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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

“There must be a group from among you that must invite to virtue and enjoin good and forbid evil; and they are the delivered.”{136}

I would like to congratulate the noble nation of Iran and the oppressed nations under repression of the internal and external tyrants on the fifth anniversary of the official establishment of the Islamic Republic and I implore the Almighty and Omnipotent God to deliver the nations under subjugation. Congratulations because in the past years especially last year, we witnessed the glorious political, military, social, cultural and economic victories. Thank the Almighty God, the nation, the parliament, the government, the Judiciary, the pious strata of the clergy and the university students emerged victorious and with honor and glory in the presence of the Exalted God and with heads held high in the presence of the inhabitants of the world from the melting pot of the examination. At every step they attracted the hope of the oppressed inhabitants of the world in Islam and its apparent and spiritual power more than the previous one. Despite all the difficulties and bragging of the global plunderers and their puny affiliates, they proved to the world that, “Conquest and triumph are not attained except from God.”{137} Moreover, “If you assist God, He shall send you assistance and shall make you firm in your actions.”{138}

The Almighty God has granted His exclusive invisible favors to this oppressed nation. Thus, at the beginning of the fifth anniversary, it is a country that miraculously is free and independent in every respect and has pinned its abundant hopes on the triumphant perpetuation of its humane-

{136} Surah Al-e Imran 3:104.
{137} Part of verse 126 of the Surah Al-e Imran.
{138} Part of the verse 7 of the Surah Muhammad.
Islamic existence. It does not fear any power and has brought to their knees its political and military enemies. Amazingly, despite all the various pressures of the superpowers and their allies and military, arms, propaganda and abundant financial assistances to the enemy of Islam and Iran, until now, the Islamic Republic system with trust in the favors of the Creator has not sought assistance from any government or nation. With the backing of the nation and the courage of its beloved youth, all the wheels of the economy and the military are moving in a merited manner on the route to Islam. If the Exalted God wills and the nation and the administrators of the Islamic system continue in this same manner, meaning be faithful to Islam and its blessed commandments, every year it shall emerge stronger and more glorious than the previous one in all respects. Now it is necessary for me to remind about certain points although they are repetitive and the nation and the government, thank God, are aware of them.

1. All are aware and we must know that till the time the nation supports the parliament, the government and the armed forces; and the parliament, the government and the armed forces serve the nation especially the deprived strata and they seek to earn the pleasure of God in this mutual service, then no power can harm this sacred system. However if God forbid, one of the two or both of them withhold mutual service, the defeat of the Islamic Republic and the great Islam even if it is in the long term, is certain. Therefore, to discontinue this mutual service that culminates in the defeat of the Islamic Republic and Islam is one of the biggest cardinal sins that must be avoided in the same manner that this service is one of the great compulsory obligations that must be performed. Dear brothers and respected sisters, in this period when the superpowers and the powers have attacked us from all sides in order to destroy the Islamic Republic and the beloved Islam, by inattention to duty and negligence, the spiritual and the material world of this innocent nation is in danger. For the protection of your honor and dignity, resort to patience and do not become lethargic because of rising prices and some shortages of goods. The unfair profiteers and hoarders should not think that this injustice is acceptable because of the present circumstances. Today, this kind of crime can possibly lead to the defeat of the Islamic Republic; it is an attempt to weaken Islam. I fear that the Omnipotent God will inflict His wrath upon you and that God forbid, both good and evil burn together and there shall be no way out. “I seek refuge in God from His patient wrath.” It is better that the respected bazaar traders that are the active pillars of the Islamic Republic with sensible planning, nullify the conspiracy of these unfair elements that bring disgrace to their trade.
2. At the start of the New Year and anniversary of the official establishment of the Islamic Republic, I expect all the government bodies of this republic from the parliament, the government organizations, the Construction Jihad, the Guardian Council, the Supreme Council of the Judiciary and the respected judges throughout the country and the courts throughout the country, the armed forces including the army, the Guards Corps, the Basij, the gendarmerie, the Komitehs, the police, the popular forces and the tribes—may the Exalted God assist all of them—to strive to implement the commandments of Islam. They must strive to be faithful to the various dimensions of this human-building doctrine, to engage in holy struggle in the path of the truth and self-development and to reform the self internally and externally. With their reforming, the country shall be reformed. In the previous regimes, what corrupted the nation and especially the youth was the corruption of the ruling apparatus that had unleashed itself on the nation like cancer and was leading the youth towards immorality. The most important of all the efforts are the efforts by the clergy and the university students in the path of self-purification and self-development and the beloved youth in line with education to the level of specialization. This is because their immorality will corrupt the world¹³⁹ and it will reform with their reforming. The men of learning and the eminent theologians of the seminaries of the land and the respected and pious professors of the universities should strive to bring the universities and seminaries closer to one another. The respected professors and devoted intellectuals of the universities and the rest of the educational centers that have been affected by the moral corruption of the former regime and the miseries that were inflicted by the corrupt system on the nation and their country, should for the sake of Almighty God, and for safeguarding the independence and freedom of their country, strive in the humanitarian development of the youth together with their education. This is because knowledge and specialization without self-purification and training is a blight that has afflicted humankind today and is on the verge of setting the world on fire. What havoc can the competition and rivalry of the two superpowers and their arming themselves with modern atomic and nuclear weapons that originate from satanic and unrestrained soul wreak upon humankind unless some invisible hand comes out and saves humanity.

