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Our people who fill the atmosphere with their cries of 'death to America' mean 'death to Carter', because the American people have done nothing. The American people, because of their human conscience, agree with us. Those who oppose us have no human conscience. The superpowers do not care for human beings.

Do not think that everything is incidental and, for example, a group of people have become drug traffickers. This is also a conspiracy formed by the great powers to inflict blows upon us.

Dear brothers, today is a day in which Islam is entangled with the superpowers. The superpowers have formed sinister conspiracies against beloved Islam and your homeland. Today is a day in which Islam calls for your help and the assistance of all the people from every class of life.

The superpowers seek to bring all countries under their domination and subservience, if they can.

Muslims should all unite to confront the superpowers. No superpower can resist them if (the Muslims) are united.

Carter should be put on trial in an inter-

national tribunal. Where are those who claim to officially recognize the independence of all countries to stand against Carter? They should ask Carter the reason why he says he will intervene in Iran which is to intervene in an independent country. Carter has militarily intervened in Iran and seeks to repeat it. Why are such individuals extending their support to such a criminal? To whom should we complain to about these governments which are following the American government and are acting as U.S. puppets, who take part in all the American regime's crimes? To which court should we appeal to from these power-wielders who are taking the reign of affairs of the oppressed peoples into their own hands. It is unfortunate that those countries, which claim to be independent, are following the orders of the U.S. A.

Unfortunately, all the foreign mass media and some of the local ones, which are in the service of the superpowers, do not let us convey the cry of our oppression to the world. We do not possess any means. The foreign press are writing against us and the foreign radio and television networks are busy propagating false reports and lies against us throughout the world.

I have repeatedly said that what has frightened the tyrannical systems of the great powers is Islam. They are afraid of Islam, particularly now that they have received blows from Islam.

It is the governments (ruling over the Muslims) which have created so much trouble for us due to their ties with the superpowers and their subservience to leftist and rightist powers. If this

obstacle (these governments) is removed from the way of the Muslims, then the world Muslims will reach their goal. The solution to this problem lies in the hands of the people.

This satanic power of the Soviet Union with all its power has not been able to crush and suffocate Afghanistan. It is impossible to impose something upon a people. We should awaken the people. This is the only solution.

We have no fear whatsoever of the superpowers. Although we have no access to all those hellish and fatal weapons, still our firm faith does not allow us to have any fear or fright of them. (July 24, 1980)

The powers, no matter how great they may be, can accomplish nothing if they are confronted by the people. (July 24, 1980)

These great powers, even if they are able to do whatever they wish with their tanks and cannons, when they enter a country, they become helpless among the ranks of the people. The people will dissolve them. We have not even the slightest fear of them. (July 24, 1980)

The political situation of the world is now such that all the countries of the world are within the political sphere of one superpower or the other. They (the superpowers) are watching everywhere and have had various plans for crushing different peoples and groups. One of the most detrimental plans is to create discord and division among brothers. Their basic political conspiracies are to bring about separation among the brothers and friends under various pretexts. (July 29, 1980)

All the Muslim countries should treat one another as true brothers. If they act in a fraternal manner and the masses living in one country behave with one another like brothers, they will be able to overcome all world powers. (July 29, 1980)

Our enemies seek to bring discord and division among the deprived peoples, whether they be Muslim or non-Muslim. By appealing to various tricks, they seek to separate the people, to divide the Islamic people, to bring about discord among the governments. Thus we observe that those who claim to follow Islam reach agreements with zionists and strive to bring about separation among the Muslim brethren and divide the Muslim brothers in every way possible. These are all political tricks and conspiracies formed by the great powers. They seek to implement (these political tricks) in Islamic countries through their puppets and agents. (July 29, 1980)

Iran, our dear people, have decisively determined to stand against the superpowers and the satans to the end, not to let them have any foothold in this country and not to allow them to put their national wealth into their own pockets. puppets and agents. (July 29, 1980)

Today all Muslim people are confronted with the satanic powers which seek to uproot Islam. These powers have understood that what poses a danger to them is Islam and the unity of the Muslim people. (August 26, 1980)

