



***Imam Khomeini and the
35th Victory Anniversary
of the Islamic Revolution of Iran***



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12th of Bahman 1357AHS

- A group known as “combatant commanders to defend constitution” contacted Associated Press News Agency claiming that if Ayatollah Khomeini intended to fly from Paris to Tehran, the airplane carrying him would be targeted and shot down.
- Air France did not agree to fly Imam from Paris to Tehran due to posing dangers unless some wealthy Iranians paid all expenses of insurances.
- The Air France airplane carrying Imam Khomeini and his associates took off at 05.30 A.M from Charles De Gol Airport under a thick security cover of 5000 security personnel. They were monitoring all ways leading to the airport.
- The airplane carrying Imam Khomeini was late for half an hour and finally landed at 9.27 A.M in Tehran.
- Imam Khomeini had returned to country after years of exile and was widely welcomed by masses. Millions of people had formed chain from the airport to Behesht Zahra cemetery on outskirts of Tehran. This all reflected the masses’ devotion towards their leader. The people had cleaned and washed the capital’s streets prior to entrance of Imam. The route through which Imam’s convoy was passing had also been decorated with flowers.
- With entrance of Imam to the airport Saloon, the whole space was filled with the voices and slogans of “The God is great’. The school children performed a famous song known as ‘Khomeini, o, Imam’ had triggered tears of joy from eyes of receivers.



- Imam Khomeini expressed his thanks for all strata immediately after his arrival at the airport, and he mentioned the flee of Shah and his arrival as a first step towards victory.

- Imam arrived at sector No. 17 located in Behesht-e-Zahra cemetery at 2 P. M. First of all the verses of Quran were recited at the stage and then the sweet and serious sound of Imam filled the atmosphere. Imam delivered a historic speech saying that “I will appoint the government with support of the nation. It is because the nation has given me this mandate to do so...”



13th of Bahman 1357AHS

- Imam Khomeini delivered a brief speech at Alavi Seminary, saying that “the monarchy system from very beginning had been founded on irrational root and each nation should take destiny in its own hands”.
- While delivering a speech to air forces’ personnel and pilots, Imam issued a warning against the Bakhtiar regime to relinquish power.
- According to Associated Press, Bakhtiar said the supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini can shout, roar and commit insults. This all prove nothing. The rumor that some millions people had come to receive the Aytollah in Tehran, it is an exaggeration. However he went onto say that he was fond of holding a meeting with the Imam.
- Associated Press said that the military chiefs have announced that if Ayatollah violates the constitution, they will take necessary steps.
- Radio Moscow: The Iranian students residing the United States had held protest in front of the White House to slam the Washington interference in Iran’s internal affairs
- Accroding to Tas News Agency, Ayatollah Khomeini’s return had made the struggle enter into a final and fateful phase.

14th of Bahman 1357AHS

- From early hours of dawn, large crowds of devotees had filled the streets and main roads leading to Alawi seminary. Imam also ensured his presence at the seminary and responded to feelings of masses
- Imam Khomeini while delivering a speech at Behesht-e-Zahra seminary, announced that the administration of Bakhtiar was illegal and said that he would form an Islamic government based on divine decrees and people's vote. The Revolution council was assigned to form a transition government. On the morning of 14th of Bahman, the council held a meeting to choose a caretaker prime minister. After discussions and debates, Engineer Mehdi Bazargan was chosen as caretaker premier of the transition government.
- Bakhtiar said in an interview that sometimes the patience is the best tactic and if Ayatollah Khomeini wants to establish a government similar to Vatican in the city of Qom, he will allow him to do so.
- Bakhtiar announced that he will accept Ayatollah Khomeini's role in settling the social and religious issues.
- Prime Minister's office personnel announced their solidarity with the Revolution Council.
- Imam was informed about the council decision on caretaker premier. The council once again held a meeting in presence of Imam. After discussion and debate, Imam agreed to assign Mahdi Bazagan as caretaker primer.



