# Khomeini's *fatwa* ordering the massacre of unrepentant Mojahedin prisoners

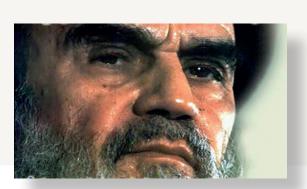
"As the treacherous Monafeqin [Hypocrites, a derogatory term used by the regime referring to the PMOI] do not believe in Islam and their statements are rooted in deception and hypocrisy, and as their leaders have confessed that they have become renegades, and as they are waging war on God, and as they are engaging in classical warfare on the western, northern and southern fronts, and as they are collaborating with the Baathist Party of Iraq and spying for Saddam [Hussein] against our Muslim nation, and as they are tied to the World Arrogance, and in light of their cowardly blows to the Islamic Republic since its inception, it is decreed that those who are in prison throughout the country and remain steadfast in their support for the Monafeqin are waging war on God and are condemned to execution.

"The task of implementing the decree in Tehran is entrusted to Hojjatol-Islam Nayyeri, the Sharia [religious] judge; Mr. Eshraqi, the Tehran prosecutor; and a representative of the Intelligence Ministry ...

"In prisons in the provinces, the views of a majority of a trio consisting of the Sharia judge, the Revolutionary Prosecutor, and the Intelligence Ministry representative must be obeyed. It is naive to show mercy to those who wage war on God ... Those who are making the decisions must not hesitate, nor show any doubt or be concerned with details..."

Ruhollah Mousavi Khomeini<sup>199</sup>

<sup>199-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 152. www.montazeri.org, 2000.



ب براج إم

در بجا کدمن فیش فاش بسوید به سه مستقدمون درم می و مد ان می و در تر درم به بنا در بسال کدمن فیش فاش بسوید به به مستقدمون درم می و مد ان مدین کار و در تر درم به بنا در سال مده در بار در اند در تعد بر من یب بود به من وجله ر موریک آن در مال دور جو بس ، به به رحد بعث عماق بخبری کان دارمدلم علیه مت مان ، د، ته برار، الآن ؛ المكر جاء ومات اجاردان فان الداستار فيرفة جمهر بدي ون لا لدور مرم كرد در روض فاقتطد وفاركرد ميكند مارب وملم برجدم مياند وتمير ومن فيزم مردن ، در المرت في فروسهم مري وفي وبراة وتوند الدوار المودار ارمجة ودرجاعب . وبي طرد درندند رم رب ف تردار ارت بان فاخرع ، دادت نسب وياديارونين ورارت طده - منم بديع ميك، رح برى بن بروارد من با ماطمت بسم درابر دش ن خدالد مرك ترديه اردن ا مدينيم بت . ميدوله جب وكنية مندو خد مبت وين ن سام رف ت صادر مت ل را أيذ كر مخير مضع بحد أنانت ورم ومد وتد ومن تد ومن لندد ا عايمة، بيند . تدويد مرتفاع مسم بقدد بادر دفق حن بال شهدا، بين مد ور مس ير مي الم

## Questions submitted by Moussavi Ardebili, then Chief Justice, on how the death commissions should proceed, conveyed to Khomeini by his son, Ahmad Khomeini.

"With greetings, [Chief Justice] Ayatollah Moussavi Ardebili has telephoned to raise three ambiguities in Your Eminence's recent decree on the *Monafeqin* [Mojahedin]:

"1. Does the decree apply only to those who have been in prison, who have already been tried and sentenced to death, but have not changed their stance and the verdict has not yet been carried out, or are those who have not yet been tried also condemned to death?

"2. Those *Monafeqin* prisoners who have received limited jail terms and have already served part of their terms, but continue to hold fast to their stance in support of the *Monafeqin*, are they also condemned to death?

