

# Condolences on the Passing Away Anniversary of Hazrat Khadijah (SA)

## Five People Killed in Florida Shooting

FLORIDA (Reuters) -- A man fired from his warehouse job in April returned to his old workplace near Orlando on Monday and fatally shot five people before killing himself, Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said. The 45-year-old suspect had a history of misdemeanor criminal offenses but was not linked to any terror organizations, Demings said at a press briefing. "He was a disgruntled employee that came back to this business this morning," said Demings.

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## India's NALCO Puts Iran Plan On Hold

NEW DELHI (Reuters) -- India's National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) has put all its overseas projects on hold, including one in Iran, in order to focus on expanding domestic capacity, its chairman said on Monday. NALCO last year signed an agreement with Iran's mining development body to explore the possibility of building an aluminum smelter. "Iran's proposal is attractive as long as gas prices are attractive, but not much of an indication in that area has come," Chairman Tapan Kumar Chand told Reuters. NALCO had also looked at setting up a 500,000-tonnes-per-year smelter and an associated power plant in Iran.

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## The Lady Whom God Saluted

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

*"O Muhammad! Khadijah is coming in your presence; convey salutations of Allah to her and give her glad tidings that Allah has made a house for her in Paradise wherein there is neither grief nor sorrow."*

These words of Archangel Gabriel to the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger regarding his loyal and virtuous wife, the Mother of all True Believers (Omm al-Momineen), Hazrat Khadijah (SA), with whom he spent 26 long years of marital bliss and as long as she was alive he never took another spouse, are found in all authentic books of hadith including those of our Sunni brethren.

Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) conveyed to her the Almighty's greetings and the First Lady of Islam thanked God Almighty, glorified Him as the Source of all peace, serenity, and salutations, and prostrated to Him out of gratitude.

Every year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadhan our grief is renewed for Hazrat Khadijah (SA), whose departure from the mortal world, shortly after easing of the 3-year economic-social boycott imposed by the Arabs on the Prophet of Islam, was a great blow for the loving husband, as well as the orphaned daughter that she was leaving behind, having died in a state of poverty with no money for even a shroud, let alone inheritance for little Fatema az-Zahra (SA), after having spent all her proverbial wealth to feed, clothe and shelter the persecuted Muslim community.

The aggrieved husband, who was not destined to find a worthy replacement for Khadijah (SA) – despite taking several women as spouses in the last ten years of his life out of social necessity – personally dug the grave, descended into it to smooth the earth and bless it, wrapped his faithful wife in the heavenly shroud brought by Archangel Gabriel, and laid her to eternal rest, while their only surviving child watched with tears rolling down her cheeks, as nearby stood his ward and dear teenaged cousin, Ali ibn Taleb (AS).

After performing the last rites, the widower Prophet consoled his orphaned daughter and for a while became speechless to her question: O Father, where has my mother gone, when Gabriel descended, and revealed the following to him:

*"Your Lord commands you to inform Fatema that He sends His blessings upon her and says: Your Mother is in a house of brocade, its corners are made of gold, and its poles are of rubies. It is located between the houses of Asiya bint Muzahem (the tyrant Pharaoh's virtuous wife) and Maryam bint Imran – the Virgin Mother of Prophet Jesus (AS)."*

Little Fatema (SA) was a picture of profound patience and expressing gratitude in the Divine Court, said: *"Surely Allah is Salaam (Eternal Peace), and peace is from Him and to Him."*

The One and Only Mother of all True Believers, needs no introduction. The Daughter of the wealthy monotheist merchant, Khuwailed ibn Assad, she was linked by five generations to the same pedigree as that of the Prophet's clan of Qoraiysh. Known for her wisdom, knowledge, dignity, excellent temperament and spotless character, she was acclaimed as *"Tahera"* (Pure and Chaste) even in those pre-Islamic days. Her trade caravans that plied the routes from Mecca to Yemen, Syria and other far off places, earned her the epithet *"Maleekat-al-Arab"* (Richest Lady of all Arabia).

On hearing of the reputation of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) – who had not yet been commanded by God to announce his universal mission of Islam – she entrusted him with management of her trade affairs. Impressed by the 25-year old youth's honesty in discharging his duties and having confirmed his scrupulous handling during a trade trip abroad, through her servants in the caravan that he was really *"as-Sadeq"* (Truthful) and *"al-Ameen"* (Trustworthy), she proposed marriage to him.

The Prophet consulted his uncle and guardian Hazrat Abu Taleb (AS), and soon the nuptials were solemnized with great rejoicing, to the extent that for over a month the whole of Mecca was entertained to a daily feast.

The two made an excellent "made-for-each-other pair" and fifteen years later when divine revelation dawned upon the husband the dedicated wife immediately believed in his mission as the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger to mankind. Thereafter, she spent all her wealth in the propagation of Islam.

