attitudes, vices, intrusions in other nations' affairs and the like. This type of intellectualism became widespread and available to the masses throughout the country and in all areas of life, and similar matters have become understandable and clear even for teenagers and children.

Fifthly: It distributed the country's public facilities in a manner closer to justice. If I —this very humble person—am not satisfied with the functioning of justice in the country, it is due to the fact that this lofty value should shine like a unique gem on the Islamic Republic, but it has not yet. However, my dissatisfaction should not be taken to mean that no work has been done for the establishment of justice. The reality is that the achievements made in combating injustice over the past four decades are not comparable to any other era in the past. During the regime of Taghut [tyrannical dynasties], most of the services and revenues of the country were available only to a small group of the residents of the capital city or their counterparts in other parts of the

country. The people in most cities, especially in remote areas and villages, were at the end of the list and often deprived of basic infrastructure and services.

The Islamic Republic has been one of the world's most successful governments in relocating its services and wealth from the center to all parts of the country, and from the affluent areas of the cities to the poor neighborhoods. The great statistics on building roads and housing construction; the establishment of industrial centers; the reformation of agricultural matters; distribution of electricity, water as well as building medical centers, universities, dams, and power plants and the like even to the most remote areas of the country, truly makes us proud. Certainly, all these efforts were neither reflected in the inefficient propagations of the officials of the Islamic Republic nor did the foreign and domestic malevolent enemies confess it. Yet, it is there and remains as good deeds of jihadi, sincere managers before God and for the sake of the people. Nevertheless, the notion of justice as expected by the Islamic Republic—that seeks to follow the role model of the government founded by Imam Ali (a.s.)—is far superior to that, and I look forward to seeing you, the young people, realizing it.

Sixthly: It significantly enhanced the level of spirituality and ethics in the public sphere of society. This auspicious phenomenon was particularly promoted due to Imam Khomeini's manners during the period of the fights leading to, as well as after, the victory of the

Revolution. That spiritual man and the mystic pure of material enticements headed a country the foundation of whose people's beliefs were deeply rooted. Although the propaganda promoting corruption and immorality during the Pahlavi era had stricken hard blows to the nation and had dragged the Western moral corruption into the lives of middle-class people—particularly the youth—the religious and ethical approach of the Islamic Republic attracted the bright and apt hearts, especially those of the young individuals, and the ambiance changed in the interest of religion and morality.

Strives by the young individuals in the face of hardships, including the Sacred Defense [against US-backed Saddam invasion of Iran], were accompanied by prayers and spirit of brotherhood and sacrifice, and reminiscent of the events that unfolded during the early history of Islam, exhibiting them live and vivid before everyone's eyes. Fathers, mothers, and wives bid farewells to their loved ones who set off for various fronts of jihad, motivated by a sense of religious duty; then, once they encountered their blood-soaked or wounded bodies, they accepted the calamity while they were grateful to God. Mosques and religious spaces became

unprecedentedly busy. Several thousands of young individuals, university students and professors, women and men were in the waiting list for performing l'tikaf. Several thousands of young volunteers were eager to join Jihadi [volunteering] camps, construction jihad, and the construction mobilization forces.

Prayers and Hajj pilgrimage, fasting and pilgrim walks and various religious ceremonies along with obligatory and non-obligatory donations flourished everywhere, especially among young people. To this day, this has become better in quality and larger in quantity. This has all happened at a time when the increasing moral decline of the West and its followers as well as their massive propaganda to drive men and women into corruption, has isolated morality and spirituality in the major parts of the world: this represents another miracle of the Revolution and the active and forward-looking Islamic system.

Seventhly: The magnificent and glorious epitome of rising up against the bullies, thugs and arrogant powers of the world—led by the criminal and warmongering U.S.A.—grew more prominent day after





day. During all these forty years, Iran and the Iranians—particularly the youth of this land—have been known as never surrendering and always safeguarding the Revolution, its divine magnificence and its pride against arrogant, haughty states. The hegemonic powers of the world—that have lived on trespassing the independence of other countries and plundering their vital interests in order to fulfill their evil intentions—have confessed to their weakness in the face of the Islamic and Revolutionary Iran. In the lively ambiance of the Revolution, the Iranian nation managed to first expel the puppets of the United States, the agents who betrayed the nation, and since then, the Iranian nation has vigorously prevented any domination over the country by bullying powers.

Dear young individuals! These are only a limited number of the major headlines in the forty-year history of the Islamic Revolution: the splendid, enduring and brilliant revolution that you, by God's Grace, should

take the second big step towards advancing it.

The fruit of the efforts made during the past forty years is before our eyes: an independent country and nation; free; powerful; dignified; faithful; advanced in science; full of valuable experiences; confident and hopeful; with essential impact on the region and a strong logic on global issues; with records in the growth rate of scientific advances, and in earning high ranks in important sciences and technology such as nuclear science, stem cells, nanoscience, aerospace and so forth; leading in expanding social services; excelling in promoting jihadi [volunteering] motivations among young people; leading in having an efficient young population and many other honor-winning features which are all the products of the Revolution and the result of taking the revolutionary and jihadi direction. You should know that if ignorance of the Revolution's mottos and negligence of the Revolutionary movement

had not occurred in some periods during the forty-year history of the Revolution—which unfortunately existed and were extremely detrimental—the Revolution's accomplishments would have gone far beyond what we witness today and the country would have been far ahead on the path towards the great ideals and many of the current problems would not have existed today.

Today, just like the first days after the Revolution, sovereign Iran faces challenges from the imperialists, arrogant powers; yet, there is a meaningful difference. If the challenges posed by the United States those days involved ending the intrusion by foreign agents or closing down the embassy of the Zionist regime in Tehran, or exposing the spy den [the former US embassy in Tehran], today, the challenges concern Iran's strong presence near the borders of the Zionist regime, putting an end to the United States' unlawful infiltration in the West Asia, the Islamic Republic's support for the Palestinian people's resistance at the heart of the Occupied Territories as well as defending the high flying flag of Hezbollah and the resistance throughout this region. If then the West's concern was to prevent Iran from buying basic weaponry, today, their concern is to prevent the transfer of advanced Iranian weapons to the Resistance forces. If on those days, the United

States presumed that the Islamic government and the Iranian nation could be vanquished with the help of a few Iranian sellouts and a small number of aircrafts and helicopters, today they feel they need a coalition of tens of hostile or daunted states to counter Iran on the political and security fronts; and yet, they fail. Thanks to the revolution, Iran today stands out at an elevated position, one that the Iranian nation deserves to enjoy in front of the world; and Iran has already passed the challenging twists on the path of resolving its fundamental issues.

However, the trail traveled so far is merely a portion of the glorious path towards the exalted ideals of the Islamic Republic. The continuation of this path—which is most probably not as demanding as the past—must be traveled with the willpower, vigilance, swiftness, and innovation of you, the young ones. Young managers, young executives, young thinkers, young activists in every field—ranging from politics, economy, culture, international relations, to religion, ethics, morality, and justice—should shoulder the responsibilities by making use of the experiences and the lessons learned in the past, applying the revolutionary view and the spirit of jihadi actions in order to build our dear Iran as a



comprehensive model of an advanced Islamic government.

An important point that needs to be considered by those who build the future is that we are living in a country which is distinctive in terms of natural and human resources. Yet, many of these resources have been left untapped or only slightly exploited due to negligence by the officials. Great endeavors, as well as revolutionary and youthful motivations, will be able to activate them, marking a real leap forward in the country's material and moral progress.

The most important aspiring potential in the country

products, add up to the enormous wealth of the country that cannot be compared to any material reserves.

