

# Tribulation Watch Newsletter



“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book . . .” (Revelation 13:8).

Dear friend

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Over the past seventeen years I have been warning in this newsletter that a war between Iran and America is coming which will lead to the rise of the Antichrist (Little Horn) see Daniel Ch. 8. It appears this war is now taking place in the Middle East.

Many Americans believe Iran will eventually throw in the towel and total surrender to the will of Donald Trump and his Jewish (Zionist) puppet masters. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Iran is a Theocracy (government based on religious beliefs) and to be martyred in battle against the infidels (non-Muslims) is a privilege, honor and promotion to them. In this edition of *Tribulation Watch Newsletter* we do our best to explain the dangers that “All” Americans are facing in these perilous times in which we live.

God bless you!

Bro. Matt Tiemann

*“We shall have World government, whether or not we like it. The only question is whether World government will be achieved by conquest or consent.”*

*- James Paul Warburg, Zionist Jew banker from New York*

## Did you know worldwide “Jihad” has been declared against America and Israel?



A prominent Iranian Shia cleric has issued a sweeping religious order calling on Muslims worldwide to wage jihad (Holy War) against the United States and Israel, following the killing of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in a joint military strike. Grand Ayatollah Naser Makarem Shirazi, one of Iran’s most senior clerics at 99, declared that avenging the death of the Supreme Leader was now a universal obligation for Muslims, according to state-affiliated outlets.

The announcement came amid intense regional upheaval and public mourning across Iran, where crowds have taken to the streets following the attack that killed the Islamic Republic’s top authority.

State media reported that Makarem Shirazi described retribution for Khamenei’s death as a “religious duty”, urging Muslims to “eradicate the evil of these criminals from the world.”

Another senior figure, Ayatollah Nouri Hamedani, issued his own fatwa (jihad) demanding that Muslims “avenge the blood” of the fallen leader.

According to Mehr News Agency, Makarem Shirazi declared that jihad against the United States and Israel was required, stating that “avenging the blood of the martyred leader is a religious duty for Muslims around the world.”

Khamenei, 86 was killed during a major aerial assault launched by the United States and Israel on 28 February, in what officials described as a sweeping campaign targeting Iranian state and military infrastructure. The attack marked a dramatic escalation in long-running tensions between Tehran and Washington, coming only months after a previous round of American strikes linked to nuclear negotiations.

Donald Trump announced Khamenei's death before Iranian state media did, describing the moment as Iranians' "greatest chance" to "take back" their country. Iranian outlets IRNA and Press TV later confirmed the death.

## Lone Wolf Attacks



Soon after Khamenei's assassination, lone wolf jihad attacks began to take place on American soil. A good example of this took place in Austin, Texas when a lone Islamic jihadist gunman killed three people and injured fourteen others during an attack on Austin's iconic Sixth Street nightlife district early Sunday morning March 2. Fortunately the Austin police acted quickly and killed the jihadist within a minute or two or many more people would have possibly been killed.

The shooter was Identified as 53-year-old Ndiaga Diagne of Pflugerville, Texas. Diagne wore a hoodie that said "Property of Allah." The jihadist was also alleged to have had other materials linked to the Iranian regime in his possession.

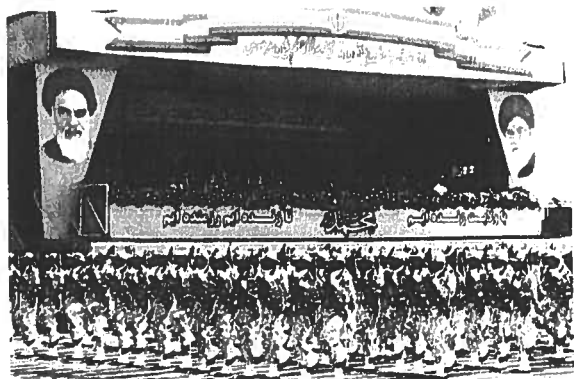
The *New York Post* reported that Diagne, originally from Senegal, was a naturalized U.S. citizen who came to the United States during the Clinton administration and became a citizen during the Obama administration.

Diagne, a previous resident of the Bronx, had a series of arrests in New York and Texas. An Imam from Parkchester, New York stated on social media that Diagne, who he had previously known, became radicalized by pro-Palestinian activists

Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement pledging that "Texas will respond with decisive and overwhelming force to protect our state." The lone wolf jihad attack followed Abbott's November declaration of the Council on American-Islamic relations and the Muslim Brotherhood as "foreign terrorist organizations."