You should not expect to witness the world's great powers sitting still and acting as observers while they have lost their interests in Iran and are afraid of losing them in other coun-

tries as well. They are sitting in ambush looking for an opportunity to use all their powers to present this Islamic Revolution of Iran upside down and in a distorted manner both in Iran and abroad. This is of vital importance for them. (August 28, 1980)

On such a day, we pray for all Muslims and we ask God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, to awaken Muslims, to awaken the Islamic governments and to make the Islamic governments solve their problems, to free themselves from the yoke of the superpowers, to become independent, to come to their own senses and to run their own countries themselves. (September 20, 1980)

The American regime is optimistic about putting obstacles in the way of truth and a holding back of the people of Iran who are the combatants and the soldiers of the Quran from the holy jihad (spiritual and physical struggle for the sake of God). But the U.S. government does not know that fear of death is for those who have based their everything on this world and are neglecting their eternal place beside God's blessings. (December 18, 1979)

Oh fathers of the churches and clergy adhering to holy Jesus Christ! Arise in support of the world deprived and tyrannized who are under the claws of the arrogant. Ring your bells for once for the oppressed people of Iran and for condemning the tyrants, in pursuance of acquiring God's satisfaction and in following the order of Jesus Christ. (December 23, 1979)

Carter, this head of the world oppressors and tyrants, has asked that the bells of churches

throughout the United States be rung for the spies against the oppressed people of Iran. It is advisable to ring the bells under the order of the Creator of the world and upon the command of Jesus Christ in support of the oppressed people who are losing their everything under the boots of the executioners of Carter and his likes. (December 23, 1979)

Do not be deceived by the presence of the superpowers in the churches and their praying for the spies and traitors against the oppressed and deprived. They have nothing in mind but to retain power and achieve earthly presidentship which is against the divine commands. (December 23, 1979)

Oh deprived of the world! Arise and free yourselves from the yoke of these enemies of humanity. Yield to oppression no more, Arise because God is the supporter of the oppressed. (January 4, 1980)

Spiritual and material destruction done against the Muslim states, particularly Iran, with plans designed by the superpowers, especially the U.S. regime, have put Iran on the very edge of collapse. It is not possible to compensate for all these damages because there is no way of compensating for the blood of those brave youth who achieved martyrdom in defense of Islam and the country and those beloved ones who became maimed and disabled during this time. (February 4, 1980)

They (the superpowers) do not care for human beings or faith at all. What is important to them is their interests. Due to this fact that their

thoughts are all material oriented and they have no knowledge about faith and God, they thought it impossible for people who had nothing to overcome a satanic power. (June 15, 1979)

What the foreigners, easterners and the westerners want to see is separation and division among your ranks and all conspiracies are being planned to serve this purpose. They intend to create various groups, to make them enemies of one another and to take advantage of that. Should we not awaken? How long are we going to remain negligent? (September 5, 1979)

The foreigners have come to realize that no power can stand against a people who enjoy unified expression and the power of firm faith. Therefore, they intend to weaken both the Islamic power and the unified expression. (July 5, 1979)

Those who are seeking to plunder us, our resources, our wealth and to enslave us, have vividly observed that two things have brought us victory. Therefore, they are attacking these two which are faith in Islam and unified expression. (July 5, 1979)

These superpowers are eyeing everywhere in order to plunder. (July 7, 1979)

The roots of the colonial power of the United States, the Soviet Union, England and zionism as well as other plundering governments have not been totally eradicated from this country. We should all unite without hesitating or stopping to eradicate the influence of foreign countries from our country.

What use is it to us to have relations with the United States government? Our relations with the American regime are those of an oppressed with an oppressor or a nation which has been plundered and a plunderer.

The American regime and other superpowers should bear this fact in mind that our people are alive.

The American Senate attaches no value to human beings. They massacre people in groups wherever they find them. They fill the atmosphere with outcries just because they (the American rulers) have lost a country. This is the same in regard to other states and with the Will of God, all other countries will take themselves out of their domination. The East will be awakened with the Will of God.

This Revolution will continue until it curtails the hands of the United States, the Soviet Union, England and other colonial powers.