"3. In reviewing the status of the *Monafeqin* prisoners, is it necessary to refer the cases of *Monafeqin* prisoners in provinces that have an independent judicial organ to the provincial center, or can the local judicial authorities act autonomously? "Your son, Ahmad"

### Khomeini's reply

"In the name of God, the Most High,

"In all the above cases, if the person at any stage or at any time maintains his [or her] support for the Monafeqin, the sentence is execution. Annihilate the enemies of Islam immediately. As for individual cases, use whichever criterion speeds up the implementation of the verdict.

"Ruhollah Moussavi Khomeini"200

<sup>200-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 152. www.montazeri.org, 2000

Documents

200 مرد مرد در در در در در بال مرود بال مرود ومرموم آمت ، ومرود ومع دورد و ما امر معرف ا در ، ده من من الله . . . . مرد مرد در در در در در ۱۰ مردد به ل مرود ومرموم . . . . . . ومرود ومع دورد د ما امر معرف ۱ در ، ده من من الله . . دار وملفية والدار الامن كدد ۱ - اكوامية مع يوط بست والال مدور زدان برد. الدوم ومده الدوم ، عام تشداد و لاتبر برف تواد. ال د مزرم ما در مرد الله او المن من و الله الله مرار الم من منده الممتم و مام المر > - الا ما فلي الم قلية من مراحا المدى منده الد مر رى ور ز مات ما مركيده الم دار مرار من مات ما مرم احدای ماری الته و . در مرد دست از من الا بردند در مندند در در مرت الا د خد بستد لاف الدر در مرد با مستذ المد والاب فالد والمرامة المنا المرك فرزراهم 200 ربع) مارد فرق برکس رد بررصد اگر میزمان، بر محص اسام به برمیا دست ن معرم را ارز کید הולו וצייבי נישי זיני ונו הואת בי אישי קור נו مان مردونظر مراجعين

Crime Against Humanity \_

## Montazeri's letter to Khomeini – 31 July 1988

"In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful,

"His Exalted Eminence Imam Khomeini,

"With greetings, I would like to inform Your Eminence of the following regarding your recent decree for the execution of the Monafeqin who remain in prison. The nation apparently tolerates the execution of those arrested in the recent incidents with no adverse consequences; but the execution of those who were already in prison has the following consequences:

"1. These executions are perceived as an act of vengeance and a vendetta, considering the present state of affairs.

"2. Many families, even those who are pious and revolutionary, are distressed and aggrieved by these executions, and have turned their backs to our regime.

"3. Many of the prisoners who are not holding fast to their views are being treated by the officious as if they were.

"4. At a time when under the attacks and pressure of Saddam and the Monafeqin, we are attracting some sympathy around the world and many newspapers and personalities are defending us, it is unwise for the regime and you to cause the propaganda to turn against us.

"5. In that these people have been sentenced by our courts to prison terms, executing them without due process or new activity completely disregards all judicial standards and rulings. This will not reflect well on our regime.

"6. Our judicial officials, prosecutors and intelligence officials are not perfect and there is plenty of opportunity for mistakes and unduly influenced decisions. With Your Eminence's recent decree, many people who have light charges or are innocent are being executed.

"7. To date, we have not benefited from these killings and violence. We have only stirred up more propaganda against ourselves and we have increased the appeal of the Monafeqin and the counter-revolutionaries. It is appropriate to treat them with mercy for a while so as to make many of them sympathetic to us.

"8. If you insist on your decree, then at least issue an order that the judge, the prosecutor and the intelligence official have to reach a consensus for execution. They must particularly spare women with children. The execution of several thousand prisoners in a few days will not have positive repercussions and will not be without error. Even some of our religious judges were very distressed by this.