In addition to the aforementioned assets, there is a long list of material opportunities for the country that can be activated and exploited by efficient, motivated and intelligent managers in order to significantly increase domestic production and make the country self-sufficient, wealthy and truly self-reliant, hence overcoming the current problems. Iran makes up 1% of the world population, however, it possesses 7% of the global natural resources: massive underground resources; special geographical position between the East and the West the North and the South; a major



is the potential and proficient human resource that enjoys a deep, noble foundation of faith and religion. The young population under 40—an important part of which is the result of a birth boom in the 80's—represents a valuable prospect for the country. Enjoying a population of 36 million people aged between 15 and 40; nearly 14 million people with higher education degrees; ranking the second in the world by the number of science and engineering graduates; numerous young individuals brought up with a revolutionary spirit and ready to work for the sake of God and for the love of their country; and large numbers of intellectual and investigating young individuals who are in the job of creating scientific, cultural, industrial and other types of

national market; vast regional market including 15 neighbors that constitute a population of 600 million; long coastal borders; fertile lands with a great variety of agricultural products; and vast and versatile economy are only some of the countries' potentials. Many potentials have been left untapped. It is said that Iran has the first place in the world in terms of unexploited natural and human resources. Without a doubt, you the faithful and active young ones can amend this great shortcoming. The second decade of the outlook must be dedicated to making use of the previous accomplishments and unexploited potentials, and the country's growth must be enhanced in different sectors including production and national economy.

Now, I would like to offer you my dear sons and daughters, some pieces of advice regarding a few essential topics. These topics include science and research; spirituality and morals; economy; justice and the fight against corruption; independence and liberty; national dignity, international relations, borderlines with the enemy, and lifestyle.

However, prior to any anything, my first advice concerns hopefulness and observing an optimistic outlook of the future. Without this fundamental key to any deadlock, not even one step can be taken forward. What I am referring to is authentic hope based on evident realities. I have always avoided false and deceiving

be the forerunners of breaking the siege of such propaganda. Grow the plant of hope for the future in yourself and those around you. Drive fear and disappointment away from yourself and others. This is your first and most fundamental Jihad to make. Signs of hope—some of which were mentioned—are before your eyes. The growth of the admirers of the Revolution has been far greater than that of outgoing fans, and loyal and helping hands and hearts are far more numerous than the corrupts, the traitors, and the greedy. The world has high regard and respect for the Iranian youth, Iranian's perseverance and ingenuity in



hopefulness, but I have also warned myself and others against unfounded pessimism and false fear. During these past 40 years, and today as ever, the enemy's propaganda and communication policy, as well as its most active programs, have revolved around making people and even our officials and statesmen lose their hope in the future. False news, biased analysis, reversing facts, concealing the hopeful aspects, amplifying small problems and berating or denying great advantages, have been constantly on the agenda of thousands of audio-visual and internet-based media by the enemies of the Iranian. And of course, their followers inside the country can be seen using the freedoms to work in the service of the enemy. You, the young individuals, must

many fields. Value yourself, and with the strength given by God, ascend towards the future and create epics.

As for the advice:

1) Science and research: science, is the most obvious instrument of dignity and power for a country. The other face of knowledge is ability. The west brought about 200 years of wealth, influence, and power for itself thanks to their advances in science, and despite their weak moral and ideological foundations, they could dominate societies left behind from the train of science, politics, and economy by imposing western lifestyle on them. We are not calling for the abuse of science like what the West did; however, we insist on the country's need to flow the fountains of science among ourselves.

Thank God, our nation's talent in acquiring science and research is higher than the world's average. The scientific uprising in the country that started almost two decades ago has been going on with a speed surprising for global observers, i.e. 11 times faster than the average pace of the world's scientific growth.

Our achievements in science and technology—that have put us in the 16th place among more than 200 countries in the world, have surprised world observers and in some sensitive and new fields has promoted us to the first ranks—happened while the country was under financial and scientific sanctions. In spite of having to

race—dealt us a heavy blow, keeping us miles behind this fast-moving train.

We have started the movement now and are going forward at full speed. But this fast-forward movements needs to preserve momentum for years to come, so that it can compensate for the regression. I have always warmly and firmly advised and warned and called upon the universities, the academics, the research centers and the researchers about this. However, now, I am asking all of you, the young individuals, to follow on this track with more sense of responsibility, considering it a Jihad. The foundation stone of a scientific revolution in the country has been laid, and this revolution has offered martyrs,



swim against the tide made by the enemy, we have made great records, and this is a great blessing, for which one needs to thank God day and night.

However, the point I am making is that this traveled path, despite its importance, has just been the beginning and nothing more than. We are still far behind the summits of the world's science. We need to reach the summits. We need to go beyond the current frontiers of science in the most important fields. We are still far behind from this stage. We started from scratch. The shameful scientific retrogression during the Pahlavi, and the Qajar—when the world had just started its scientific

including the martyred nuclear scientists, too. Rise up to defeat the malicious, spiteful enemy who strongly fears your scientific Jihad.

2) Spirituality and morals: Spirituality means emphasizing on spiritual values, such as sincerity, sacrifice, reliance on God, and faith in yourself and the society. Morals entail observing virtues such as benevolence, forgiveness, assisting the needy, truthfulness, courage, humbleness, self-confidence, and other good characteristics. Spirituality and morals guide every movement, individuals and social activities and represent the main need of the society. Their existence

makes life a paradise even in spite of material shortages, whereas their lack, even while materially rich, creates a hell.

The growth of spiritual perception and moral conscience in society brings about more blessings. This indeed requires Jihad and effort, and this Jihad and effort will not succeed much without the help of governments. Spirituality and morals, certainly will not be acquired through decrees and orders; hence, governments cannot create it using coercive force. However, primarily, they themselves need to observe moral and spiritual behavior. Secondly, they need to prepare the ground for the spread of those virtues in

have to be taken up wisely and thoroughly responsibly. Of course, this does not mean that non-governmental individuals and organizations have no responsibility. God willing, in the era ahead, overwhelming short and medium-term plans need to be devised and implemented about this matter.

3) Economy: Economy is a key defining point. A strong economy is the strong point and the important factor in blocking domination and infiltration; while a weak economy is the Achilles heel that prepares the ground for infiltration, domination, and intrusion by the enemies. Poverty and affluence affect the materialistic



society and assist and provide a realm of influence to the social organizations in this regard. They need to fight in a rational manner against centers of anti-spirituality and anti-morality and prevent the evil ones from pulling others down with them by force or deception.

Advanced and pervasive means of communication have provided centers of anti-spirituality and anti-morality with a very dangerous facility, and now we are witnessing the enemies' ever-increasing assault on the pure hearts of the youth, teenagers, and even children by employing these means. Liable government entities have great responsibilities in this regard that

and spiritual aspects of human beings. Economy, of course, is not an ideal of the Islamic society. Rather, it is a means without which one would not be able to fulfill the ideals. Insistence on reinforcing the country's independent economy that is based on mass and quality production, justice-based distribution, reasonable and waste-free consumption, and wise managerial relations—which I have repeatedly insisted upon time and again in recent years—are due to the incredible impact economy can have on the society's current and future life.

The Islamic Revolution showed us the way out of the weak, dependent and corrupt economy of the Pahlavi

era. However, feeble performances have posed internal and external challenges to the country's economy. The external challenges include the enemy's sanctions and temptations that would be rendered less effective or even ineffective if the internal challenges are resolved. The internal challenges consist of structural defects and managerial weaknesses.

The main defects include economic reliance on oil; government interference in sectors of the economy that do not fit into the sphere of government's responsibilities; relying on imports rather than domestic strength and potentials; very limited exploitation of

becoming productive and knowledge-based, making the economy popular, avoiding authoritarian government oversight, and extroversion using aforementioned potentials are among important examples of these solutions. A young, wise, faithful and knowledgeable committee of economy experts inside the government can undoubtedly accomplish these aims. The times ahead must be employed for action by the committee.

The beloved young individuals across the nation should know that all solutions lie within the country. Assuming that 'economic problems are merely the result of sanctions and sanctions are because of resistance against imperialism and not submitting to the enemy, so



the country's human resources potentials; defective and unbalanced budgeting; and finally lack of consistency in executive economic policies, disrespecting priorities and excessive and even wasteful expenses in parts of state organizations. The result is problems in people's livelihoods including the high rate of unemployment among the youth, low income of lower classes, etc.