15th of Bahman 1357AHS

- While delivering a speech, Imam Khomeini called the young people to continue with their protest rallies.
- Following the recommendation by the Revolution council, Imam assigned Mahdi Bazargan through a decree to form a caretaker government.
- Shahpur Bakhtiar said in an interview that the doors of dialogue were open for Ayatollah. The Islamic Republic is unknown to mem, Bakhtiar said he will not conspire either with Shah or Ayatollah Khomeini and will not allow him to form a transition government. Those who are after waging a civil war would come under barrage of fire.

- A senior military officer in London said that only mutual understanding between the army and the religious leaders would solve the crisis

16th of Bahman 1357AHS

- Imam Khomeini assigned Premier Bazargan to hold a referendum which aimed at changing the system into the Islamic Republic, the formation of the assembly of experts so it can pass a basic constitution, holding of parliamentary elections in accordance with the constitution, and pick up its cabinet members without considering their party associations. The text of Imam's decree says based on the suggestion by the Revolution Council, the divine right and public mandate which manifested during welcome rallies by the masses, I assign you to form the government.
- Bakhtiar said following the election of Bazargan that only my government would exist and rule.
- 28 deputies of parliament tendered their resignation
- Ayatollah Golpaigani in a message to army demanded the senior army commanders to avoid any confrontation with the Islamic Revolution
- The members of the Revolution Council including Ayatollah Dr. Beheshti, Ayatollah Mothahari and Engineer Bazargan made constant contacts with the senior army commanders and generals in order to convince them to stand by the nation without committing any bloodshed. The people carrying flowers went to receive the commanders.

17th of Bahman 1357AHS

- The Tuesday Morning, the roar of warplanes could be heard throughout the Tehran sky.
- The parliament passed two drafts , one of them aimed at dissolving Savak, the Shah-era spy agency while the other facilitated the detention of former ministers prior to 1341 who had violated the law.
- Bakhtiar told a session of parliament that it would be okay if caretaker government remained a joke. However, he vowed to confront if they boosted their activities.
- Following Imam's recommendation, massive rallies in favor of Bazargan government were held across the country.
- The Russian media welcomed the premiership of Bazargan.
- The oil prices were doubled in the world market.
- General Hazer left Iran.

18th of Bahman 1357AHS

- Bazargan temporarily set aside the leadership of the Freedom Movement party and shifted to Alawi Seminary along with basic essentials. He announced that he will not reside in prime minister's house and instead chose to live at the Imam's headquarters.
- Shah in an interview with a European Magazine still called himself as king and chief of the army staff.
- The US foreign ministry announced that it still officially recognizes the Bakhtiar Regime. However, the spokesman for the Whitehouse said that Bakhtiar must observe the views and stance of majority.



19th of Bahman 1357AHS

- Following a call by the Combatant clergy party and other political groups, massive protest rallies were held across the country.
- They chanted slogans in favor of the Bazargan government. A seven-clause charter was also declared at the end of massive rallies and was widely supported by the masses. In this way, Engineer Bazargan government was endorsed up and got mandate of the public.
- Several hundreds of senior commanders of the army and Air Force went to Alawi Seminary and announced their support for Imam and declared their allegiance for the Islamic cause.
- Imam urged all strata to support the caretaker government and sounded last warning to remnants of the Shah regime.
- Bakhtiar said in an interview that he had stood against Hitler, Reza Shah and will continue its resistance against Ayatollah Khomeini and Bazargan as well.



20th of Bahman 1357AHS

- Engineer Bazargan, Imam's-backed premier announced his government manifesto during a speech in Tehran University.
- The mass media announced that it would broadcast the movie and images of Imam's return to the country.
- The mass media first broadcast the rally held by supporters of Shah in Amjadiah sport complex.
- A constant sound of firing and shelling drew people in east of Tehran on streets. The people first thought that Imam's headquarters had come under attack. Then they noticed that there was a kind of fighting or firing within the military base and this news was spread quickly via telephones and other sources of commutations.
- The Doushan military base on a hill was surrounded by the people.
- Imam in a message strongly condemned an attack by some army soldiers on the air force and sounded warning that the soldiers go back to their military barracks. Imam also announced the declarations by the military regime as illegal and Imam advised the people to confront the military regime conspiracies by taking to the streets and holding rallies.

