

## (Video) Iran: Khamenei's fear of universities has a long history

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In a meeting with a handpicked group of loyalist students on April 26, regime supreme leader Ali Khamenei implicitly acknowledged his fear of Iran's explosive society, especially among the youth.

In a lengthy speech in which he spoke of the years after the 1979 Revolution, Khamenei tried to portray the mullahs' regime as a state that seeks scientific growth and progress.

But he also admitted that his regime has always been challenged by the centers of education and science.

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“Since the beginning, there were two opposing views, one of which was the ‘Revolutionary view led by Khomeini’ and the other the ‘backward and antirevolutionary’ view,” Khamenei said, referring to the confrontations between the regime's loyalists and the dissident groups in universities.

Khamenei warned that the opposition movements are still present in the universities and “are being supported inside the country.”

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Prior to this, Hassan Firouzabadi, the regime's former armed forces chief of staff, had reiterated that the Iranian opposition [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran \(PMOI/MEK\)](#), had expanded its presence across Iran, including in the country's universities, following the 1979 revolution.

"They even gained the support of a percentage of the religious schools," he added.

In the spring of 2020 Khamenei, himself said that in "the early days of the revolution we had youths that were absorbed by eclectic groups (meaning MEK)" and warned senior regime officials to "be on the lookout regarding support being provided to the enemy recruiting the society's youth."

Khamenei is right about this one. The regime's face-off against Iran's colleges and universities on the first day the mullahs obtained power, dates back 43 years.

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"The threat of universities is more dangerous than cluster bombs," he once said, indicating his utter hatred for Iran's colleges, universities, and campuses. Colleges and universities in Iran have always been the epicenter of progressive perspectives and initiatives, especially an area where the PMOI/MEK enjoyed expansive support.



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This is exactly why Khomeini launched the so-called "Cultural Revolution" in 1980 and began his regime's massive crackdown campaign against Iran's colleges and universities.

Furthermore, Khomeini allocated nearly half of the college/university classrooms to the [Revolutionary Guards \(IRGC\)](#) paramilitary Basij force members to impose full and lasting control over the colleges and universities.

Simultaneously, crackdowns and even executions continued to target the country's college students.

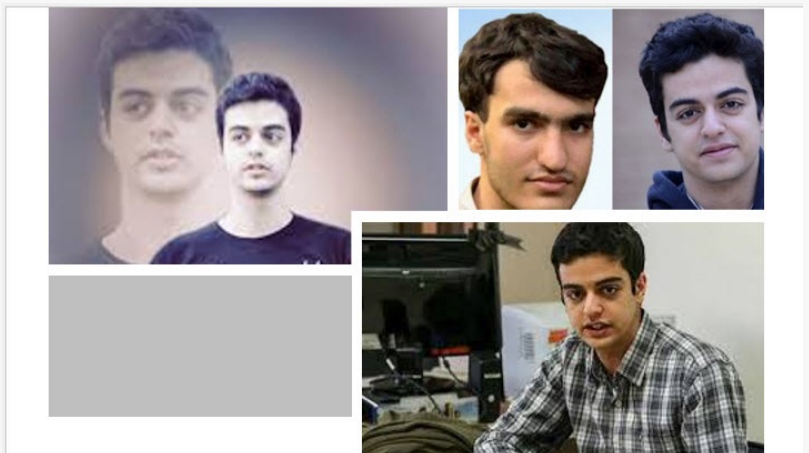
According to reports obtained by the Iranian Resistance, 40 percent of the 120,000 people murdered or executed by the mullahs' regime during the past 43 years were dissident college students and people belonging to Iran's educated sector.

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43 years into this ongoing conflict, between the Iranian people and the mullahs Khamenei's April 26 speech shows his fear of the universities. that have failed in their war against Iran's colleges and universities, and the society as a whole.

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