The solution to these problems lies in the strong, responsible and lively implementation of the policies delineated by the Economy of Resistance that need to be outlined, followed up and acted upon by administrations. The country's economic intra-production,

the solution is to kneel before the enemy and kiss the wolf's paw' is an unforgivable mistake. This completely false analysis—although sometimes emitted from the mouths and pens of some ignorant individuals inside the country—has its roots in foreign think tanks and conspirers who intend to induce them in policy makers, decision makers, and the general public inside the country.

4) Justice and fight against corruption:

These two virtues necessitate each other. Economic, moral, and political corruption are like tumors in the body of countries and governments; if found in

the body of a system of governance, they would constitute a devastating quake and a heavy blow to their legitimacy. And for an establishment like the Islamic Republic—that requires beyond the common legitimacy and social acceptance—, this is far more serious and fundamental than for any other systems. The temptations of wealth, power and rank weakened some, even in the most resembling of all governments to Imam Ali's governance; i.e. Amir Al-Mu'minin's own government. Thus, the hazard posed by the emergence of such a threat in the Islamic Republic—whose officials once competed each other in Revolutionary piety, and maintaining a simple lifestyle—has never been and

Islamic Republic. Everybody must beware of the evil of greed, and avoid illegitimate earnings, and supplicate to God to help them in this regard.

Supervising and governmental organizations must prevent corruption from being conceived and fight its spread with sincerity and sensitivity. This fight needs faithful men ready for Jihad, who are dignified and have pure [financial] records and bright hearts. This fight is an effective part of an all-around effort that the Islamic Republic must put in to establish justice.

Justice has been among the primary ideals pursued



still is not far from probable. This makes the constant presence of an efficient organization, with sharp eyes and decisive actions within the three branches of powers (executive, legislature, judiciary) necessary, in order to truly fight corruption, especially in governmental bodies.

Of course, the proportion of corrupt individuals among the officials of the Islamic Republic is much smaller than that of many other countries, and particularly to that of the Pahlavi regime—which was totally corrupt and encouraged corruption—and thanks be to God, the agents of this system have mostly stayed clean from it; however, even the slightest corruption is unacceptable. Everyone must know that economic transparency is the precondition for the legitimacy for all officials of the

by all prophets, and in the Islamic Republic, it has equal status and value. This is a sacred word for all times and in all lands and would not be completely established unless under the governance of Imam Mahdi (may our spirits be sacrificed for him). However, it is relatively always and everywhere possible, and it is a duty to be carried out by anyone, especially the rulers and the powerful. The Islamic Republic has taken major steps in this way, examples of which have been briefly mentioned above. Of course, more works need to be done to explain and describe the efforts made in this regard, and the conspiracy by the enemies of the Revolution aimed at twisting the reality, or at least remaining silent and concealing [the truth] must be nullified.

Regardless, I am clearly telling the beloved young people that the future of the country awaits, that what has been done until now stands at a huge distance from what must have been done. In the Islamic Republic, the official's hearts must constantly beat for eliminating the deprivations and they must be seriously fearful of deep class struggles. In the Islamic Republic, not only seeking wealth is not a crime, it is actually encouraged. However, discrimination in the distribution of public resources and granting special privileges, and tolerating economic cheaters—all of which result in injustice—are strictly forbidden. Moreover, ignoring classes in need of support is never acceptable.

These words have been frequently repeated in the form of policies and laws, but for a proper implementation, we place our hope in the young people [to do it]; and if the leadership of the various sectors of the country is entrusted to young, revolutionary, wise and competent young people—who are not few in numbers, thanks be to God—this hope will be fulfilled; God willing.

5) Independence and Freedom: National Independence means the freedom of the nation and the state from the imposition and bullying of the domineering powers of the world. And social freedom means the right for every member of the society to decide, act and think; both of which are Islamic values; they are divine gifts bestowed upon humans, and none of them is a gift to be offered to the people by the state.

Governments are obliged to provide the two abovementioned rights. The importance of freedom and independence is well-known by those who have fought for it. The Iranian nation is among them, thanks to the forty-year jihad. The current independence and freedom of the Islamic Iran were achieved by the blood of hundreds of thousands of honorable, brave and self-sacrificing human beings; often young, but all in the high ranks of humanity. This fruit of the pure tree of the Revolution cannot be put at risk by naive and sometimes biased justifications. All, especially the government of the Islamic Republic, are obligated to do their utmost to protect it. Obviously, “independence” should not be defined as the confinement of the politics and the economy of the country within its borders, and “freedom” should not be defined in opposition to divine ethics, law, values and public rights.

6) National dignity, foreign relations, defining borderlines in relations with the enemy: The three are branches of the principle of “dignity, wisdom, and expediency” in international relations. The global scene today witnesses a phenomena that are unfolding or will unfold in the near future: the new dynamism of the Islamic

Awakening Movement based on the model of resistance to the U.S. and Zionists' domination; the failure of US policies in the West Asian region and the defeat of their traitorous allies in the region; the expansion of the powerful political presence of the Islamic Republic of Iran in West Asia, and its wide-ranging reflection across the world of domineering powers. These are examples of the reputation of the Islamic republic, which were not achieved except by means of the courage and wisdom of the jihadi [selflessly striving] managers.

The leaders of the domineering system are worried; their proposals generally involve deception and lies. Today, the Iranian nation, in addition to the criminal regime of the United States, regards a number of European governments as deceiving and unreliable. The Islamic Republic of Iran must prudently observe its boundaries with them; it should not retreat from its revolutionary and national values; it should not be scared by their void threats; and at all times, it should consider the dignity of the country and try to wisely, prudently and of course with a revolutionary standpoint settle the solvable problems it has in relations with them. In the case of the United States, no problem with them is seen to be resolved, and any negotiation with the U.S. will have no outcome but material and spiritual harms.

7) Lifestyle: There are many necessary points to make in this regard. I will leave it to another opportunity, and I suffice to mention that, the West's attempts to promote the Western lifestyle in Iran has caused a lot of irreversible moral, economic, religious and political detriments to our country and our nation. Countering them requires a comprehensive and intelligent jihad that again here you, the young individuals, are expected to carry out.

Finally, I would like to thank the enthusiastic, proud and enemy-repelling presence of our dear nation on the Bahman 22nd [February 11] demonstration, marking the fortieth anniversary of the great Islamic Revolution and I thank the Almighty God for it.

Peace be upon our Imam Mahdi (a.s.)—may our souls be sacrificed for him—; peace be upon the pure souls of the honorable martyrs and the pure soul of Imam Khomeini (r.a.), and peace be upon all the dear people of Iran and special greetings be to the young Iranians.

Keeping you in my prayers,

Sayyid Ali Khamenei
February 11, 2019

STATISTICS ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN IRAN SINCE 1979

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IRAN:

- It is the **fifth** richest country in the world in the volume of **natural resources**¹.
(Oil, gas, coal, jungles and wood, gold, silver, copper, uranium, pig iron, phosphate, etc.)
- It has one percent of the world's population while **more than seven percent** of the world's **mineral resources**².
- It is the **fourth** richest country in the world in the volume of **fossil fuel reserves**³.



References: 1.Wall Street Journal|2.Financial Tribune|3. The World Bank



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IRAN:

- It has the **fourth** rank in **oil reserves** and the **second** rank in **natural gas reserves**¹.
- It is the **tenth** richest country in the world in the volume of **iron ore reserves**².



References: 1. The CIA World Factbook | 2. The United States Geological Survey

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IRAN:

It is the **twentieth** richest country in the world
in the volume of **gold and foreign currencies reserves**.



References: The CIA World Factbook

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IRAN:

It has more than 30 million **labor forces** and is the **twenty second** country of the world in this regard.



References: The CIA World Factbook | 2018

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IRAN:

It is the **eighteenth most-populous** country of the world.