21st of Bahman 1357AHS

- In early hours of the morning, one of the soldiers who had fled the Doushan military base informed about the fighting inside the complex. He had been successful in bringing out some of arms. And in this way some weapons fell into hands of the masses for the first time.
- The chief commander in a declaration No. 40 extended the state of emergency and curfew hours from 4 P.M in the evening to 5.A.M next morning.
- Bakhtiar announced in senate that he was ready for negotiation
- Imam declared the curfew as null and invalid and said that military regime was illegal and should not be heeded. Imam also said if the soldiers should put an end to bloodshed of their brothers and said if they don't return to their barracks, then God willing, I will announce my final decision.
- Several police station including, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 26 and Normak fell to the hands of people.
- The Tehran's chief commander ordered all regional bases and stations to arrest all leaders of



the Islamic movement to send them into exile at one of the Island via an airplane. He also announced the list of the leaders which included hundreds of names including Imam at top and Ayatollah Taleghani and Bazargan..., etc.

- Hundreds of personal automobiles which were filled with white sheets and necessary food stuffs and medicines moved towards the air base.
- The session of Security Council which was comprised of high-ranking military commanders and officers – was held at 6 PM in the evening.

22nd of Bahman 1357AHS

- The weapon and ammunition factory fell into the hands of people at 8. AM in the morning.
- People took control of several ammunition factories and depots.
- Violent clashes between the army and armed men reached on its peak.
- Most of the Tehran streets were taken over by the masses and they set checkpoints over there.
- Gendarmerie Headquarters located at 24 Esfand street fell were overtaken by the public.
- Police headquarters also fell into hands of masses.
- The masses took control of almost all police stations and Gendarmerie Headquarters across the capital city.
- Sunday afternoon, the radio and then Jam-e Jam broadcasting was under the control of the revolutionary forces.
- A presenter announced the victory of the Islamic Revolution, saying that please pay attention... “this is the voice of the revolution of the Iranian nation.”
- Imam Khomeini said in a message that the people must be careful that the victory of our revolution against the enemies has still not been over. The enemy possesses a lot of resources and hatches conspiracies. The plots and conspiracies are on verge and could be only confronted through displaying of discipline by the masses and obeying the recommendations by the Islamic leadership and caretaker government. In this way, we can emerge as progressives.



What were Imam Khomeini's predictions about Iranian struggles against the Shah' system?

1- Islamic Revolution

- I am determined to stop the despotic regime, with all my power, from doing anti-Islamic acts, and ours will be the final victory, God willing; “Allah’s word it was that became the uppermost.”

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 1, p. 226

- Nation of Iran! Rest assured that sooner or later victory will be yours. With his “government of national reconciliation”, the Shah wants to make the dignified clergy and the respected politicians have a part in the massacres he has perpetrated; however, his ruse was exposed very early. “Lo! The devil’s strategy is ever weak.”

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 3



- Our objective is to form an Islamic Republic and given the present situation, it is clearer than the sun for me that we will attain it in the near future.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 5, p. 346

2- The scape and downfall of Shah

- O respected young and old learned scholars and students! Be patient and resist; don’t yield to oppression. These (people) are on the verge of

annihilation and you live on. Bayonet cannot endure vis-à-vis the sentiments of a nation. Those blunt and fictitious swords will be sheathed.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 2, p. 135

- Of course, if these governments stop supporting the Shah, the Shah's regime will soon fall apart, but this doesn't mean that if they support the Shah, we won't win. Our nation's victory is definite, the Shah is a goner and he must go... whether the Arab and Western governments support him or not.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 4, p. 488

- The Shah will have to go, he will not stay.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 5, p. 206