"Hossein-Ali Montazeri"

31 July 1988"<sup>201</sup>

<sup>201-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10,

#### Documents

م من منامة الما ممضرب رت أمة المة المسلمين المام ممين منطقة للما . زرالام دكت بسرين مرم ند راجع برسور ا فرمون من مراعدام مادين مرجد در زدادا در بازدان ورافان مادر اجررا الت دمامه بذرابت ما برا ارمر . امادد دا عدام معدون ارس من در دان . ادلاً برالط منى حريرك وزن دانستا مولاً عيرد · حثاية اعتزاده أى بسيادى دائم قامت دانسلايي ا الملاً برالط منى حريرك وزن دانستا مولاً عيرد · حثالثا ب دى اذا، ن برمين سب داميرة مشاين مند إجت دن فارمسين در كان حداً زده عيرند · حثالثا ب دى اذا، ن برمين سب د اصفار مشاين مند . ان سالد مروض سمتند .. ودا ما ورفرا تلانسل مراف رو وطلات المرصدا مون معتن ا ورد ما جر بودر فسرام دب برى از زم مرا د محسبها اذ اد ناع مستندر سلاح فلا ، دهد مناع مست المردند بسا مله الروح فرد .. دخام الرادي كم رسيله دادك مدا و رادن درمان على عكر اراء المسرار احدا ، كرد ماكان مدد نستدمدون مساليت تا زوان + اعتداد مهم مدادم ومن 2 دا على م تصابق من ومرب الرواب والمراحة المرتبان المرتبية ما التالة والموقعات والمسلومية لم الدوما وسيتد والتبدائات مدة فروز هر بسيار وفرادان بت وباجكم الفرمضرت يرب فد كمنا ماذير > في والا بم عدد ملية ورا در دوام وجادب ما فيتن مصدانقلاب را متر تردوام ماستدر ارامت وطونت رحدور را د د تعدة راي ساري جارم ارابد دارت . ورامنا الرورية بردمور هودا فاحرار داريد المورد مورد هد الد اتفاق لفرما من مدادت ودسترل لطلومة، مدنه النرسة دونان مع المسا ورود فديد الدوار د از جرد اعدا ، جند را حرار در در الدند و را به در در ام در الدو مرد برد و حم ف (ار حله تر ابر برد . دستن ارتفاق مند من س ب ... اللت برد ند دم مت این مدر برش فرور حد دان الق رو . مدتر درمراداستری ، در در تر مدر مرد مدین ما استاستم ، دیران از مزج فندو اسیلم ما ن الام ان نمان می ایس مروس او استریت ۲۰۰۰ مدر مرد مدین مرور او از از الدام مراجع از من المجد ۲۰۰ ۱۹ - ۱۹ و مرم و السال م

Crime Against Humanity \_

## Montazeri's second letter to Khomeini – 4 August 1988

"In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful "His Exalted Eminence Imam Khomeini,

"With greetings, pursuant to my letter of 31 July 1988, I write the following out of my sense of religious duty: Three days ago, a religious judge from one of th, who is a trustworthy man, came to see me in Qom and was in great distress because of the way Your Eminence's decree is being implemented. He said the intelligence chief or the prosecutor (I forget which) was trying to ascertain if a prisoner was still holding fast to his beliefs.

"He asked the prisoner if he was prepared to condemn the Monafeqin; he said yes.

"He asked him: 'Are you willing to go to the front to fight in the war with Iraq?' He said yes.

"They asked, 'Are you willing to walk over mines\*?' He said, 'Do you mean everybody is willing to walk over mines? Besides, you shouldn't have such high expectations from someone who has just changed his views.'

"They said, 'It is obvious that you are still holding on to your political beliefs,' and dealt with him in the same way they dealt with those who had held onto their previous political positions [executed him]."

"The judge told me how much he insisted that the verdict be issued by consensus, or a majority, but this was not accepted, because it is the intelligence official who has absolute control and the others are under his influence.

"Your Eminence, can see what type of people are implementing your grave decree that affects the lives of thousands of prisoners.

"Hossein-Ali Montazeri"202

## Khomeini's response- 6 August 1988

"I am religiously responsible for the said verdict. You should not be concerned. May God obliterate every one of the Monafeqin."<sup>203</sup>

Attachment 153. www.montazeri.org, 2000.

<sup>202-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 154. www.montazeri.org, 2000

<sup>203-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 156. www.montazeri.org, 2000.