Final comment: In my opinion, the decision to assassinate Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was a huge mistake by the Trump administration. It has not only unified the Iranian people against America and Israel, but it has also made "All" Americans targets for radicalized lone wolf jihadists living amongst us!

# Preparing for the 12th Imam



*The following excerpt comes from the book *The Twelfth Imam* authored by Joel Rosenberg, 2011. "As the apocalyptic leaders of Iran call for the annihilation of Israel and the U.S., CIA operative David Shiraz is sent into Tehran with one objective: use all means necessary to disrupt Iran's nuclear weapon program, without leaving American fingerprints and without triggering a regional war. At extreme personal risk, Shirazi executes his plan.*

*A native Farsi speaker whose family escaped from Iran in 1979 he couldn't be better prepared for the mission. But none of his training has prepared Shirazi for what will happen next. An obscure religious cleric is suddenly hailed throughout the region as the Islamic Messiah known as the Mahdi or the Twelfth Imam. News of his miracles, healings, signs, and wonders spreads like wildfire as do rumors of a new and horrific war.*

*With the prophecy of the Twelfth Imam seemingly fulfilled, Iran's military prepares to strike Israel and bring about the end of days. Shirazi must take action to save his country and the world, but the clock is ticking.*

The Muslim doctrine of Mahdism revolves around an eschatological figure- the Mahdi, or "Rightly Guided One"- who vanquishes evil and ushers in Islamic rule during the end times. Both Sunnis and Shias believe in the Mahdi, though they have different versions of his exact nature and role. True leadership of the Muslim world belongs to the

prophet Muhammad's bloodline, beginning with Ali (Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law through his marriage to the prophet's daughter, Fatima). According to Shia teaching, Ali was the first "rightly guided" imam, followed by his male descendants. Like Muhammad, all of them are seen as infallible and the true interpreters of Islamic law.

For the Twelvers of Iran, Muhammad ibn Hasan—better known as Muhammad al-Mahdi—is the twelfth and final imam (other Shias, such as the Fivers and Seveners, believe the Imamate ends with the fifth and seventh imams, respectively). Born in 868 AD, al-Mahdi is believed to have gone into a state of occultation (hiding) in 874—meaning Allah miraculously caused him to "disappear." Still alive, the 1'155 year-old Muhammed al-Mahdi is patiently biding his time to return and usher in the takeover of the Muslim—and eventually entire world.

While such tradition may seem harmless enough, Mahdism poses a serious, though vastly overlooked, threat to international security, primarily because its current articulation in Iran requires its adherents to take "proactive" steps to help usher in the Mahdi—most notably by initiating an "apocalyptic" showdown with the "greater" and "lesser" Satan's namely, America and Israel.

## **Iran's Revolutionary Gaurd**

No entity is more wedded to—or indoctrinated in—Mahdism than Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), which, as described by Iran's 1979 Constitution, is an "ideological army," mandated with a "ideological mission of jihad in Allah's way." As Hojatoleslam Ali Saeedi, then representative of the Supreme Leader to the IRGC, said in a 2012 speech, "The IRGC is one of the tools for paving the way for the emergence of the Imam of the Age [Mahdi] in the field of a regional and international awakening."

A middle East Institute paper from 2022, Titled "Iran's Revolutionary Guard Cult of Mahdism," elaborates on the growing importance of eliminating Israel in the context of Iranian Maddism. The IRGC is increasingly understanding and communicating its official policy of eradicating Israel and Zionism through the doctrine of Mahdism. While the destruction of Israel has been the IRGC'S working objective since its inception, like other Islamist groups this hostility was borne out of viewing the Jewish state as an illegitimate, oppressive, and usurping entity for the West to achieve its supposed colonial goals across the Muslim world. *More recently, however, the existence of Israel is being viewed and understood as the 'greatest barrier' to the reappearance of the 12th Imam. According to the doctrine of Mahdism, part of preparing for the reappearance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam is removing all obstacles and barriers to his return.*

Against this backdrop, Iran's hard-line clergy affiliated with the IRGC claim religious hadiths state that the 'Jewish state will be destroyed before Madi's arrival.' According to these accounts, which are legitimized through religious scripture, 'Shia Muslims will be on the side of the war against Jews' prior to the reappearance of Mahdi. As such, the collapse of the 'Israeli regime and Zionists Jews' at the behest of 'Iran and the Resistance Axis' will take place 'prior to the emergence of Mahdi'...Indeed, the ideological belief that the eradication of Israel is a necessary step for the reappearance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam is increasingly being mainstreamed in the IRGC.