Population Range	Number of Countries
million 120 More than	11
million 120 to 80 Between	8
million 80 to 40 Between	16
million 40 to 20 Between	24
million 20 Less than	175



References: Worldometers | 2018



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IRAN:

- It is the **seventh** country of the world considering the **water areas**¹.
- It is the **thirteenth** country of the world in **biodiversity**².
- It is the **eighteenth** country of the world considering the **land area**³.



References 1. The CIA World Factbook | 2. Nation Master | 3. The World Bank

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IRAN:

It is the **ninth** country in the world considering the number of published books annually.



References: The United Nations | 2010

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IRAN:

It is the **tenth** country in the world considering **the budget of education** as a percentage of the government total budget.



References: The World Bank | 2013

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Tfte STEM Graduates

The Countries With The Most STEM Graduates
Recent graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (2016)



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- Iran ranks **fifth** in the world considering the number of graduates in four fields of **Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)**
- STEM is commonly used when addressing educational policies and choosing school curricula to improve competition in the development of science and technology.

References: Statista Source quoted from the World Economic Forum | 2016

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IRAN, the First Rank in the World in Literacy Development

- From 1976 to 2014, Iran had the **first** rank of **literacy development** among adults over 15 years old in the world.
- The percentage of the Iranian literate population over 15 years old was %37 in 1979 and it became %85 in 2014 which means the growth rate was almost **3 times more** than the global growth rate.



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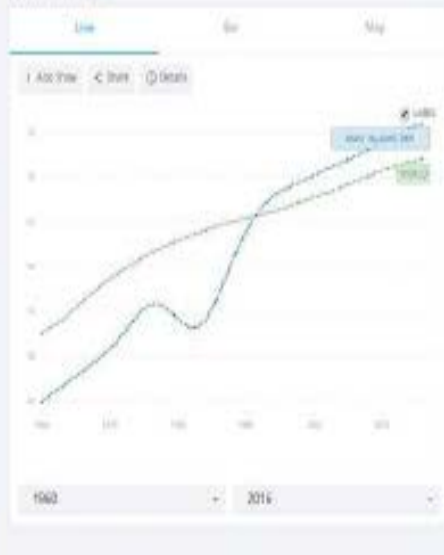


Life Expectancy at Birth

Life expectancy at birth, total (years)

(1) United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects, 2017 Revision, all values from male and female life expectancy at birth from 1950 to 2016; and (2) United Nations and other statistical publications from national statistical offices; (3) European, Demographic Statistics; (4) United Nations Statistical Division, Population and Vital Statistics Reports (series A); (5) U.S. Census Bureau; (6) International Statistical Yearbook; and (7) Government of the Pacific Community, Statistics and Demography Programme.

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- Life expectancy at birth in Iran in 1979: **55 Years**
- Life expectancy at birth in Iran in 2016: **76 Years**
- Iran ranks tenth** in the **life expectancy growth** from 1979 to 2016.



References: The World Bank | 2016

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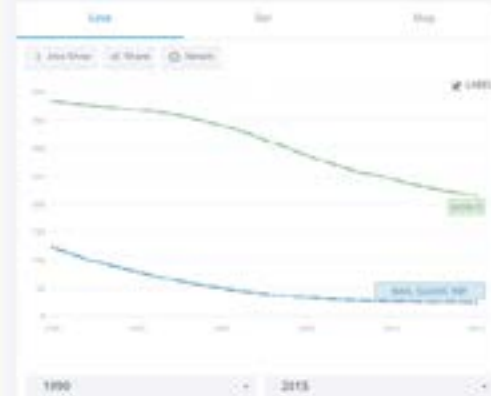
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Life Expectancy at Birth

- Number of deaths in 1990: 2,016 infants
- Number of deaths in 2015: 25 infants
- Iran ranks eleven in the infant mortality rate from 1990 to 2015.

Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate, per 100,000 live births)

WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and the United Nations Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990 to 2015, Geneva: World Health Organization, 2015.
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References The World Bank | 2016

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Health

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Suicide:

- Ranks 164 among 183 countries
- Among 20 countries with the lowest suicide rate
- Among 10 countries with the lowest suicide rate (male)
- (The Europe has the highest suicide rate)



References The World Health Organization | 2017

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Alcohol Use • Ranks 183 among 183 countries
Death Rate: • Ranks first in the lowest alcohol death rate



References: The World Health Organization | 2017

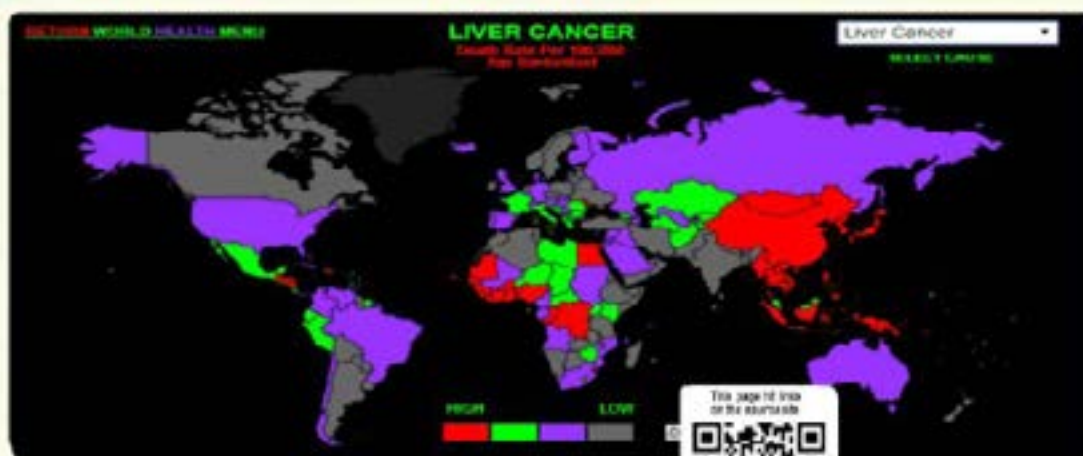
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Liver Cancer: • Ranks 166 among 183 countries
 • Ranks 18 in the lowest liver cancer death rate



References: The World Health Organization | 2017

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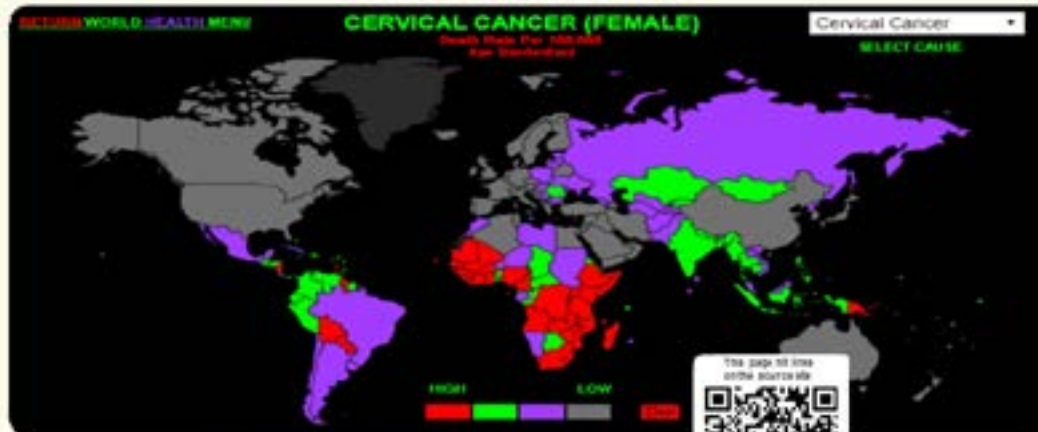
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Cervical Cancer:

- Ranks 174 among 183 countries
- Ranks 10 in the lowest liver cancer death rate



References: The World Health Organization | 2017

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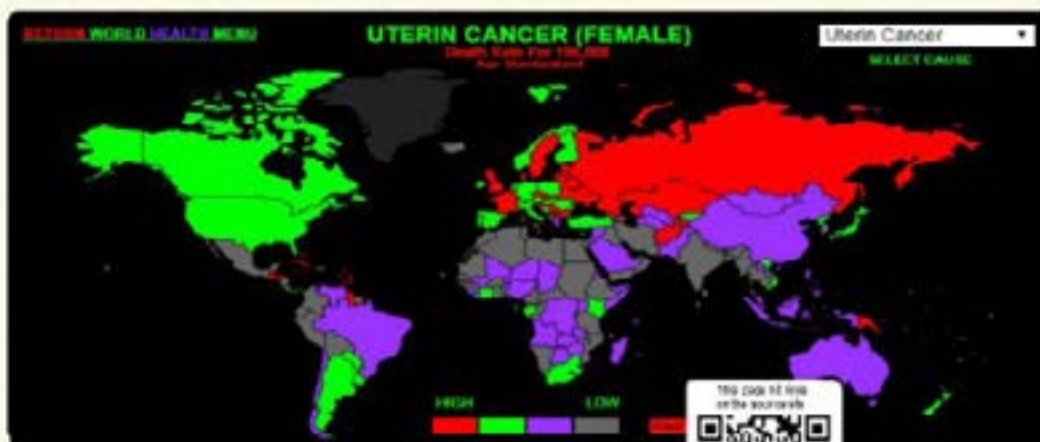
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Uterine Cancer:

- Ranks 170 among 183 countries
- Ranks 14 in the lowest liver cancer death rate



References: The World Health Organization | 2017

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] Cereal [

- Cereals are plants from the **family of gramineae**.
- Wheat, rye, and barley are the cool-season cereals and warm-season cereals are rice, corn, sorghum and millet.
- Today, about **70 percent** of the one million hectares cultivated lands worldwide is dedicated to cereals.
- Approximately **half of the human nutritional needs**, especially in Asia, is directly provided through cereals.

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IRAN,

is the **twenty second** country of the world in **producing cereals** and
it is the **fifth** country of the world in **developing** the production of
cereals from 1990 to 2010.



References: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | 2010



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IRAN,

is the **fifteenth** country of the world in producing **wheat and barley**
and it is the **twenty first** country of the world in producing **rice**.



References: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | 2017



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IRAN,

Iran ranks **fifth** in the world considering the **total area of agricultural lands**.



References: CIA World Factbook | 2018



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IRAN,

Iran ranks **fifteen** in the world considering the **amount of land irrigation per capita**.



References: Nationmaster | 2003



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IRAN,

Iran ranks **twenty one** in the world considering the total number of **agricultural machinery**.



References The World Bank | 2000

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IRAN,

Iran ranks **eighteen** in the world considering the **agricultural permanent products**.



References Nationmaster | 2000

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In producing **one third of the** global agricultural products, **Iran** is among **the top twenty** countries.

Iran is the second date producer, the second pistachio producer, the third apricot producer, the third cherry producer, the third peanut producer, the third walnut producer, the third watermelon producer, the fourth fig producer, the fourth kiwi producer, the fourth cucumber producer, the fourth quince producer, the fifth citrus producer, the fifth eggplant producer, the fifth vegetable producer, the seventh tomato producer, and the ninth grape producer.



References Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | 2017



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IRAN,

The thirteenth rank in exporting natural gas | The second rank in natural gas reserves | The third rank in natural gas producing



References: CIA World Factbook | 2018



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IRAN,

- The **fourth** rank in the **proved oil reserves**
- The **seventh** rank in **producing oil**
- The **sixteenth** rank in **exporting oil**



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IRAN,

- The **seventeenth** global rank in **producing electrical power**
- The **twenty second** global rank in **exporting electrical power**



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IRAN,

• The **fourteenth** global rank in **producing gasoline**



References Indexmundi | 2017

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Plaster production:

The **third** global rank¹



Copper production:

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Iron ore production:

The **tenth** global rank¹



Zinc production:

The **sixteenth** global rank²



Turquoise production:

The **first** global rank³



References: 1. The United States Geological Survey (2017) | 2. Indexmundi (2017) | 3. Financial Tribune (2016)



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IRAN ranks **thirteenth** in producing the strategic product, **STEEL**

• **Steel** is a strategic product and is globally known as a **key industry** and it is an important and role-playing product in industrial development and progress of countries. **After oil and gas, this product is the second most-traded product in the world.**

• According to the World Steel Association statistics, **less than 70 countries produce steel** and those unable to produce their own needs to this product should ignore their development and remain dependant to the steel producing countries.

• **IRAN** ranks **thirteenth** globally in exporting steel.

• After the Islamic Revolution, producing steel in Iran has been **18 times more than the global rate** and this shows a significant growth in producing this strategic product.



References: World Steel Association | 2017



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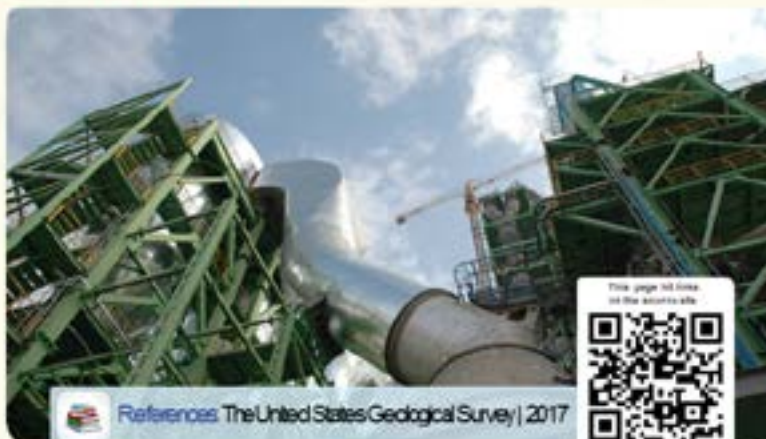
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IRAN ranks eleventh in producing CEMENT

- Cement industry as a basic industry plays an important role in the development of economic infrastructure for each country.
- This product fulfils the basic needs of structural activities.
- In 2017 IRAN ranked eleventh globally in producing cement.



References The United States Geological Survey | 2017

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IRAN ranks first globally in exporting CEMENT

The Advantages of Iranian Cement Industry:

- Mineral reserves are extensively spread throughout the country in a way that made it possible to produce cement in almost all parts of Iran (Transportation of cement is hard and a considerable part of its final price is dedicated to transportation.)
- The availability of numerous energy resources (Cement production is an energy-consuming industry.)
- Iran is located among a number of countries which are the biggest cement importers.
- Considering the technology, 80% of the technical equipment and engineering knowledge for producing cement is available domestically.



References Francial Tribune | 2014

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IRAN ranks twentieth in producing ALUMINUM

- After iron, aluminum is the second mostly-used metal and is important to almost all sections of industries.
- Aluminum is widely used in transportation, packaging, construction, producing electrical equipment, and power lines industries.
- In 2014, IRAN ranked twentieth globally in producing aluminum.



References British Geological Survey | 2017



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According to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) statistics (2018)



Iranian **aerospace safety industry** ranks **twenty second** among 185 countries in the world.



According to the International Organization of Automobile Manufacturers statistics (2017)



Iran ranks **sixteenth** globally in **producing cars.**

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[Communication Technology: The Number of Internet Users]

Having more than 56 million internet users,
IRAN ranks **17th** in the world.



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References: Internet WorldStat | 2018

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[Communication Technology: The Availability of Mobile Phones]

Having more than 74 million mobile phone owners, IRAN ranks **20th** in the world.



References: CIA World Factbook | 2017

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[Nano Technology]

IRAN is the **sixth** leading country in the world in nanotechnology productions.