#### Documents

بسمه تعال تاريخ <u>١٢/٥١٧٦</u> مر بسم المرادم الرحم مدر در امة الم المعظى الم محمق مطلة لل مرازموم ولحبت بردائد مردف ٩ ١٥ ١٧ ، مارفع متوليت ارعى اوفرد مرف مر مر دوز قبر قافن شرع عى ادب فاى كور فرم د موددا عمادي من ما مراي راي اركوه اجرار ولا فاجر صرف يقم أعر بدد ومسلعت : مول اطلاعات دادته ن- ترد مدادتن -از المادندان را المحنف استدر روض المت ما مد رومد: تود مري از فاما فنت را محلومان . لعت: ارى . رسم : حافرى مصاحبه فى . نفت : ارى . برسد : حافرى راى هذا باعراق مجمیه بردی . گفت : آری . برمید: حافری دوی می بروی : گفت: بگرهه مردم حافر ندردی می بروز وانگه از مران ما ن ما یو تاین حد اخل در مرايدد مسرور مركومي وما ومعامل مركوم ما مادد . واين قاص مرع ملكيت ، من بره احداد كردم يس لاكرابغا ق آرار ما رز . التريت بدير وتر من ونعش ارم من را هري مرك اطلاي ت دارد وديكران عرلا محت ما شرمي ما شرير . حضرتها ( طاحار ) . . . . . من المعدم مردد ترحنوز مركومت و دا ومعا مل مركوم الخام داد . 

## Letter to Khomeini from Mohammad Hassan Ahmadi,

## Sharia judge of Khuzestan-14 August 1988

"In the name of God,

Excellency Grand Ayatollah Imam Khomeini, May your blessings remain eternal

"With regard to the recent ruling of Your Eminence regarding the Monafeqin.... There are various interpretations in the extreme, which I have explained thoroughly to Ahmad Agha [Khomeini's son] and I will not repeat. For example, in Dezful, certain of the prisoners by the names of Taher Ranjbar, Mostafa Behzadi, Ahmad Asekh and Mohammad Reza Ashough, condemned the Monafeqin, but the intelligence representative nevertheless asked them, 'So if you believe the Islamic Republic is righteous and the Monafeqin false, are you willing to fight on the battlefield, in the war, and in the mountain passes, etc. on behalf of the Islamic Republic?' Some were doubtful and some said no. The intelligence representative said: 'They are holding onto their beliefs, because they are not willing to fight in the name of the ruler.'

"I told him, 'So then the majority of the Iranian people who are not willing to go to the war, are all Monafeqin?"

"He responded, "Their case is different from that of ordinary people."

"And finally they were sentenced with a majority vote, except the last person who fled during the sentencing. Therefore, I request your virtuous attention and judgment to determine this matter, so those in charge of implementation do not make mistakes... "Islamic Republic Sharia judge of Khuzestan

"Mohammad Hossein Ahmadi – 14 August 1988"<sup>204</sup>

<sup>204-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 157. www.montazeri.org, 2000.