3- Joining of Army to the people

- Due to the fifty years of poisonous propaganda, the Iranian army has lost its thoughtfulness. We never expect the army to join the people immediately, but it will happen sooner or later.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 5, p. 389

4- The downfall of Bakhtiar's government

- As to whether we can overthrow his government, it will become clear in the future. His government is doomed to annihilation and victory belongs to the oppressed nation.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 5, p. 456

Imam Khomeini's most important expressions about Islamic Revolution

- Whenever I lay my eyes upon those who have lost their children, I feel a heavy burden weighing down upon my shoulders which is unbearable for me. I am helpless in face of all the damage inflicted on the nation. I can never thank this nation enough for sacrificing everything in the way of God. God, the Blessed and Exalted, will reward them.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 6, p. 10

- ...the principle of the monarchy is against the law, the rule of wisdom, and human rights from the very start.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 6, pp. 10-11

- With due respect, I hereby declare that the Regency Council, the houses of the Parliament and the government created thereof are illegitimate and carry no national validity, and because the army is of the nation and the nation is of the army, supporting each other is their national duty. It is thus mandatory, with due respect to the nation and its decisive vote, for the army to distance itself from the usurping government¹ and make this matter known to all.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 6, p. 16

¹ Shapur Bakhtiyar.

- ...Up until the time that God, the Blessed and Exalted, wills so, it is impossible for mankind to achieve this unanimity. You are aware, you, who were here in Iran know better that all over the country, from the remotest village to the capital, everyone rejected this dynasty (Pahlavis) with one united voice and heart. Children who have just started talking, youngsters as well as old men are saying the same thing. God is with this congregation. My brothers, safeguard this unity of expression. The secret of your victory is this unity of expression.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 6, p. 20

- Brave nation of Iran! Vigilant brothers and sisters of Tehran!

Now that victory is nigh, as God has willed so, and the army has withdrawn, declaring its non-intervention in political affairs, and has expressed its support for the nation, the brave and beloved nation should maintain its readiness for any possible defense while keeping very alert in this situation. In cases when the military forces are retreating to their bases, it should maintain peace and order.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 6, p. 111

- I hereby announce to the military commanders that if the military refrains from further incursions and joins the nation and the Islamic legal and national government, we will recognize them as being one with the nation and the nation as one with them, and will treat them like brothers.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol.6, p. 111

- You have manifested your Islamic and revolutionary growth during the course of the struggle and now, more than ever, it is necessary for you to show this growth to the whole world... Hence, I want all of you, firstly, to obstruct any chaos and acts of sedition and do not allow malicious saboteurs to carry out activities such as looting, arson, punishing the convicted ones, destruction of scientific, technical, industrial, and artistic works, and vandalizing public and private properties... Secondly, take note that our Revolution has not yet fully attained victory over the enemy, who enjoys all the means of conspiracy, and is lurking around with plots. Only vigilance, revolutionary discipline, and obedience to the commands of the leadership and the Islamic provisional government can thwart all these plots. Thirdly, do not ever subject to any violence and persecution those individuals from among the enemy who are taken captive by you. In accordance with Islamic traditions, show them kindness and affection.



Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 6, p. 112

What is the future and prospects of the Islamic Revolution based on Imam Khomeini's viewpoint?

1- Islamic Ummahs will be awakened and the Islamic revolution will be imported

- When we say that we want to "export" the Iranian Revolution, we mean to expand this spirituality that has developed in Iran. We want this phenomenon that has emerged in Iran to spread to the other countries. We do not intend to wage war. Iraq has been attacking us for some time now, but we do not attack them at all. They attack us and we defend ourselves. Defense is necessary. We want to disseminate the revolutionary culture and the Islamic movement in all the Muslim countries. And if this happens, all the problems will be solved wherever the revolution spreads. You should endeavor to awaken the nations so that they would be willing to revolt and get ready for all the consequences, like Iran. Those who love their countries and Islam must awaken their nations so that this divine transition that has changed Iran also moves those nations. Everything will turn out well wherever this change takes place.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 13, p. 79

