



**A UNITED STAND OF SOUTH AFRICAN SHIA MUSLIM SCHOLARS IN SUPPORT OF**  
**OUR BELOVED LEADER**  
**AYATULLAH SAYYID ALI KHAMENEI**  
**AND THE PATH OF RESISTANCE**

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As South African Muslims—heirs to a long and painful struggle against injustice, colonial domination, and racial oppression—we recognize all too well the language of propaganda used to delegitimize resistance and criminalize those who refuse to submit to unjust power.

From this moral and historical position, we express our clear and principled support for the great Leader of Islamic Revolution, **Ayatullah Sayyid Ali Khamenei** and for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Our own history teaches us that those who stood against apartheid were once branded “extremists,” “terrorists,” and “destabilizers.” Today, many of the same forces that politically, economically, and militarily supported apartheid seek to lecture the world on human rights, while enabling occupation, genocide, and systematic oppression—most glaringly in Palestine.

The Islamic Revolution of Iran, now marking 47 years since February 1979, must be understood through this same lens. It represents a steadfast refusal to surrender political sovereignty, moral independence, and Islamic identity to imperial interests. In a Muslim world often pressured into silence or complicity, Iran has maintained a consistent and principled stance against Zionist occupation, Western domination, and the reduction of Muslim nations to client states.

**Ayatullah Sayyid Ali Khamenei’s** leadership is not merely political. As **a Marja’ and the Wali al-Faqih (Grand Spiritual Authority)**, he holds profound spiritual, moral, and religious authority for millions across the Muslim world. His role embodies ethical resistance, moral clarity, and steadfast opposition to global arrogance (*istikbār*). This spiritual dimension of leadership resonates deeply with South African Muslims, whose collective conscience has been shaped by dispossession, forced removals, and prolonged international indifference.

As South African Muslims, we categorically reject attempts to silence, intimidate, or shame those who stand with resistance. We strongly condemn and oppose any expressions or threats of intent to assassinate our beloved leader **Ayatullah Sayyid Ali Khamenei**. Such an act would not only constitute a grave crime and moral transgression but would have disastrous and far-reaching

consequences for the entire region and for global peace, risking widespread instability, escalation of conflict, and further suffering of innocent populations.

We therefore call upon South African Muslim scholars, religious leaders, and institutions to take a clear, united, and principled moral stance—affirming the sanctity of life, rejecting political violence, and standing firmly against injustice, oppression, and imperial aggression in all its forms.

This is not merely a political position. It is a moral, spiritual, and historical obligation.

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They seek to extinguish Allah's light (by blowing) with their mouths, but Allah shall spread His light in all its fullness, howsoever the unbelievers may abhor this. Al Qura'n 61:8

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