We will not allow the superpowers to intervene in the destinies of our country, to intervene in our army, in our culture or in our economy. (June 12, 1979)

I hope that all the Muslim people arise and with unified expression and the power of faith, overcome the foreigners and all those who intend to have these peoples under their own control and subjugation forever. (April 20, 1979)

The main thing is to put an end to fright created by (the superpowers) in the hearts of the people. One of the things which has been a source

of fright among the people has been the spread of this word that two great powers are controlling the world at the present time and it is not possible to be separate from these two powers and remain independent. It has been said that other countries should be either in the eastern bloc or the western bloc and that there is no other option.

We hope that all the Muslim people arise with alertness, attention and curtail those corrupt hands which seek to put Islamic states under the domination of the superpowers. (August 1, 1980)

Do not allow yourselves to have the slightest amount of fear. Your struggles have shown that you will not. Rest assured that with your unity, you will be victorious over the superpowers. (January 21, 1980)

The Muslims are religiously bound to arise for the cause of Islam and to curtail the hands of the powers which are busy planning conspiracies for the annihilation of Islam and for plundering and looting the resources of Muslims. (February 18, 1980)

We share the sadness of the oppressed and the tyrannized. We fully support the world oppressed. They (the world oppressed) should arise against the oppressors. The deprived must not sit idle and wait for their governments to do something for them. The deprived should begin by themselves. (February 18, 1980)

I hope that Islamic countries, now that a transformation has taken place in the world, the deprived have been awakened and a large number

of countries have gained their independence, unite with Islamic unity and under the teachings of the Holy Quran. We Muslims have the greatest population if we unite. Our resources are the richest and our people are great and outstanding figures. Muslim people should unite while they preserve the independence of their respective countries but under the banner of Islam and monotheism. We are able to be a united body. We should not permit the superpowers to rule over our countries. We must not live under their banner. (January 24, 1980)

The people of the world are not entangled with the satanic powers. These powers have resisted all of the great Prophets. They have not let the Prophets' teachings be realized.

Muslims should become a single, united body to resist the superpowers. In that case, no superpower can encounter them.

I pray to God, the Most Exalted, the Most High to bestow victory upon us and upon all of the oppressed and the deprived of the world so that we will be able to free ourselves from the yoke of the superpowers. This is something which should be realized.

Shame, eternal disgrace and curses upon the puppet (governments) and those affiliated with the eastern and western (satanic forces), particularly the great satan, the criminal American government, with wishful thinking, and with all its satanic conspiracies which have so far faced defeat, seeks to weaken or drive out of the scene, a people who have arisen for the cause of Almighty God

and the great religion of Islam and have presented thousands of martyrs and disabled for its cause. (September 13, 1981)

They (the American rulers) have observed that the words of their annihilation have spread throughout the world even among the blacks of that country. They have observed that Islam enjoys such a power that it precedes by itself. It mobilizes the people, the committed fronts and the fronts of the deprived. With a general arising of the world deprived and with the Will of God, the dominating and subjugating life of the superpowers will come to an end. (October 19, 1981)

Even though the Islamic country of Iran has been subjected to the oppression of the superpowers from all sides, still the propagandic loudspeakers of the world are propagating against this Islamic Republic. But due to this fact that this nation has arisen for the cause of God and for the implementation of Islamic rules and regulations, our people are resisting all of these and are moving forward. (October 19, 1981)

Oh you westernized people! Westoxicated people! People who have lost themselves! Ridiculous people! Come back to yourselves and come to your senses. Do not westernize everything you have. Carefully observe everything existing in the West, even those pseudo-humanitarian organizations, like the Human Rights Organization in the West. What aims does this organization pursue? Who are its members? Do these people care for human rights or do they guarantee the interests of the superpowers? Such organizations are after the interests of the superpowers. (June 5, 1979)

If this Islamic brotherhood prevails among the Muslim people, such a great power will be created that no world power will be able to reach that level.(June 10, 1979)

The people should themselves arise to rid themselves from the yoke of their governments and that of the world's great powers. (April 11, 1981)

A people who want to resist against the superpowers, (a people who) seek to have no compromise with them and also intend to remain neither eastern nor western and wish to follow the right path of humanity and Islam, should prepare themselves for everything. (July 2, 1961)