Documents

معرت ات و بعض تنظر رویت بمات بر لرز موس میں صحرت امان فریروند ،، بنا به دور جا له مرجب تعمیر شرط فرد مذکور را ما ،، بکرشد جا به تهران تام منظور ما مگر مد وطینی با شد، ,, وما بشد كم مسلة في ما بها مذشر كم منه أمدين مر خواهم لا به مرموز ۲ مرج من حی طبم مود و ۲ در مرد در مردد حدد رو العدر و مغر موضعه من من را قرل زراد بر سر بیت ترجم مد الاصم مردد نب ، من است جذب که ندران ، مشر خطاد خر الا ار مرمن نعیق را ارز مرحد کر، ، فرا مرالا ۱۵ مراو که مراو ۲۷ الد مراد تر احد مجمل مر - اجترام العظم المام حنى دات بركام - باعرف سلام در دا مطر باسم ا خرمت از داج به مناعین مرجد استا مذکر محتو از ۲) سم در امن با دو صعبت کمز دن از جعت مسب دهنرد رمن باب دظلیم سری روستولی معطوی ۲ در تشنیعی مرصوع جملاره سیاستر سعورون سوارد سم مرسونیای مردف یا با نشاری مرموسخ سا معین مشیرها د تحلیل های موالد سیشود و نظرمه در این حابین اخراط مورط ترا ردارد که تبناصیل خوب ساج احداً قاعرض كردم وأز تحواراً ن خرد دار، سترد ما باب سال دردز فول عرادى اززدا فيان فامان طاهر رمسر معطني هزادى مراسخ معدرها آسرع بدائكه منا نعيذ دامكوم كردنو رساحر بم هرمزع ماس مانت کمری درداد مرد تحریز در مرد مرکز مرا اعلی مرحم و رحمع زمانها و برد خر مانت کمری درداد مرد تحریز در مرد مرکز مرا اعلی مرحم در ماسلامی دامرحت مساخلی دابر باطلی میرد ا شرحه حشر و شما کم صحبوری ا سلامی در جبعه رحلک و کلو کا حال کمتر کمت کمندو سیمن داخلی رود و دستنی نعن کمند امایز - اطلاعات محمن اور کا مرکز می مرد می جست زجیو و حاضر می سند کم دردا ، نظام حق منگذر ، استان کفتم می مترب مردم المران کم دررا مطاع می منگلو : ایکان تنم میں مردم المران کم حاضر سیستر م جدم میلار ، ارتحان تعند سرا ، دار حسب ۱ مردم عادی موق سکنلر ، در حرصر رت با دای ایم مین ، سرد کان میک شد فر نسط مرد اخیر در سر اجرای کم مرد ، مرد ارتراه ۱ ست در صرت مصلت ملاک دسیاری برای این ۱ مرشی می من شد آ مردس اجرای دسا داشیا ، وامزاط و تعز دیط نستر فر ۲ من مری «دگی ماحل ی دسا احرای است ، منظری مرغل رش ،

# Montazeri's letter to members of the Tehran Death Commission, Nayyeri, Eshraqi, Pour Mohammadi and Raeisi – 15 August 1988

"In the Name of God, the Most High,

"1. I have received more blows from the *Monafeqin* than all of you, both in prison and outside. My son was martyred by them. If it was a question of revenge, I should pursue it more than you. But I seek the expedience and interests of the Revolution, Islam, the Supreme Leader, and the Islamic State. I am worried about the judgment that posterity and history will pass upon us.

"2. Such massacres without trial, particularly when the victims are prisoners or captives [of war], will definitely benefit them in the long run. The world will condemn us and they will be further encouraged to wage armed struggle. It is wrong to confront ideas and ideologies with killings.

"3. Look at the behavior of the Prophet [Mohammad] and how he treated his enemies after the conquest of Mecca and the Battle of Hawazen. The Prophet showed mercy and amnesty and was given the title of 'the Mercy of Both Worlds' by the Almighty. Look how Imam Ali treated his enemies after defeating them in the Battle of Jamal. "4. Many of these people who are holding fast to their beliefs are doing so in reaction to the way they have been treated by interrogators and prison wardens; otherwise they might have been flexible.

"5. To argue that if we released these prisoners, they would rejoin the *Monafeqin* is not sufficient to characterize them as *Mohareb* [waging war on God] and of having mutinied against God. Imam Ali did not punish Ibn Moljem [his assassin] before he actually carried out the crime, even though he said beforehand that 'he [Ibn Moljem] is my killer'....

"6. The beliefs of a person, per se, are not sufficient grounds to declare him as someone who is waging war on God or rebelling against the Almighty. Even if it is supposed that the [Mojahedin] leaders are renegades, their supporters cannot be given the same verdict.

"7. Judgment must be made in an environment free of emotions. The social environment now is not conducive to justice due to sloganeering and propaganda. We are upset with the *Monafeqin's* crime in the west, but are taking it out on prisoners and former prisoners. Executing people who have not carried out any new activities will cast doubt on previous judges and all previous judgments. According to which standard do you execute a prisoner to whom you have previously given a lesser sentence? At present, prison visits and telephone calls have been cut off, but how will you answer the families tomorrow?

