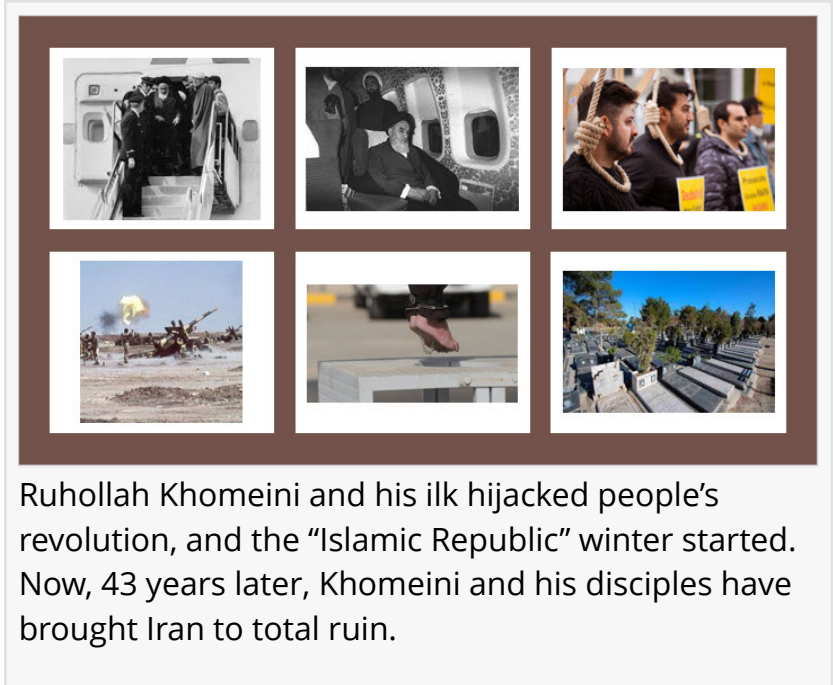


(Video) Iran's 1979 Revolution 43 Years On

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PARIS, FRANCE, February 11, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an article, the Foreign Affairs Committee of [the National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#) wrote on Friday, February 11 marks the 43rd anniversary of Iran's anti-monarchical revolution.

It wrote: Tired of decades of corruption and oppression, Iranians toppled the Pahlavi regime. But the spring of democracy and freedom in Iran was short-lived.



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In his first address to the Iranian people in 1979 at the Behesht-e Zahra cemetery, Khomeini spoke of freedom and democracy and how Muhammad Reza Pahlavi "ruined our nation and filled our cemeteries."

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Despite their role in crimes against humanity, regime officials like the Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, and his president Ebrahim Raisi, who served as a member of Tehran's "Death Commission" during the 1988 genocide, enjoy impunity and continue their atrocities. There have been at least 50 executions in 2022 alone, and independent sources confirm at least 365 prisoners were hanged in Iran in 2021.

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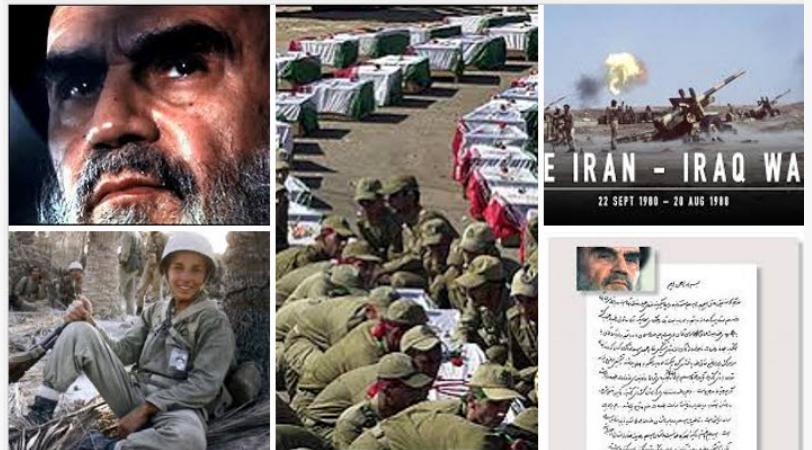
Yet, the ruling theocracy has been squandering people's wealth on its malign ambitions, such as funding its terrorist proxy groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and Houthis, and continuing its clandestine missile and nuclear programs.

According to the state-run Arman daily on December 4, 2021, "It is estimated that the cost of the nuclear program should be between 1.5 to 2 trillion dollars. It seems that the initial assessment by the Budget and Planning Organization's expert was not far from reality."

Besides, the regime's institutionalized corruption and ineptitude have increased Iran's wretched economic crisis. On January 3, 2022, Morteza Afghan, one of the regime's economists,



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acknowledged that “According to the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor, and Social Welfare, about 60 million people are eligible for government support, which means that 60 million people are below the poverty line.

Meanwhile, regime officials and their relatives enjoy luxurious lives. “We are not just speaking of some officials and their children lavish lives. We should consider the widespread aristocracy, which stands in stark contrast with the revolution’s ideals,” the state-run Jomhuri-Eslami daily wrote on January 7.