- The Almighty to awaken the Muslims and the Muslim governments. The Muslim governments should pay attention towards eliminating their difficulties. They should put an end to their dependence on the superpowers, and become independent; they should rely on themselves and govern their own countries. When we say that our Revolution should be exported everywhere, it should not be misunderstood that we want to conquer countries. We consider and regard all the Islamic countries as our own. We want them to be in their own places. We want what occurred in Iran to happen everywhere. We want this awakening that took place in Iran by which the people distanced themselves from the big powers, and sacrificing themselves cut off the access of these powers to our resources, to take place in all the nations and countries as well, this is our wish. The meaning of exporting our revolution is that all the nations, all the governments should wake up. They should deliver themselves from these troubles and this domination) under

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 13, pp. 242-3

the alien powers (. They should put an end to this destruction of their resources because of which they are living in poverty.

- We shall export our Revolution to the entire world, because our Revolution is Islamic. It echoes the call of "No god but God" and "Muhammad is the Messenger of God" in all over the world. There is campaign and appraisal. And as long as an appraisal exists in any corner of the world, we are there, too. We defend the helpless people of Lebanon and Palestinian against Israel.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol.12, pp. 125-6

2- The victory of Islam's light

- The final victory will be achieved when Islam- in all its aspects and with all its tenets- is established in Iran. And the higher victory is that Islam should rule all over the world. Islam is the source of happiness of mankind. Islam has come into existence for making us better human beings; it has come in order to take the human beings- mankind- away from darkness and bring them to light. God is "the trustee of the believers" and will take them out of darkness and enter them into a sea of light. Those who are infidels are led by the devil. Who takes them out of light and plunges them into a sea of darkness. You the believers, you the Iranian youth, the Pakistani youth, and the rest who are of the faithful, you all have been promised by God that He will take you out of darkness; out of all troubles and bring you into light, which is the divine light, "God is the light in earth and heavens," «1» "The Almighty God will remove you from all darkness, from all troubles, and take you to the divine light;" «2» that light which is the illuminator of all dimensions of human beings; that light whose radiance has created the whole of the universe. You should take keen interest in Islam and in the Islamic teachings.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 7, p. 274

3- The joining of the Islamic Revolution to Imam Mahdi's global one

- Today, we can see the panorama of the spread of the Islamic Revolution in the world of the oppressed and the innocent more than before. The movement that has started by the oppressed and the innocent of the world against the oppressors and bullies and is spreading, gives hope of a bright future and brings ever closer the pledge made by the Almighty God. It is as if the world is preparing for the arising of the sun of religious guardianship from the horizon of the great Mecca and the Ka`bah of the aspirations of the deprived and the rule of the oppressed.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 17, p. 443

- May God continue to help you from the unseen! May this country, which belongs to the Guided Imams (a) and the Master of the Age (a), remain independent until the appearance of the Promised Savior. And may this country be at His service and succeed in establishing justice throughout the world and preventing the oppressors from inflicting atrocities on the oppressed people.

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 14, p. 266

- The transformation that would appear to be impossible to achieve in less than a hundred years was with the will of the Great God realized in this short period and few hours and a manifestation of the promise of the glorious Qur'an spread light. It is possible that this transformation and upheaval shall be realized in both the East and the West and across the globe. "The power of God is undeniable" and it can fill an eternity in a few hours and entrust the world to the oppressed who are the inheritors of the earth; and the horizon of the Divine manifestation of the supreme custodian of God, the Imam of the Time- may our souls be sacrificed for him- be lit and the banner of monotheism and Divine justice is hoisted in the world over the white and red houses of the centers of oppression and atheism and polytheism,"and that is not at all difficult for God."

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 17, p. 444

- The Islamic Revolution of Iran which is supported by God is spreading all over the world. God willing, with its spread, the satanic powers will be forced to withdraw and the government of the poor will be set up. Thus, the ground will be laid for the universal government of Mahdi at the end of time (may God hasten his honorable reappearance and may our souls be sacrificed for him).

Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 15, p. 302