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Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei issued a statement Thursday in condemnation of Thursday terrorist attacks in Iraq in which dozens of pilgrims of Karbala were martyred. The text of the message is as follow.

In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

The disastrous terrorist attack in Iraq which led to martyrdom of innocent pilgrims grieved the hearts of lovers of the household of the Messenger and those who seek salvation in following their model.

The disgraced people whose hands are soaked with blood of those innocent people must know they have preferred human evils over God and thrown themselves in the God's fire of anger. "And surely the Hell encompasses the unbelievers."

The wicked hands and minds which have sowed this blind and unbridled terrorism in Iraq must know this fire will burn them and like in the case of other Islamic countries, their wicked intention will more press their own throats than others.

The prime suspect in this crime and other similar crimes is the American security and military forces who under the pretext of combat against terrorism have tyrannically occupied an Islamic country, murdered tens of thousands of humans and increasingly incited insecurity in the country. The growth of terrorism weeds and venomous plants in Iraq will indeed be recorded in the log of American crimes. The American and Israeli intelligence bodies are the prime suspects.

We expect the Iraqi government to seriously counter these crimes and wholly safeguard the security of the pilgrims of holy shrines.

Though the slain are martyrs and God will award them but the hearts of their relatives and friends are full of grief. I condole with all the grieved especially the families of the slain and ask God for recovery of the wounded.

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