2)-12:00 - 15:0- 60 2 v/ 0/14 in 10 5/011 110/010 ا من بيس از هديمة ارما فقي عرب هودد ما مدرد اران وجدد ما اع رادان - فرز المان مراالان مراد رم ندند - اكرما مرامة محدثها مدم بشر الددن لائم ولام مصلحت لا مدنقلاب وتشور وهيئت ولايت فقته وعكومت ولام را درانظ ميكرم مرقص وت أسدالان وتدريج ۲ ان كون مسل م مدون محاله أن حم مست مر مراغ د اكسر قطبة در درار كرمت سفع ألفاج ور فان دا مشتر بسارز ومسلى خر تون مسكند مدارز و با فكروايد و ازطرس كمن غل م روش ميغمروا ، ديمنان فرد در فتركم وحدارن مربسد م مخر مودهم برصرد در دار حدالوت رجر داندا لمان كروت روم امرا لمو من البرجم را الر ٢ بسا دي ارد خرا دمر وصفر دا دفت را ترجوي وزيدام بنا الدن دا يرمون و بن مرد والآت ٥ محرد دمند المرامان والأراد كمنم ممنا فعتى المحق الروز محص صدق هذان محارب وماغى م امراكد من كتبت بابن المرحم قصة مر قبر از حدادت الجام مداد بالميند خرد مردا ع مجرد اعمق د فردرا داجر عنوان می رسد و اعن بی ترز دار تداد مران مردب علی ارداد عنا دت عظم المرددجو سالم وفالارام ب ت المر (الانتين القامن وهو عضانا ن الان بالمعار؟ وتحريجًا ت حدًّا جمًّا عن ما نام بم مهت ما در حنابت منا خدَّين درغ بان السرافر سامان بن افتادوام واللي اعدام ومان سرون فعالية حدمد ورركوال مردن حر صادر وحر وساوت بن ابق ب كن داكم المرار الدام مده در در در المرام A نبش وردهه مذكر حسكت حضرت المام وجهدد ولاست فقته مى باتم ولني دائم موضوع راب هد تحوي الأن رم مدارند این هم مادر فد محد جس طدر دماروا در الردم هم فلط بور؟ ۹ من حد من از قصام من قل ومتدمن را ديدم كم فارا جت مود ذر واز محده اجرا و شلامت دام. ومنفت مدروى مرد ومزندج درز درى راز فرمد د ند د دو ما عدام المراد المر · ا درد، تر مى بدى خلق الى مى مرتسد بر مى ورورد المت الركونسطى الت و منطق علط را ما يد بالعظن صى مواب داد بارش عتر مديد دملد ترويم مرود الم موفق بميد ع - ٢ .

"8. I, more than anybody, care about the prestige of His Eminence the Imam as the Supreme Leader [Khomeini]. I do not know how things are being presented to him. Should we say that all that we studied in Islamic jurisprudence about caution when dealing with people's blood and properties was wrong?

"9. I have met with a number of just and pious judges who were dismayed and complained about the way the decree is being implemented. They said there is too much extremism and cited numerous cases of people being executed without any reason.

"10. In conclusion, the People's Mojahedin are not individuals; they are an ideology, and a world view. They have a logic. It takes right logic to answer wrong logic. You cannot rectify wrong with killings; you only spread it.

"Hossein-Ali Montazeri"<sup>205</sup>

## Khomeini's letter dismissing Montazeri as his successor 26 March 1989

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate. "To Mr. Montazeri.

"My heart is broken and filled with blood now that I am writing a few words to you. Perhaps one day the people will realize the facts by reading this letter.