Top 20 countries in publication of nanotechnology articles in 2016

Rank	Country	Nano-articles	Share (%)
1	China	47,455	34.51
2	USA	22,337	16.26
3	India	11,066	8.05
4	South Korea	8,386	6.1
5	Germany	7,963	5.79
6	Iran	7,583	5.52
7	Japan	6,952	5.06
8	France	5,313	
9	UK	5,030	
10	Spain	4,178	

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References: Web of Science (WoS) | 2016

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[Space Technology]

IRAN is an emerging power in space technology and it ranks **tenth** in designing, manufacturing and launching satellites.



References: Iranproject | 2015



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[Nuclear Technology]

• **IRAN is one of the 9 countries** in the world which benefits from the **full nuclear fuel cycle**, including Uranium exploration, extraction, yellowcake production and changing it into UF₆ gas for producing fuel and fuel complexes.

• **IRAN is among 13 countries** which have the **Uranium enrichment technology**.

Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Iran, Japan, Netherlands, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Britain and the US are the countries with the knowledge of Uranium enrichment.



References: wise-uranium.org | 2018

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[Stem Cell Technology]

IRAN ranks second among the most developed countries in the field of stem cells.

1		United States
2		Iran
3		South Korea
4		Australia
5		China
6		Spain
7		Israel
8		India
9		Canada
10		Germany
11		Malaysia
12		Panama
13		United Kingdom
14		Hong Kong

Stem Cell Research In Iran

Iran ranks second in the list of countries where stem cell research is popular. Stem cell research in Iran began on a high note after the respected leader **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei** gave the green light on that kind of research in 2002. Unlike the US which debated on the use of human embryos in stem cell research, Iran did not encounter such hindrances. Therefore, Iran has been able to achieve a lot of progress in the field in the 14 years it has been engaged in the research. Royan Institute located in the Iranian city of Tehran is the leading center in Stem Cell research in the country. Iran has so far had 65 clinical trials of stem cell research.



References: ClinicalTrials.gov | 2017

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[Biotechnology]

In 2017, IRAN ranked **13th** globally and 1st regionally in biotechnological products.



References SCImago | 2017

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[Gross Domestic Product (GDP) based on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)]

•In order to assess the economic performance of countries and compare it to others, an economic index should be chosen. **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** is a widely used index for measuring the volume of an economy. It shows the total value of the governmental and private sector economic activities over a specific period of time, e.g. a year.

•**Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)** is a type of exchange rate which is defined as the **ratio of the price of two equal market baskets in two countries based on their national currencies**.

•One of the most famous indices used by the economists to calculate PPP is **Big Mac Index** because this hamburger is served in many countries worldwide with almost the same quality. Let's presume that an American consumer should pay USD 2 for a Big Mac and a British consumer should pay GBP 1.5 for it. The ratio of GBP 1.5 to USD 2 will be 0.75. Compared to the USD to GBP exchange rate which is 0.62, 0.75 is bigger and this means that Big Mac in Britain is more expensive than the US.

If we wish to decide only based on the Big Mac Index, we should conclude that American people have a higher PPP than British people, competitiveness power of the American economy is higher than the British economy and living standard in the US is higher than Britain.

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Gross Domestic Product (GDP) based on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)



World Bank Statistics (2016)

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1	China	11	Mexico
2	USA	12	Italy
3	India	13	Turkey
4	Japan	14	South Korea
5	Germany	15	Saudi Arabia
6	Russia	16	Spain
7	Indonesia	17	Canada
8	Brazil	18	Iran
9	Britain	19	Australia
10	France	20	Thailand



International Monetary Fund Statistics (2017)

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3	India	13	Turkey
4	Japan	14	South Korea
5	Germany	15	Saudi Arabia
6	Russia	16	Spain
7	Brazil	17	Canada
8	Indonesia	18	Iran
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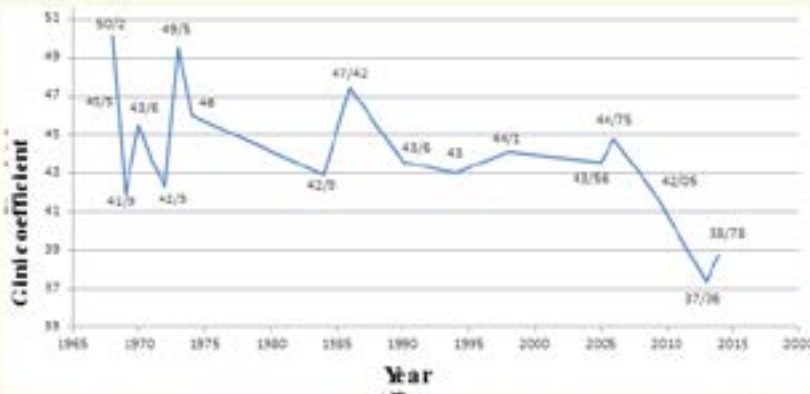
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Decreasing Trend of the Gini Coefficient after the Islamic Revolution



Gini coefficient is used to measure whether the development of a country in terms of growth in producing goods and expanding services has in fact increased the **welfare** and **decreased the social gap** or not, therefore **governments try to decrease the Gini coefficient**.



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[IRAN ranks seventh in tourist attraction growths]



IRAN ranks seventh in tourist attraction highest growths (from 1990 to 2018) and in 2018, 32.9 times more annual tourists visit Iran than in 1990.



References: Daily Telegraph quoting from the World Tourism Organization | 2018

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[Market Size*]

*According to the statistics by the World Economic Forum in 2016, IRAN ranked nineteenth regarding the market size.

*The market size index includes three sub-indices:

1. **Domestic Market Size:** The total GDP plus the value of all goods and services imported and minus the value of all goods and services exported which is from 1 to 7 (the best).
2. **Foreign Market Size:** Based on the PPP in billion USD.
3. **Export** as a percentage of the GDP.



References: The World Economic Forum | 2016

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[International Rankings of Iran in Team Sports]



References: International Ranking for each Sport on the Latest International Event

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[Achievements in Disabled Sport]



- * First rank in the world sitting volleyball – Men (2018)
- * Fifth rank in the world sitting volleyball – Women (2018)
- * Fourth rank in the world wheelchair basketball (2018)
- * Fifteenth rank in Paralympics (2016)
- * First rank in 10-meter air pistol women team
- * Siamand Rahman as the world most powerful disabled man

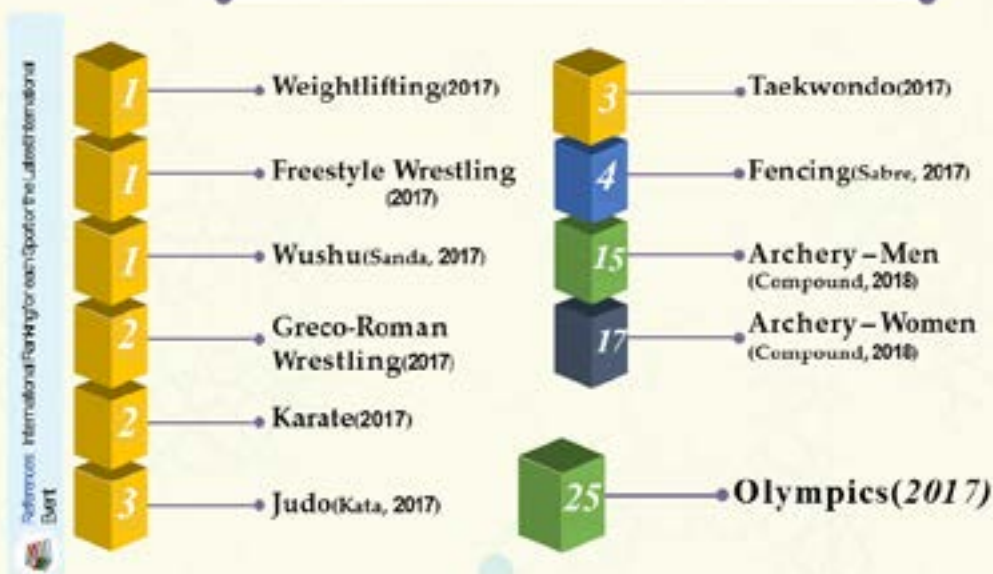
References: International Ranking for each Sport on the Latest International Event

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[International Rankings of Iran in Team Sports]



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[Ranking of the World Military Powers]

- The criterion for ranking the world military powers is **Global Firepower (GFP) index** which is published annually on www.globalfirepower.com.
- In this website, indices such available **weaponry**, **variety of weaponry**, the **military forces**, **geographical locations**, **logistics capacity**, available **natural resources** and conditions of **domestic military industries** are considered.
- The website states that **in cases where official statistics are not available** (e.g. some information about North Korea), it has **estimated** a number of the amounts.



