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## Iran marks 1979 Islamic Revolution Anniversary



Nationwide celebrations to mark the 46th anniversary of the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution started in Iran on Friday 31 January 2025 with numerous programs organized across the country.

The Ten-Day Dawn celebrations begin on the 12th day of the Iranian calendar month of Bahman in the Persian calendar which marks the return of the late founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, to Iran after several years of living in exile.

In the capital Tehran, people would attend a ceremony in Beheshte Zahara to adorn the city's major cemetery with flowers, where Imam Khomeini held his first speech after returning to the country.

Meanwhile, motorcycle parades are held across the country to mark the victory of the revolution.

Over 46,000 programs have been prepared and organized to mark the Islamic Revolution's anniversary this year.

The programs include visiting the tombs of the martyrs, holding meetings with the families of martyrs, laying flowers on the tombs of martyrs, and sounding the Bell of the Revolution in 110,000 schools across the country.

The Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979 led to overthrow of former Iranian monarch Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

By toppling the Western-backed Pahlavi regime 46 years ago, the Iranian nation ended 2,500 years of monarchic rule and established a new political system – a republic based on Islamic values and democracy.



۱۲ بهمن سالروز ورود  
امام خمینی (ره) به کشور

۱۳۰۳ تا ۱۳۰۵ (۱۵) نو سپهر  
۱۳۰۵ تا ۱۳۰۷ (۲) نو سپهر

The Iranian nation toppled the US-backed Pahlavi regime on February 11, 1979, ending the 2,500 years of monarchy in the country.

Every year Iranians mark the anniversary of their Islamic Revolution from February 1 to 11, known as the Ten-Day Fajr (literally translated as Dawn) ceremonies. February 1, 1979 was the date when Ayatollah Khomeini returned from exile.

On February 11 each year, Iranian people pour into the streets in their millions to commemorate the great victory of the Islamic Revolution.



Imam Khomeini lived around 14 years in exile from November 4, 1963 to February 1, 1979. First, he was sent to Turkiye in 1963 and then to Iraq, but he spent the last part of the exile in France in a village called Neauphle-le-Chateau. After the last Shah of Iran fled the country on January 16, 1979, the Imam announced that the Shah's exit from Iran is the first phase of ending criminal Pahlavi regime, which happened as a result of bravery protests by the Iranian people. Imam Khomeini was to

leave France for Iran on January 6, 1979, but Iran's civil aviation organization declared that all flights are cancelled because of bad weather conditions.

Iranian protestors poured into streets to show their resentment to such a decision, calling for Imam's return as soon as possible. The protestors marched towards Mehrabad Airport and ended in Beheshte Zahra cemetery to listen to Imam's historic sermon.



## Some Achievements of Iran's Islamic Revolution in Leader's Words





## World witnessing Iranian scientists' achievements

Any issue our scientists have focused on, they've carried out tasks revered by the world: stem cells and animal cloning, sending satellites into space, humanoid robots, nuclear technology, building advanced missiles and drones, and making vaccines, specially COVID vaccines.

Imam Khamenei | Oct. 19, 2022



## Entrepreneurs & workers have stood against enemy

Praise God, the country's stronghold in production and the economy is standing firmly. Entrepreneurs and competent economic managers are the army that has stood against the enemy and the officers in this Sacred Defense, while the workers are the sincere, pure fighters in this battle.

Imam Khamenei | Jan. 30, 2022

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### The message of championship

The message of championship in athletic events, particularly at the international level, is that of ability, exuberance, perseverance and willpower. Champions teach resistance, hope and exuberance.

Imam Khamenei | Sept. 18, 2021



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## Iranian women

## are outstanding in athletic competitions

Iranian women are among the most outstanding in athletic competitions. One is truly unable to praise them the way they deserve. Iranian women wearing hijab stand on podiums receiving medals in front of hundreds of millions of global TV viewers. This is not trivial.

Imam Khamenei | July 27, 2022



Imam Khamenei:

## The Islamic Revolution saved the country from absolute collapse

☞ Dissolving and assimilating into the culture of disbelief and arrogance started before the Pahlavi period. During the reign of the Pahlavis, corruption reached its peak and they spread this contagious disease... This Revolution was truly a demonstration of God's mercy to the Iranian nation. Had it not taken place, the way things were going, our country would have been in a far worse situation than all the other dependent countries that we know of. The Revolution stopped this from happening. The Islamic Revolution decisively stopped this movement toward absolute collapse. ☞

# BAHMAN

THE TEN-DAY DAWN CELEBRATIONS IN IRAN



photo : Michel Setboun

## Iran's Revolution in Pictures

Every year, Iran marks the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution with rallies in some 4,500 cities and towns-most outdoor parades of cars, motorcycles and bicycles.