The couple had several children including son Qasem, from whom the Prophet derived his agnomen (*kunya*) Abu'l-Qasem, but all died in infancy except the youngest daughter Fatema az-Zahra (SA), who was conceived after the Prophet's return from *Me'raj* (ascension to the heavens in the twinkling of an eye) and his tasting of the fruits of paradise. That is one of the reasons God has referred to Hazrat Fatema (SA) as *"Kowthar"* (Spring of Perpetual Abundance) in the Holy Qur'an.

Islam will always remain indebted to Hazrat Khadijah (SA). Her house was the cradle of Islam, and it was she who nursed and reared it for over ten years till she closed her eyes forever on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadhan.

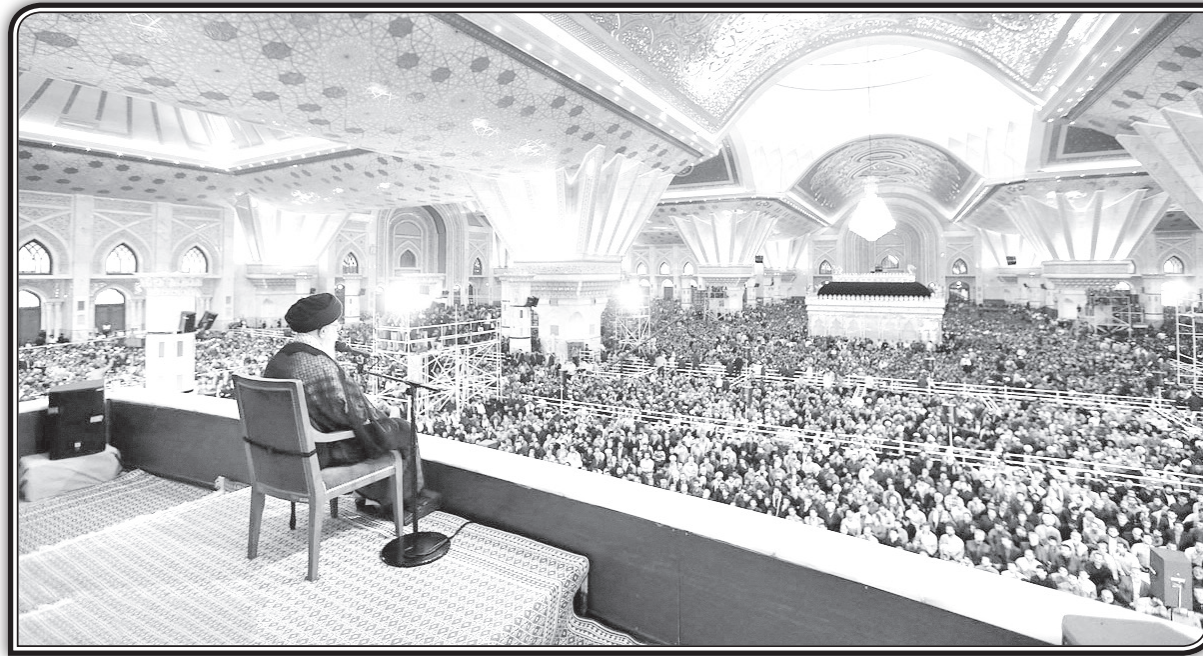
As her future son-in-law, the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali (AS), who grew up in her house as the Prophet's ward, said decades later in one of his famous sermons titled "al-Qas'iah" (Sermon 191 of Nahj al-Balagha):

*"In those days Islam did not exist in any house except that of the Prophet of Allah (SAWA) and Khadijah, while I was the third after these two. I used to see and watch the effulgence of Divine Revelation, and breathed the fragrance of Prophethood."*

Even after death, although the Godless Wahhabis destroyed her holy tomb in 1925, Khadijah (SA) reigns supreme. In every era and place, it was her offspring, who rose to the defence of Islam, as is evident by the tragic martyrdom of her grandson, Imam Husain (AS) in Karbala.

In our own times, the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), who delivered Iran from domestic despotism and US hegemony and whose passing away anniversary we commemorated a couple days ago for reviving Islam, was a descendant of Hazrat Khadijah (SA).

# Leader: Imam Khomeini Attracted Youths



Ayatollah Khamenei addresses mourners at the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini on the 28th anniversary of the eternal departure of the founder of the Islamic Republic.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Millions of Iranians on Sunday marked the anniversary of the eternal departure of the founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, 28 years ago.

Hundreds of thousands from across Iran descended on his mausoleum south of Tehran to attend commemoration ceremonies.

Imam Khomeini spearheaded a popular protest against the policies of the tyrannous Pahlavi regime which was a key ally of the U.S. He guided a churning grassroots movement which was seeing the country's religious values under attack.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said the Islamic Revolution gave identity and independence to Iranian society by toppling the previous tyrannical regime.