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- Final ranking is prepared based on **8 main indices** and 55 sub-indices related to the military power of countries.



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1 United States

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: North America, NATO, Asialat

2 Russia

Period: 2015, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Eastern Europe, Asia

3 China

Period: 2012, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Asia

4 India

Period: 2017, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Asia

5 France

Period: 2012, GFP Affiliates: Europe, NATO, European Union

6 United Kingdom

Period: 2017, GFP Affiliates: Europe, NATO, European Union

7 South Korea

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Asia

8 Japan

Period: 2017, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Asia

9 Turkey

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Middle East, NATO, Turkey, Asia

10 Germany

Period: 2015, GFP Affiliates: Europe, NATO, European Union

11 Italy

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Europe, NATO, European Union

12 Egypt

Period: 2015, GFP Affiliates: Africa, Middle East

13 Iran

Period: 2017, GFP Affiliates: Middle East, Asia

14 Brazil

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: South America, Latin America

15 Indonesia

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Southeast Asia

16 Israel

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Middle East, Asia

17 Pakistan

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Asia

18 North Korea

Period: 2015, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Asia

19 Spain

Period: 2015, GFP Affiliates: Europe, NATO, European Union

20 Vietnam

Period: 2016, GFP Affiliates: Asialat, Southeast Asia

20 Top Military Powers in the World by GFP (137–2018 Countries)

IRAN, the **thirteenth** military
power in the world

Note:

Iran's rank is **regardless of the
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[Why the quantity of scientific articles and documents are the reference for development?]



- 1. Currently they are **the only available source** for assessing the scientific conditions of countries.
- 2. Any increase in the scientific documents of a country **shows scientific dynamism and movement** in that country.
- 3. References to the Iran's scientific conditions made by the **Supreme Leader** are based on the scientific documents.
- 4. In most countries, these documents and articles will soon convert into technology and products (there is a direct link between leadership in producing articles and leadership in **technology**).



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[SCImago Ranking System]

•**SCImago** Ranking System is performed by a research group under the same title at the **University of Granada**, Spain and it assesses and ranks the higher education institutes of different countries which are listed in **Scopus** database based on the number of scientific articles and the number of citations they receive. This ranking is one of the newest and most comprehensive research ranking systems used for universities and research institutes worldwide.

Country	Documents	Citable documents	Citations	Self Citations	Citations per Document	Country
1 United States	1103640	857942	26761265	122881807	24.25	2077
2 China	312324	302379	2424698	2189134	7.84	712
3 United Kingdom	318076	278897	8492154	1278004	27.84	1361
4 Germany	278008	266028	5483470	11548168	19.89	1131
5 Japan	257941	247745	2462962	1542734	15.38	825

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[IRAN'S Rank in the Number of Articles]

First rank by Iran in the region (2017)

Country	Scientific Documents
1 Iran	54388
2 Turkey	42405
3 Saudi Arabia	20644
4 Israel	20391
5 Egypt	18030

Sixteenth rank by Iran in the world (2017)

Country	Scientific Documents
14 Brazil	73697
15 Netherlands	57503
16 Iran	54388
17 Switzerland	45532
18 Poland	44692

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References: SCImago Journal & Country Rank | 2017

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[IRAN's Rank in the Number of Articles Citations]

First rank by Iran in the region (2017)

Country	Citations
1  Iran	28813
2  Saudi Arabia	18564
3  Turkey	15242
4  Israel	15120
5  Egypt	9182

Sixteenth rank by Iran in the world (2017)

Country	Citations
15  Sweden	33053
16  Brazil	30544
17  Iran	28813
18  Belgium	28363
19  Russian Federation	25830

References: SCImago Journal & Country Rank | 2017



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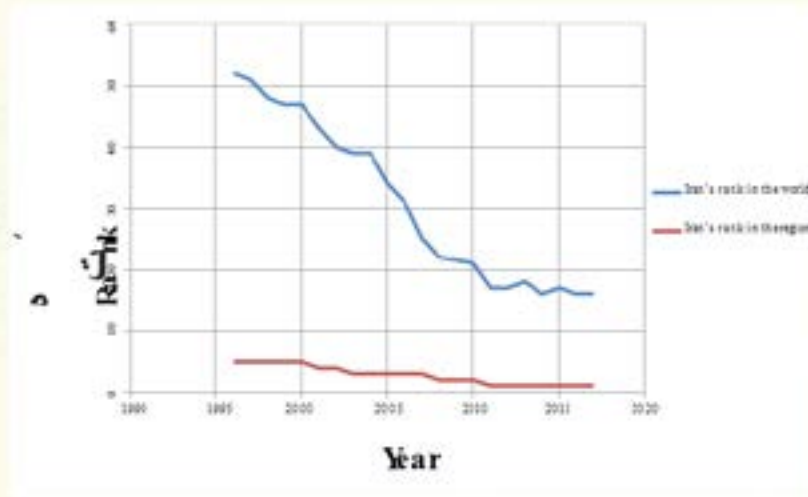
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[The Diagram Depicting the Iran's Scientific Status from 1996 to 2017]



References: SCImago Journal & Country Rank | 2017



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[New Scientist Journal]



•New Scientist is a renowned international weekly scientific journal published in **Britain** since **1956**. Its headquarters is in London and it is distributed in Britain, US and Australia.

•New Scientist publishes **statistical reports on the scientific developments** in different countries.

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[Speed of Scientific Growth in Iran]

•Based on the 2010 report by New Scientist:

•**IRAN** had the fastest scientific growth rate in the world.

•**IRAN** was the leading country in the world in scientific products.

•Scientific growth rate in **IRAN** was **11 times more than the world average rate.**

•In order to preserve the **validity** of its report, New Scientist has used **the statistics and figures available in the Web of Science.**

New Scientist

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DAILY NEWS 11 February 2010

Iran showing fastest scientific growth of any country

By Deborah MacKenzie



It might be the Chinese year of the tiger, but scientifically, 2010 is looking like Iran's year.

Scientific output has grown 11 times faster in Iran than the world average, faster than any other country. A survey of the number of scientific publications listed in the Web of Science database shows that growth is the Middle East's.

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References New Scientist | 2010



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[IRAN has had the first rank worldwide in the Human Development Index growth in the past 4 decades]

- Human development report is one of the most important and reliable socio-economic reports in the world published annually by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In this report, the Human Development Index (HDI) is measured based on criteria such as life expectancy, quality of the educational system, real income and national per capita income.
- All socio-economic indices are considered in measuring this index; in other words, this is one of the most comprehensive criterion for comparing development in countries and all governments and scientific and research institutes refer to this index as a main criterion for comparing different countries.
- Based on the UN Human Development Report, from 1980 to 2016, Iran has had the highest growth in the human development worldwide.

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References: The United Nations | 2016

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[Hudson]

• The **Hudson** Institute, founded in 1961, is a research think tank seeking to analyze the behaviors and policies of the world big powers.

• This institute is committed to conduct modern research and analysis which would promote “**global security, welfare and freedom**”.

• Precise **predictions about the future of countries** have made this institute as a reliable international counselor to different countries.