"In your recent letter to me, you said that in accordance with the *Sharia*, you give priority to my views over your own. As God is my witness, I point out the following issues:

"Since it has become clear that after me, you are going to hand over this country, our dear Islamic Revolution, and the Muslim people of Iran to the liberals, and through that channel to the *Monafeqin*, you are no longer qualified to succeed me as the legitimate leader of the state. You, in most of your letters, speeches and stances, have shown that you believe the liberals and *Monafeqin* should rule this country. It is so clear that your remarks have been dictated by the *Monafeqin* that I did not see any point in sending a reply. For instance, thanks to your speeches and written work, the *Monafeqin* took advantage of your stance in defense of their gang to promote a number of their comrades—who had been condemned to death on charges of waging armed struggle against Islam and the Revolution—to positions of authority.

205- Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 155. www.montazeri.org, 2000.

#### Documents

د ش مدارامین ن رشد اید کونفر زوش، برنفر فردسم مدان خدادا درنفر بکیم در نی ماکد شود دداند كدين مدير كمر اين كرر داندر بدون وزار بمان ديدان دير دوين بيت يرد ودوك الدان بن دنين بب مد صومت دكروميت دمدراتيه دلله را لدوت داد اير شودراك اما وصمتها ومرمن كرما فن مادر منتدر مردد ومانين او رود مرد مرد مدر مدر مدر مد مدد ورمانس درد كمن فامدار دارماب أي الردير مله حرمين ما فد مواندت فين تسارف دمدد مركد در من المسار مد بسم دامند- مركم بارم مده بعد دا مانتی اورا ن دم ماج آدر . دور به مدود برند دم خرت ادرا ، متدرود و مدينة مدر الرئام ادما ورمرت بين متدن ترمد بستد وداخد دار مان مارد مرد مدد تاتريت دت بينهدا بر ددوا تحشد لذفت ورش في والتمريد بدرا المريد ويت ومن من از و ودن تامي آن دا خلام شوادن بروكمون فراليد وباطد و ديدل معرف مواليك ترف برج مزول مرفيدم والديدان ، مردان رمد مد مد مد مور مرد مد مدم الد . ار ما خلرى و مرة مدم وطرفود مدد المراد مدها فلي مسود مد وما مندل مورين مزاة مودر كرافرمان داخاب زكين ، ود ينه وسي مراحة ودا من مرد م אולי, איורייט גיל ב שת איני זות אי היאוב נין נית אי וויא . - من ند ادادست مود را مرفر ، الم مرد الم بر معنى ت لفيل در ده مدر ومراله مرد و

Can you see what valuable services you have offered to The Arrogance [The West]? On the issue of the murderer Mahdi Hashemi [a supporter and relative of Ayatollah Montazeri, who was later executed], you considered him to be the most religious person on earth. Despite the fact that it was proven to you that he was a murderer, you kept sending messages to me to spare his life. There are so many other examples, similar to that of Mahdi Hashemi, that I cannot be bothered to mention them all.

"You no longer have the power of attorney on my behalf. Tell the people who bring you gold and money to take them to Mr. Pasandideh's [Khomeini's elder brother] residence in Qom or to me in Jamaran. Praise be to God, you yourself will not have any financial commitments from this date.

"If, in accordance with the *Sharia*, you do consider my views to be superior to yours (although the *Monafeqin* will certainly advise you that it is against your interests to do so, and no doubt you will get busy writing things which will further worsen your future), then you should listen to the following words of advice I am giving you. It breaks my heart and my chest is full of agonizing pain when I see that you, the fruit of my life's labor, are so ungrateful. However, by relying on Almighty God, I give you the following words of advice, and it will be up to you whether you take note of them or not:

"One: Try to change the members of your cabinet so as to avoid feeding the *Monafeqin*, Mahdi Hashemi's clique, and the liberals from the sacred charity funds donated to the Imam.

"Two: Since you are a gullible person and are provoked easily, do not interfere in political matters, and maybe then God will forgive you for your sins.

"Three: Do not write to me ever again, and do not allow the *Monafeqin* to pass state secrets to foreign radio stations.

"Four: Since you became a mouthpiece of the *Monafeqin* and your speeches have conveyed their wishes to the people via the mass media, you have inflicted heavy blows on Islam and the Revolution. This is a great act of treason against the unknown soldiers of the Lord of Time, may our souls be sacrificed for him, and against the sacrifices made by the illustrious martyrs of Islam and the Revolution. If you wish to save yourself from hell fire, you had better confess to all your sins and mistakes and maybe then God will help you.