Stressing the grandeur of Imam Khomeini's personality, the Leader noted that every effort must be made to prevent distortion of Imam Khomeini's personality and ideas through repetition of ideas cherished by him.

"If something that is true is not repeated with all details and specifications, it may be gradually distorted. Most of you know that there are motivations for distorting the per-

sonality of the Imam and distorting the revolution, which was the greatest feat of the honorable Imam," the Leader added.

The Leader said the secret of the success of Imam Khomeini's movement was that he managed to bring the youth and all people into the arena and to keep them there.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that Imam Khomeini's ideas, including freedom, social and economic justice, and the need to get rid of U.S. domination were among major factors, which attracted the Iranian youth to the revolution.

The Leader stated that as a result

of Imam's ideas, young people even in those countries that are subservient to the United States, like Saudi Arabia, cherish the idea that their countries must be freed from U.S. domination.

The Leader stated that Imam Khomeini had described the U.S. as the "Great Satan and an unreliable state," adding that the heads of European countries have confessed that no one can trust Washington, which attests to truth of Imam Khomeini's ideas.

"This is wisdom. The Americans are unreliable with respect to all issues," Ayatollah Khamenei pointed out.

In another part of his address, the Leader expressed regret that Muslims in some countries, including Yemen, Syria, Bahrain and Libya, were facing numerous problems even in the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

"The Saudi government is bombarding Yemen day and night and exerting pressure on Yemen. Definitely, this is a mistake," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

"The Saudi government must know that if it proceeds with such an approach even for the next 10 or 20 years, it will fail to achieve a victory against the Yemeni people. This is a crime against the innocent people and will bear no fruit."

The Leader also condemned the "illogical" presence of Saudi Arabia in Bahrain and said the Bahraini government must engage in

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## Storm in Persian Gulf After Trump Visit

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE and Bahrain severed all ties with Qatar early Monday, in a renewal of a four-year effort to isolate it and a sign of a new boldness after a visit to the region by U.S. President Donald Trump.

The four Arab states not only suspended diplomatic relations, as they have in the past, but also cut off land, air and sea travel to and from Qatar and ordered their citizens to leave the country.

Qatar, like other monarchies in the Persian Gulf, is a close ally of Washington, and hosts a major American military base that commands the U.S. air campaign in the region.

The severing of all connections created an immediate crisis for Qatar. Qatari diplomats were given 48 hours to leave their posts in Bahrain, while Qatari citizens were allotted two weeks to depart from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Qatar, a relatively small country jutting into the Persian Gulf, has

a border with Saudi Arabia and is vulnerable to its larger neighbor. It imports almost all its food, about 40% of it directly from Saudi Arabia. There were reports of runs on food markets after the announcements on Monday.

Air traffic was disrupted, with the United Arab Emirates suspending service to Qatar by its three carriers, Etihad Airways, Emirates and FlyDubai, beginning Tuesday morning. Qatar Airways was banned from Saudi airspace.

Saudi Arabia said it was taking the action to "protect its national security from the dangers of terrorism and extremism." The Foreign Ministry of Qatar released a statement saying the action had "no basis in fact" and was "unjustified."

Last month, Qatar said its state news media had been hacked, after comments attributed to the emir, Sheikh Hamad bin al-Thani, were published referring to tensions with Washington over Iran policy (Continued on Page 7)

## Iran Urges Dialogue Among Arab States

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Foreign Ministry Monday urged Qatar and neighboring Persian Gulf Arab countries that have severed diplomatic ties with the gas-rich peninsula to engage in dialogue.

"The solution to differences between states in the region, including the current problem between Qatar and its three neighbors, is only possible through political and peaceful methods and dialogue between the parties," spokesman Bahram Qassemi said in a statement published on the ministry's website.

He said increased tension among its southern neighbors "is not to the benefit of any governments in the region and threatens the interests of all" at a time when the world was "suffering widespread terrorism and extremism."

"Using sanctions in today's integrated world is inefficient, to be condemned and unacceptable," Qassemi added of Qatar's neighbors closing all land, sea and air links

with it. "Protecting the national sovereignty of independent governments, avoiding interference in their internal affairs and respecting recognized international borders are internationally recognized and fundamental rights which must be respected by all sides."

Hamid Aboutalebi, deputy chief of staff of Iran's President Hassan Rouhani, said Saudi-led severing of diplomatic ties with Qatar is the first fallout from Donald Trump's visit to the region last month.

The trip marked the U.S. clinching a record \$110-billion arms deal with the kingdom, accompanied by a sword dance which caught many eyes.

"What is happening is the preliminary result of the sword dance," Aboutalebi tweeted.

The official took aim at a Saudi-led military coalition which was branded as "Arab NATO" during (Continued on Page 7)