

## **The Leader's message on Ahvaz terror attack - 23 /Sep/ 2018**

Following the terrorist attack Saturday (September 22, 2018) in the southwestern Iranian city of Ahvaz, in which a number of our beloved compatriots were martyred and wounded, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei issued a message extending condolences to the families of those martyred in the bitter and regrettable incident, stressing, "Relevant intelligence apparatuses are duty-bound to swiftly and carefully go after the lackeys of criminals and hand them over to the powerful clutches of the country's Judiciary."

The text of the message of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution is as follows:

In His Name

The bitter and regrettable martyrdom of a group of our beloved people in Ahvaz at the hands of mercenary terrorists once again exposed the cruelty and malevolence of the enemies of the Iranian nation. These ruthless mercenaries who open fire on women, children and innocent people are affiliated with the same mendacious and hypocritical pretenders who are constantly speaking of human rights. Their spiteful hearts cannot tolerate the manifestation of national might during the performance of Armed Forces. Their crime is the extension of the plots by vassal US states in the region who have set themselves the goal of creating insecurity in the country. To their dismay, the Iranian nation will continue its proud and honorable path and will, as before, overcome all hostilities.

I hereby extend my sympathies and condolences to the families of these martyrs and ask for resilience and divine comfort for them and the promotion of the status of the martyrs. Relevant intelligence apparatuses are duty-bound to swiftly and carefully go after the lackey's of criminals and hand them over to the powerful clutches of the country's Judiciary

Seyyed Ali Khamenei  
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