¹³⁹ When a man of learning engages in moral corruption, he corrupts the entire world. Hadrat Ali (s) has stated that, “The misdemeanor of the learned man corrupts the world.” The honorable Prophet of Islam was asked: “Who are the worst people?” He stated: “The men of learning when they become corrupted.” (Bihar al-Anwar, Majlisi, vol. 74, p. 137).
3. It is necessary that at this time when our Islamic country is engaged in an imposed war, to remind these defenders of the great Islam and the beloved country as well as the rest of the authorities in charge of military, police and security affairs that in the same way that you have until now witnessed and experienced that it is your unity and solidarity that ensures your victory on the frontiers and inside the country. Likewise, the slightest negligence in this matter and more important, negligence from remembrance of the Almighty God will result in lethargy and indifference on your part so that the toils and troubles of several years and the blood of the beloved martyrs shall be utterly wasted. Paying attention to spirituality, the Divine duties and remembrance of God results in this unity to be safeguarded and this fraternity to sustain. There is a growing fear that weapons in the hands of you the beloved youth will result in conceit and arrogance so that the immense spiritual transformation that has occurred in you be lost and the inner demon ensnares you and urges you to misbehave with your brothers and as a result sincerity and camaraderie gives way to enmity and distrust. That day will be a tragedy for Islam and a painful sorrow for you and your companions and friends. Thus, strive to maintain this camaraderie and sincerity as much as possible so that you enjoy the support of the nation in the same manner that you have been enjoying it until now. God be with you.

4. The Judiciary, the follow-up committee, the other relevant committees, and their branches should strive to Islamize all the government bodies in this New Year. With all in their power, they should not give respite to misbehavior and deviant elements that portray a wrong image of the Islamic Republic with their inhuman and anti-Islamic actions that are either deliberate or out of ignorance. Islamic justice must be executed with regard to them without any leniency. It is necessary to remind that with regard to the rights of criminals and the ungodly deviant elements also the Islamic criteria and limits and prescribed punishments must not be violated which by itself is a crime from the viewpoint of Islamic justice and liable to prosecution. I pray to the Almighty God to grant success and endorse those that categorically and speedily take action so that the Islamic Republic can claim that Islamic justice is implemented fully in our country. Of the crucial tasks, is to attend to the condition of the prisoners and their files. For speeding this process, it is necessary that committees be established for attending to their conditions so that as early as possible, complete reports are prepared about the prisons and the prisoners for the judicial authorities.