We have decisively determined not to compromise with the superpowers and other powers. We will not go under American or Soviet domination. We are Muslims and we want to live (as Muslims). (October 29, 1961)

The superpowers seek to control human beings and their humanity. You, we and every Muslim is religiously bound to stand against them and not to compromise.(October 19, 1961)

Oh world Muslims! You the deprived under the domination of the tyrants! Arise, unite and defend Islam and your fate. Do not be frightened by the hue and cry of the power-wielders because this century, with the Will of God, will be the century of the victory of the deprived over the tyrants and the triumph of truth over falsehood. (September 7, 1961)

The world should know that Iran has found the path of God and will continue its uncompromising struggles until all interests and links with criminal America, this staunch enemy of the world deprived, are severed and cut off. (September 7, 1961)

The conspiracy of creating differences among various sects of Islam is a crime committed by the power-wielders, who are benefitted from discord among the Muslims, un-pious people, court clergy and orators who are much worse than the tyrants. They are daily fanning differences with their pretentious acts. (September 19, 1961)

If the Muslim people and the world deprived do not arise against global arrogance and its offspring, particularly the usurper Israel, their criminal hands will not be curtailed in the Islamic states.

If we decisively and carefully follow our duty of struggles against the criminal American government, our children will taste the sweetness of victory.

This is a political decree that if you, the Muslim people, who number almost one billion, treat one another in a fraternal manner and act like brothers, then the Muslims will become invincible and none of the superpowers will have the power to aggress or attack them. (August 18, 1980)

We were a people under the domination of the American regime and other superpowers. We had lost our independence as well as our freedom. All of our resources and wealth were being

plundered and then we arose to regain our freedom. We revolted to restore our independence.

The criminal American and Soviet governments should bear this fact in mind that we will stand against the aggression of any government to us with all of our power ; we will defend our great religion of Islam and our beloved homeland to the end. (January 13, 1979)

At the advent of the 15th century of the hejira, the Muslims of the world should arise to defend their legitimate rights under the divine banner of Islam and curtail the hands of the tyrants, particularly those of the superpowers of the East and the West. They should also put the dictators, claiming to defend democracy or communism, in their places. (February 4, 1979)

Oh peoples of the world who have all been kept deprived, arise and regain your rights! Be not afraid of the hue and cry of the power-wielders for God is your support. You will inherit the earth. The promise of Almighty God will surely come true. (February 4, 1979)

We will fight to the end of our life against the American government to put it in its proper place. We will not rest. We will not sit aside until we curtail its hands from the region. We will help all the combatants who are fighting for liberty in order to defeat that regime until the people of Iran take the reign of affairs (into their own hands) and decide their own destiny. The aggressive East and the criminal West are the same in our opinion. We will fight and we will be victorious because 'right is victorious'. American hegemonism causes

miseries and misfortunes for the deprived people of the world. The aggression and invasions of the West have also been a disgrace in history. The beloved people of Iran should remain awakened for we have many long years of struggles ahead of us. The superpowers are daily planning conspiracies to destroy and annihilate our people but we should also rest assured that their satanic tricks and conspiracies are weak. (March 11, 1980)

The plans designed by the great powers and their lackeys in the Islamic countries are based upon bringing discord and causing division among the Muslim masses, among whom, God, the Most Exalted, the Most High, has created brotherhood. All the believers are regarded as brothers to one another. They intend to create this separation under the pretext of Turks, Kurds, Arabs and Iranians. They are even seeking to go as far as to create hostility among these Muslims and this is completely against the cause of Islam and the path of the Holy Quran. (December 26, 1980)

It has previously been propagated that if a country would say a word against this or that great power, against the U.S. government, against the Soviet regime, against England in the former days, they would do such and such to that government and they would occupy that country. This was a trick used by them for many years to achieve their aims. The peoples have also been made to believe this trick. The government of small countries thought that if they uttered a single word against the great powers, their governments would be toppled in a short space of time and their countries would be attacked and invaded. The important thing is to drive this fear from the hearts of

the peoples created by the great powers. (November 3, 1980)

