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Khamenei: We don't mourn his blood-stained hands!

“And in this way, we set some of the oppressors upon others as a result of their misdeeds” (al-An'ām, 6/129)

This Āyah teaches us that due to their evil, at times, Allah Ta'ālā turns two oppressors against one another. The current conflict between Iran and the Israel-American coalition could perhaps be an example of this. Only Allāh Ta'ālā knows the reality of what is currently happening; however, while no Muslim would consider the Zionists as supporting Islām, it would also be naive to consider Iran a supporter of Islām and the Muslims.

In light of our past experiences, we should know better than to accept every media narrative at face value.

History bears testimony that while America and its allies attacked and butchered Muslims in Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan, the Shia state (not Islamic state) of Iran, led by Ali Khamenei, was complicit in slaughtering our Muslim brothers in Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.

The brutal reality of Ali Khamenei's reign is that for over three decades, he presided over a regime known for sectarian persecution and one that has the blood of countless Sunni Muslims on its hands.

For example, in 2016, he issued a fatwā declaring the war against the Sunni Muslims in Syria to be a war against the Kuffār (infidels). He supported the despotic Bashar al-Assad throughout the war and promised the Shia armies that Jannah awaited those who were “martyred”. During the Syrian war, they slayed hundreds of thousands of Muslims and dishonoured an unimaginable number of our sisters. Is this what he termed Jihād and a

means of attaining martyrdom! Will we so readily forget the misery that Khamenei subjected our Muslim brothers and sisters to? Will the dignity of our sisters be so easily dismissed? Have we forgotten the horrendous torture of our brothers and sisters meted out at the notorious human slaughterhouse of Sednaya?

Know well that Khamenei was the head of the Ithnā ‘Ashari (Twelver) Shias who routinely vilify Sahābah Radhiyallāhu ‘anhum; who (Na’ūzhubillah, May Allāh protect us) accuse our honourable mother Sayiddah Āyesha Radhiyallāhu anhā of infidelity; who believe in Imāms that are superior to the Ambiyā Alayhimus Salām, who believe that the Qur’ān has been tampered with; and a host of other beliefs that contradict essential principles of Islām. Furthermore, the history of the Shia is defined by a consistent pattern of betrayal against the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamā’ah.

There is consensus of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamā’ah that anyone who holds the above beliefs is out of the fold of Islām. Such a person, if killed, cannot be termed a martyr, and we cannot make Du’ā for his forgiveness.

Praising him, holding him in high regard, or portraying him as a saviour is not only misguided but dangerous to our very Īmān. He is not a martyr. He is a despotic tyrant who bears responsibility for the suffering and loss of countless Muslims. He has the blood of our brothers and sisters on his hands. We cannot, and must not, glorify him in any way.

May Allah Ta’āla destroy the oppressors at one another’s hands and keep the Muslims safe. May Allāh Ta’ālā bring about an outcome that is beneficial to Islām and the Muslims in the region and throughout the world. Āmīn

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