5. It is hoped that the girls and boys that have been deceived by the irreligious and unpatriotic deviant elements that have destroyed, and are
destroying their lives, learn lessons from the inhuman, anti-national, and anti-Islamic actions of the minor groups and come to their senses. They should take note that in foreign countries especially France, the ambitious leaders of these groups are arming the tyrant Saddam with weapons of destruction that are being used in the killing, injuring and destruction of Iran and the innocent strata of the Arab and other settlers. They are leading a luxurious life and have entered in a bond of fraternity with the infidel Baath Party and are supporting the anti-Islam and anti-Iran powers. Think a little, should one support those that are destroying the homes of the wretched and oppressed masses over the heads of their women and children? Should one support those that are shaking the hands of a Saddam who set fire and spilled blood of Iran? One is amazed at the human, Islamic and national deviations of those that in order to attain imaginary positions trample upon all those claims to being supporters of the masses and having intellectuals, and being enlightened and seeking independence and being seekers of freedom and so forth, all at once. In the false belief that the Baath Party shall defeat and subjugate Iran and will destroy the lives and honor of the Iranians, with the false greed of attaining something by seeking shelter of the enemy of Iran, they have joined hands with them and sought refuge from them. More astonishing is that some of the youth that have witnessed the treachery of the leaders of the minor groups and have seen explicitly that there is no place nor respect for them in Iran, yet they continue with their childish obstinacy and are sacrificing their lives and youth for their hollow greed. They are unaware that those in France and in other countries are indulging themselves in pleasure, luxury, engagements, and marriages while these petty elements here are putting themselves in danger for their sake. It is hoped that God awakens them and makes them vigilant so that they are saved from the snare of this blight. I advise those treacherous elements that are sitting abroad and are engaging in propaganda and wasting their lives in destructive slumber, that if carnal desires have not caused you to become ignorant, you must know that these rumor-mongering and spreading false propaganda will not get you any where. It is better not to waste your lives more than this in useless activities that further tarnish your image.

6. My final word is with the governments of the region who like the wretched Saddam have become tools in the hands of the Americans; and who in order to gain the consent of America and Israel and to safeguard their interests—especially of America—want to suffer from damnation in the afterlife and death and disgrace in this world. I advise them that in these four years that have elapsed from the life of the Islamic Republic, you noticed that
the superpowers and most of the regional governments endeavored to obliterates the influence of the Prophet and the glorious Quran and they and you supported the enemy of Islam with all material and spiritual strength. However, yet the Islamic Republic is advancing by the grace of the Almighty God and the support of the glorious and thankful nation of Iran with strength and without relying on anyone except the Almighty God so that all your efforts and the resources of your oppressed nations have been utterly wasted. Refrain from this useless and wasteful task and become friends with the Islamic Republic, which is the only big and growing power of the region. Rest assured that America will not assist you in your troubles and sufferings and as is evident from the analysis of the American government, they wish to keep you only to safeguard their own interests. Do not support Israel, this sworn enemy of Islam and the Arabs for if this repressed serpent lays its hands on you, it will not show mercy to your young and old. Repeatedly, the government officials of Iran have announced at every opportunity that the Islamic Republic would like to live in peace and harmony with all its neighbors and to assist the Islamic governments if they are attacked. However, it will strongly resist in the face of misbehavior, oppressions, and Islam-bashing and is not afraid of any power. Because it has arisen for the victory of God and has faith in His promise and is hopeful of His assistance. I beseech the Blessed and Almighty God not to withhold His assistance to the Islamic Republic and the oppressed nation of Iran; and to cut off the hands of tyrants from the Muslim lands; and to grant success in religion to the nation and government of Iran; and to grant them the favor to serve the weak and the deprived. I implore Him to save the Islamic governments from negligence and to create unity among the Muslims. Peace and salutations to the great nation of Iran and the blessings of God be upon the martyrs of the path of the Truth especially the martyrs of the Islamic Republic. Salutations be to the families of the martyrs and peace to the disabled of the imposed war. These honorable youth are the living martyrs of the Revolution. Peace is upon our beloved prisoners of war that are in the clutches of the enemies of Islam and our missing-in-action. Salutations are upon the parents and spouses of them all. Salutations be upon the armed forces and the gallant fighters—may God Almighty assist them.

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