• Some of the effective factors on Hudson ranking:

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1. **International Allies** 2. **Economic Conditions** 3. **Political Influence**



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[The 8 Great Powers of the World Chosen by Hudson]

Hudson Institute



Walter Russell Mead
Distinguished Fellow

The Eight Great Powers of 2016:
Iran Joins the Club

Walter Russell Mead & Harry Zieve
Cohen

1. The US
2. China
3. Japan
4. Germany
5. Russia
6. India
7. **IRAN** and Saudi



References: Hudson



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[U.S. News]

• **U.S. News** ranks the best countries of **2018** by the help of Y & R global marketing communications company, BAV Group (BAV assesses the specifications of commercial brands and the criteria which lead to the market success) and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania which is based on a survey asking 21,000 individuals from 4 regions to evaluate countries.

• **Power** ranking is based on the average scores in the 5 specifications: **Leadership, Effective Economic Influence, Political Influence, Powerful International Alliances, Powerful Military Forces**



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Iran is the thirteenth world top power according to the U.S. News (2018)

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| 1. The US | 8. Israel |
| 2. Russia | 9. Saudi Arabia |
| 3. China | 10. UAE |
| 4. Germany | 11. South Korea |
| 5. Britain | 12. Canada |
| 6. France | 13. IRAN |
| 7. Japan | |

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Iran, once the heart of the great Persian Empire, sits in southwestern Asia, bordered to its east by Afghanistan and to its west by Iraq. Iran has one of the largest economies in the Mideast.

\$393.4 billion GDP | 80.3 million POPULATION | \$19,256 GDP PER CAPITA, 2018

References: U.S. News

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American Interest

- The **American Interest** journal was established in 2005 with the management of **Francis Fukuyama**.
- This journal focuses on **foreign policy, international affairs, global economy and military affairs**.
- Two effective factors on the American Interest ranking:
 1. **Penetration and Influence** on other Countries
 2. **Defensive and Missile Power**



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In 2016, Russia surpassed Germany, and Israel joined the list for the first time.

7. Iran

The proxy wars between Saudi Arabia and Iran continued unabated throughout 2016, and as we enter the new year Iran has undoubtedly taken the lead. Saudi Arabia remains a formidable power, but it was Iran that pulled ahead in the last 12 months.

Throughout 2016, Iranian proxies were on the march across the Middle East, and the Shi'a Crescent seemed closer to reality than ever before. In Lebanon, Tehran rejoiced at the growing clout of Hezbollah and the election of Shi'a-friendly Michel Aoun, while the Saudis bitterly cut off aid in a sign of their diminishing influence in Beirut. And in Syria, Shiite militias helped to retake Aleppo and turn the tide for Assad. Iran was also gaining ground in Iraq, more disquieting than all this, from the Saudi perspective, were developments in Yemen. Iran-backed Houthi rebels took the fight to the Saudi-backed government in a war that has already claimed 10,000 lives.

1. The US
2. China
3. Japan
4. Russia
5. Germany
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7. **IRAN**
8. Saudi

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1. Internet World States

•The first website in the areas of **international Internet usage statistics**, electronic business market research, domestic marketing news, travel statistics, world population and **world telecommunications information**.

•By visiting this website, you can find statistical information on the use of the Internet and population statistics **for more than 233 countries** and regions around the world, which is consisted of various periodical studies and official records of the member states.



This reference is used in "Technology" section.

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2. CIA World Factbook

•CIA World Factbook is a reference book published **annually by the CIA** and contains various information about different countries. This reference is available on a website which is updated **weekly**.

• This collection contains a **two or three-page summary of demographics, communications, government, economics and military status of**



•The first classified version of the Factbook was published in August 1962, and the first non-classified version was published in June 1971.

•The World Factbook was first publicly released in 1975 and was uploaded on the Internet in late 1994. Each month its website has an average of **6 million visitors**.



This reference is used in "Agriculture | Energy | Technology" section.

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3. World Steel Association

•The World Steel Association is an international nonprofit organization that is recognized as **the world's largest steel industry trade association** and is involved in the **introduction of the largest steel and iron ore producers**.

•The World Steel Association began its activity in **1967**, and now **its member companies account for 85% of the global steel production capacity**.

•The World Steel Association headquarters is located in **Brussels, Belgium**. Currently, **more than 150 steel companies** from all over the world are members of this association, while **the primary prerequisite for membership in this association is having a production capacity of 2 million tons per year**. The World Steel Association annually ranks the world's largest steel companies based on production.

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4. World Bank

- The World Bank was established at the end of World War II and in response to the needs of many European and Asian countries **to finance for the reconstruction of their countries.**
- The Bank emerged from the Bretton Woods Agreement in 1994 and succeeded in **providing funds to the countries that were destroyed in the war.**
- World Bank executives believe that today the World Bank acts as an international organization that **tries to fight poverty by helping middle-income and poor countries.**



WORLD BANK GROUP



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5. Web of Science Database

- The Web of Science is a scientific citation index **created by Thomson Reuters** and provides comprehensive citation search.
- The type of literature indexed in it includes: scientific **books, publications, research papers** and so on. However, it should be noted that over %80 of the resources are covered by scientific journals.



This reference is used in "Technology" section.

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6. World Health Organization (WHO)

- One of the specialized agencies of the United Nations that plays the role of an organizing authority on the health of the global community.
- Founded in Geneva (Switzerland) on April 1948, the WHO constitution aims to provide people with the highest possible levels of health. The main task of WHO is fighting against diseases, especially communicable diseases and general health promotion for the people of the world.



World Health Organization



This reference is used in "Health" section.

References

7. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

- ICAO is a United Nations specialized agency. ICAO's mission is to coordinate the international standards for flying and airline management worldwide.
- ICAO was founded under the Chicago Convention and many countries around the world have joined it.
- The permanent ICAO headquarters is in Montreal, Canada, but it can be temporarily transferred to another location.



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8. International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

- International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA – French abbreviation) was established in **1919** in **Paris**, France.
- Itisaninternationaltradeassociationwhosemembersare**39nationalautomobile tradeassociations**.
- The overall goals of the organization are: **defending the interests of vehicle manufacturers and assemblers**.



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9. International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

- The UNWTO which is located in **Madrid, Spain** is an agency of the **UN** which conducts researches on tourism and publishes annually reports.



This reference is used in "Economy" section.

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10. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

•FAO is an international organization active in the field of **agricultural development**; it was founded in **1945** by **44 UN member states**.

•This organization helps the developing countries through the FAO Center and through a global network of over 90 administrations to **expand and modernize agriculture, forestry, fisheries and the provision of appropriate food for all**.

•The goal of this organization is to **raise the standards of living and improve the nutrition of the people of the world, to distribute food in different parts of the world and to establish food security**.

Fighting malnutrition by providing the necessary information to different countries is another goal of the FAO, which has increased agricultural productivity and nutrition levels in the world.

•The headquarters of this organization is located in **Rome, Italy**.



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
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11. The United States Geological Survey

•The US Geological Survey (USGS) is a **governmental agency affiliated with the United States government**, which, in addition to **mapping and performing geological studies**, **explores natural resources and natural disasters** as well as other tasks of the organization.

•The organization employs **biologists, geographers, geologists, and hydrologists**.

•The US Geological Survey is a research organization with no legislative or regulatory responsibilities. It is a **subsidiary of the US Department of the Interior**, with its headquarters in **Reston, Virginia**.



This reference is used in "Industry" section.

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12. British Geological Survey

•British Geological Survey (BGS) is a publicly funded organization with the aim of promoting geological knowledge about British lands through systemic monitoring and research.

•The current motto of the BGS: A Gate to the Earth.



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13. United Nations

•An international organization founded in 1945 and replaced the League of Nations.

•The organization was founded by 51 countries and in 2011 it had 193 member states.

•Its members include almost all internationally recognized independent countries.

•The United Nations headquarters is in New York and member states and affiliated organization each year hold regular meetings and make decisions on international affairs and related administrative affairs.



This reference is used in "Agriculture|Energy|Technology|Human Development" section.

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