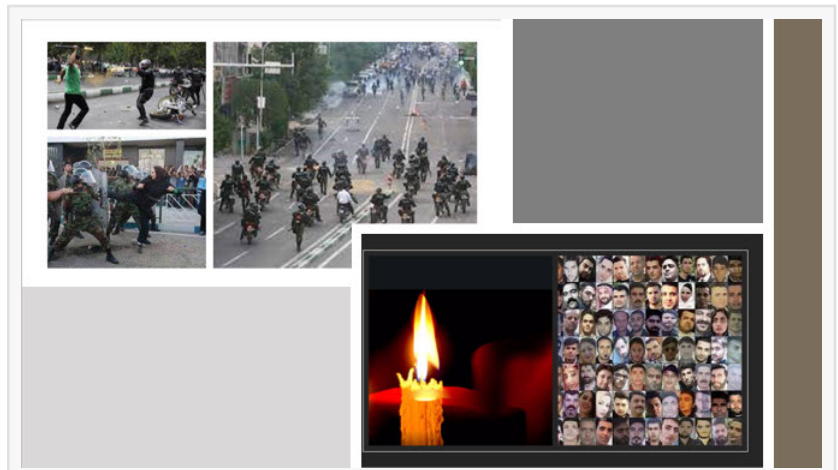
It is safe to say that Iran’s current economic crunch is due to the mullahs’ corruption and mismanagement. Khomeini hijacked people’s revolution with the promise of economic prosperity and social justice. He did not deliver on any of them.

Considering the atrocities the clerics ruling in Tehran have committed in the last four decades, some question whether Iran was better off during the Shah’s reign. However well-intentioned, these voices are ignorant of what brought about the Iranian revolution and why it turned out the way it did.

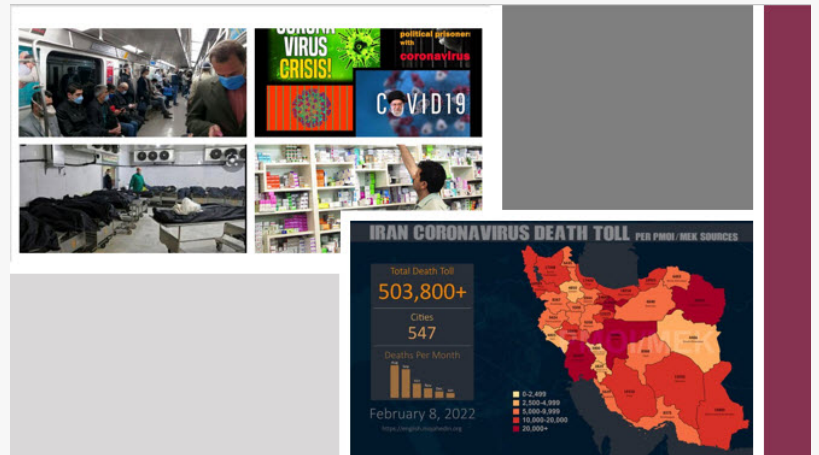
While the Iranian people want to see the ruling theocracy overthrown, they do not want to return to the past, evident in one of the popular chants in different protests in the past three years, “down with oppressor, whether the Shah or the Leader (Khamenei).

In truth, Khomeini was the rightful heir to the Shah. Half of a century of absolute repression under the Pahlavis destroyed any chance of democracy taking shape in Iran. Democratic movements and organizations were decimated by the Shah’s notorious secret police, SAVAK.

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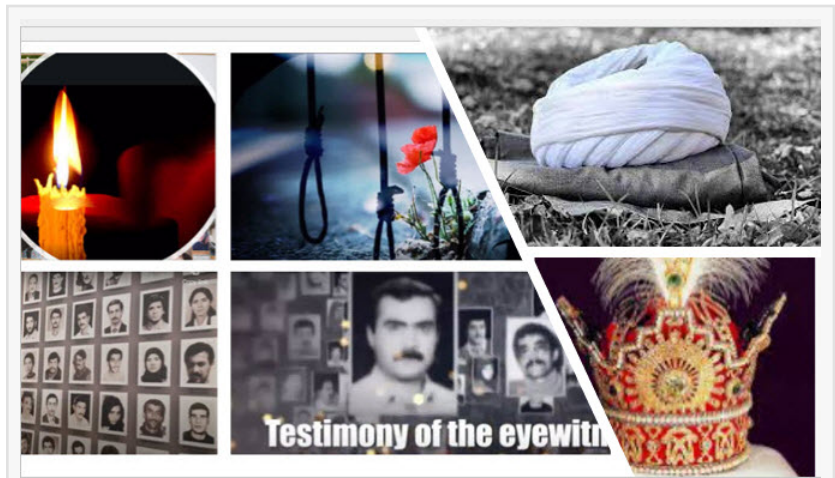
with the turban.

Needless to say, except for a handful of progressive clerics, whom the security forces persecuted or imprisoned, the clerical establishment and pro-Khomeini elements, which monopolized power in post-revolution Iran, colluded with the Shah's regime and sought to depoliticize the public, especially the younger generation.

Now, 43 years after the anti-monarchical revolution, millions of Iranians grapple with poverty and the Covid-19 pandemic. But has the courageous spirit that led to that glorious revolution diminished? The continuing and expanding protests in every corner of the country make it clear that the opposite is the case.

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes a duty," and this is precisely the story of the Iranian nation. Nowadays, the MEK's Resistance Units act as trailblazers of the fight against ruling theocracy and keep the spirit of the 1979 revolution alive by their activities and efforts to break the wall of repression and foment an organized nationwide uprising that will bring an end to the nightmarish rule of the mullahs.

The public announcement system in a popular shopping center in the major northeastern shrine city of Mashhad was used by Resistance Units on Wednesday night, February 9, 2022, on the anniversary of the anti-monarchical revolution of 1979, to audio broadcast the slogans, "Death to Khamenei, Hail to Rajavi," "Death to the tyrant, whether the Shah or Supreme Leader," and "Death to Khamenei, Damned be Khomeini, Hail to MEK," (referring to the opposition Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK/PMOI)). The Resistance Units also broadcast the song "Rise up and uproot the enemy's palace," in the Reza Bazaar in Mashhad.



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