Muslims should pay heed to the power of Islam. It was the power of Islam which enabled a bare-handed people to be victorious over a great, usurping superpower. (October 19, 1980)

Oh tyrannized people of the world, from whatever class or nation! Come to your senses. Return to yourselves. Do not have the slightest fear of the hue and cry of the U.S. government and other brain-devoid power-wielders. Exert pressure on them. Regain your rights with your clenched fists. (February 4, 1979)

You, my dear friends, should know that the danger posed by communist powers is no less than that of the U.S. government and the danger of the American regime is so detrimental that if you neglect it for a short period of time, you will be annihilated.

We are duty bound to resist against the superpowers. We enjoy the power to do so providing our intellectuals stop imitating the West and/or the East and stop becoming westernized or easternized.

Oh Muslims of the world who believe in the truthfulness of Islam! Arise under the banner of monotheism and under the teachings of Islam. Curtail the treacherous hands of the superpowers from your homelands, from your own rich resources and restore the dignity and glory of Islam.

I hope that Muslim countries, with unity

and full co-operation, curtail the hands of the lackeys of eastern and western colonialism, especially those affiliated with the U.S. government.

There is a hope that the Muslim peoples throughout the world will be able to overcome their local and foreign enemies and with unity and co-operation, free themselves from the yoke of the colonialists of the East and the West, particularly that of the American government.

It will be a happy day when Muslims are free from the domination of all of the eastern and western colonial powers, especially those of the U.S. regime. It will be a happy day when all the people adhere to the holy religion of Islam and are able to regain their independence and their lost glory with fraternal relations and affection towards one another.

I pray to Almighty God for the victory of all of the deprived peoples of the world in achieving their full triumph and liberty from the world devourers, particularly from the world-devouring American government. I express the hope that the governments will come to support their people in this holy path and with unity and solidarity uproot colonialism from their respective countries.

A duty in this great congregation (the Greater Pilgrimage or ritual of the hajj) is calling all the people and Islamic countries to unified expression and forgetting their differences. The orators and lecturers as well as the writers should actively play a role in this vital issue. They should seek to establish a united, deprived front with unified expression and the slogan of *la illaha illa*

lah (there is no god but God) and with Islamic brotherhood, in order to free themselves from the domination of the satanic powers of the foreigners and the colonial powers and to overcome the problems faced by Muslims.

Oh Muslims and the deprived of the world!
Unite and rely on God. Take shelter in Islam.
Arise against the tyrants and violators of the rights of the people.

May Almighty God bestow more power upon you and make your determination more decisive to stand up against all the world powers, against the superpowers and preserve your homelands.

Muslims are religiously bound to arise for the cause of Islam and curtail the hands of the superpowers who are planning conspiracies to destroy Islam and plunder and loot the resources of the Muslims.

Neglecting the crimes committed by the tyrants and oppressors will pave the way for them and will lead the world towards annihilation.

I hope that a party by the name of the 'World Deprived Party' is established throughout the world and all the deprived of the world take part in it to resolve their problems and arise against the oppressors and plunderers of the East and the West.

The U.S. government stops at committing no crime in consolidating its domination and hegemony over the world under its domination,

be it political, economic, cultural or military. The American regime is exploiting the oppressed peoples of the world through its widespread propaganda, organized by global zionism.

Oh you great ocean of Muslims! Raise your outcry and crush the enemies of humanity. If you rely upon Almighty God and closely follow the divine teachings, God, the Most Exalted, will also assist you along with His innumerable army.

Oh oppressed and deprived of the world! Rise up and unite to drive the oppressors out of the scene for the earth belongs to God and the deprived are its heirs.

Dear brothers and sisters! Defend your Islamic and national dignity wherever you are. Defend Islamic countries and people against your enemies – the U.S. government, international zionism and the western and eastern superpowers – without any fear and reveal the atrocities and tyrannies of the enemies of Islam.

Muslims should unite as a single united body and fight against the superpowers. None of the superpowers will be able to confront them in this case.

Muslims should go ahead with full power. Today the superpowers are almost on the verge of defeat.