"I swear to God that from the start I was against choosing you as my successor, but at the time I did not realize you were so gullible. To me you were not a resourceful manager, but an educated person who could benefit the religious seminaries. If you continue your deeds, I will definitely be obliged to do something about you. And

۲ ... در آب دس در وع مستد درما توجد مدور در معل رمای دوات عید شیرم و در مشرات ما درد م - وكم تدروين نام برويد ور اجازه دورت فين برج الارتقات بت روم داديدة وعد ۲ - ۱ د اد بنوان رامن کد درمد و دو دار درم در در مرب مرب منا دستی درم د داند. در در در در در فينى تردك برمرد والأكنام اال زان مدم بدلها ووندر بالرمداد بدي والتدر كردير عاراليد مدقرمه مدد مردام ال مرات ولد فار فار ما الاتداد داتم مالداتها بالماس مامان بدم وله درون وت شود ماد مع سواية كم مدير دم مرديد و تمنى ودر تعبرك دمند برمذه ارعيد ودر المعدد ور المار المار المدر الدراتان را دوريه تكسيت دمير رطام وسياميد دلد تكسيد فرد مرجى منيخ . ويقس من وبخست وزير ما بذكان ما مديدم ولم اورام أم فرد مدينة ديرت من مارد ديد ميمدر فاحد مادم دورته مادد نظردية ف ما مدينة . مى دومردد در دار مد در دار مد درد در داند ، بردم مزران داد من بعدار فد مسلم مدد در داد م علق بالالوان من مردع والى م من المارم وان لدام مد من اددا مرمه ومد نام دلدم الرابان ويدن بيال، مدين ورمن ومعيت برميدام من لار مري والد المان مدافد ال من تها باد روالمد الرم خرد من مداد خدا ا مردم فرب برف دميد بها ن مدام مدما فسات را درار ناب المادين داي تايا بهم يرتد وفرت بروان وبهم مى لندمت تا بردويار دمة م مراب دورا دادی ریک ، ایزا برد دردان مرود بر بعد ندور در مدا میان د . سرد بردن مدار مسردتم مل زار داودا تجسر دانان مداجر والمع عن حداث تدان داجروادي مجت ما عدرافى مست برفت او ودعد مجزر مان بعمت اوت درمع اس

you know me, I never neglect my duty. I swear to God that I was against appointing Mehdi Bazargan as the first prime minister, too, but I considered him to be a decent person. I also swear to God that I did not vote for Bani-Sadr as the president either. On all these occasions, I submitted to the advice of my friends.

"In the midst of my pain and suffering, I wish to address our dear people from the bottom of my broken heart: I have sworn to my God not to forgive evil individuals ever, if I am not obliged to do so. I have made a pledge to my God that pleasing Him is a much greater priority than pleasing my friends and other people. If the entire world were to rise against me, I would never abandon justice and truth. I do not care about history and current affairs. I am only interested in performing my religious duties. In addition to my pledge to God, I have promised the decent, noble, and honest people to inform them of the facts when the time is appropriate. Islam's history is full of instances of treason against Islam by its prominent figures. Try to make sure that you are not influenced by the lies broadcast by foreign radio stations. These radio stations dictate their lies with so much joy and enthusiasm these days. I beseech Almighty God to grant patience and tolerance to this old father of the dear Iranian people. I beseech God to forgive me and to take me from this world so that I no longer have to experience the bitter taste of my friend's treachery. We all submit to God's will. We have no power without God's will. Everything comes from Him. "In peace: Ruhollah al-Musavi al-Khomeini; dated: Sunday 6 Farvardin 1368. (26 March 1989)"206

<sup>206-</sup> Montazeri, Hossein-Ali, Khaterat-e Ayatollah Montazeri (Ayatollah Montazeri's Memoirs), Chapter 10, Attachment 172. www.montazeri.org, 2000.