As the Holy Quran has quoted the history of the Prophets, the deprived should converge and revolt against the oppressors and tyrants and regain their rights.

Now that the world satanic powers are united to plunder and loot the weak and deprived people, the people should also support one another in their legitimate struggles aimed at regaining their rights.

Today, the Muslim African states are suffering under the yoke of the U.S. government and other foreigners and their puppets. Today Muslim Africa raises its tyrannized outcry more than ever before. The philosophy of the ritual of the Greater Pilgrimage is to give a positive response to these tyrannized outcries.

Today, the world of Islam is entangled by the American regime.

The peoples of Africa, Asia and other oppressed countries in other continents should know that whatever is exported from the conspiring and colonial West and East and from the aggressive American government into their tyrannized countries, is nothing but destruction, corruption and decadence and the benefits of it are almost nothing in comparison to the negative results.

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THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

If you go study the history of the Prophets and observe the strata they belonged to and also see to whom they were opposed, you will come to the conclusion that all the Prophets arose from among the deprived and from the abased classes of society. (July 5, 1979)

God, the Most Exalted, the Most High is the supporter of the deprived and the tyrannized. (June 9, 1979)

All the deprived, particularly the world's Muslims, are duty bound to come to their own realizations and to arise in defiance of truth and righteousness. (April 1, 1980)

All praise is God's Who decided to give blessings to the deprived to arise up against the tyrants and oppressors and to purify the world from their corrupt existence and to make the deprived the rulers of the world. (April 24, 1979)

You should be aware that the world today is the world of the deprived and they will sooner or later be victorious. They are the heirs of the earth and the rightful rulers by God's command. (March 31, 1980)

The Muslims of the four corners of the world

should arise. Rather the deprived should arise. God's promise encompasses all the deprived. (God) says: "We put . . . the deprived to make them the *imams* (leaders); to make them the heirs in the world. Imamate (leadership) is the right of the deprived. The deprived will be the heirs." (May 14, 1979)

The Iranian movement has not been limited to Iran alone but rather it is a revolution of the deprived against the oppressors and it is a supporter of all those who respect humanity and human rights. This Revolution will continue. (April 11, 1979)

We will extend our support to all the deprived according to the teachings of Islam. We extend our support to you and any kind of organization in the world which has arisen to rescue its country. (November 24, 1979)

The people-oriented victory in Iran is inspiring for all Muslims and the deprived of the world; we will soon liberate Palestine and Jerusalem. (April 8, 1979)

We extend our full support to our Palestinian brethren against the usurper Israel. We will overcome the enemies of humanity and Islam with the will of God, the Most Exalted. (November 24, 1979)

The Islamic countries should fully support the liberation movements throughout the world.

(October 30, 1979)

The Islamic states should follow an antagonistic and hostile attitude towards Israel for most of their problems have stemmed from her. The Muslim countries should also defend the Palestinian cause and beloved Lebanon with all their strength. (October 30, 1979)

Our true victory will be the day when Iran and, with the will of God, all those countries where the deprived are under the pressure (of the superpowers) have been liberated. (June 5, 1980)

I once again, express my full support to all the liberation movements throughout the world and I wish them success in realizing the freedom of their societies. I hope that Islamic governments will extend support to them at the appropriate times. (February 11, 1979)

We fully support all the countries, in their struggle for the sake of gaining liberty and independence. I tell them straight forwardly that rights are something which should be taken. Arise and remove the superpowers from the scene of history. (February 11, 1980)

Deprived of the world! Arise and rescue yourselves from the claws of the enemies of humanity. Do not yield any longer to oppression and tyranny, because God is with the tyrannized. (February 11, 1980)

We share the sorrow of all the tyrannized of the world and we are their supporter. The tyrannized meanwhile, should themselves arise against the oppressors and tyrants. (February 11, 1980)

Muslims of the world and the deprived who have arisen! Endless ocean of human beings! Arise and defend your Islamic country and your dignity. (November 24, 1979)

For nearly 20 years, in all my statements and lectures, I have strongly opposed (the existence of the Israeli regime) and I have expressed full support for the just struggles of the Arabs and the Palestinians. (November 24, 1979)