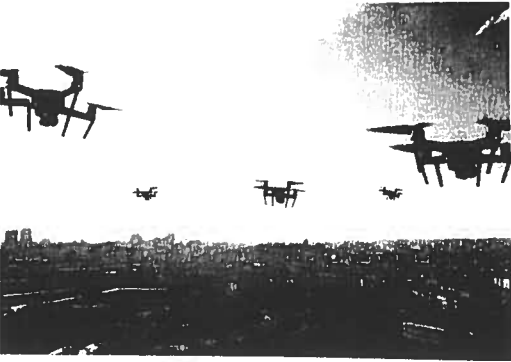
Khamenei (martyred supreme leader) and his hard-line circle have sought to nurture a more radical IRGC generation by dedicating more time to ideological indoctrination of its members. The promotion system within the ranks of the IRGC also favors ideological conviction over technical expertise, ensuring the most zealous members rise up within the chain of command.... From the post-2009 periods onwards, the doctrine of Mahdism has become one of the main prisms through which the IRGC and affiliated hard-line clerics would understand the world around them and the IRGC'S actions, as well as communicate that understanding. In turn, there has been greater emphasis on viewing the IRGC as the military vehicle to prepare the foundations for the reappearance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam, with policy objectives such a hostility toward the U.S. and the eradication of Israel being understood through this prism.... In this regard, efforts by Khamenei and the Guard's Ideological-Political Organization to nurture a more radical generation among the IRGC has paid, and is paying, dividends."

Devoted Mahdists could occupy senior leadership positions. Such a scenario could have far reaching consequences as it would bring the three pillars of the IRGC'S foreign policy—militias, ballistic missiles, and the nuclear program—under their control. *Even if a small number of devout Mahdists occupy senior positions in the Guard, it is possible that*

they may seek to facilitate and speed up the return of the Mahdi. This would have major implications for some of the policies that are being understood through the prism of Mahdism, such as Israel's existence being the 'greatest barrier' to the reappearance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam. At present the doctrine of Mahdism in the IRGC remains a complete blind spot for Western policymakers, yet it could have major implications for the Islamic Republic's militia network, ballistic missile program, and even its nuclear program.

In other words, when it comes to Iran and nukes, the so-called "balance of power" theory does not apply. It only applies to rational nations interested in self-preservation. For nations whose leaders and upcoming leaders have been systematically indoctrinated into believing that the greatest good is to usher in a "rightly guided" figure from Islamic legend-no matter the cost, including to that nation itself-the implications are nothing short of apocalyptic!- By Raymond Ibrahim, 2023

## Conspiracy Alert!!!



On Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 mysterious drones the size of cars started appearing in the night skies over New Jersey and New York State. The sightings caused much concern to the leaders and citizens of both states. They have also given rise to many different conspiracy theories at the time. First, it was D-N.J. congressman Jeff Van Drew that claimed the mysterious drones were coming from an Iranian mother ship sitting off the east coast. "The ship departed from Iran early in November," the congressman said. That would be about the time Donald Trump was elected president his second term. However, the Pentagon denied the claim.

Chris Smith, R- N.J. said during a congressional hearing that a swarm of over a dozen mystery drones followed close behind a 47 ft. Coast Guard boat. Local law enforcement said they saw at least fifty large drones coming off the ocean at Island Beach State Park.

### New Jersey mayor speaks out

Another conspiracy which I believe has much more credibility was put forth by Belleville, New Jersey Mayor Michael Melham. "We know the drones are flying in a grid-like pattern. In my opinion, they're looking (sniffing) for something. What might they be looking for? Maybe radioactive material," Melham said on Good Day New York.

According to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission alert, radioactive material went missing on Dec. 2. "it was a shipment. It arrived at its destination. The container was damaged, and was empty," Melham said.

Melham told Good Day. "Information has not been forthcoming, and it's this lack of transparency...that's doing nothing but fueling conspiracy theories online."

"And more than likely, it's not a foreign adversary, because they would be able to figure out how to turn off the blinking lights."

"I don't believe they're concerning, I believe they're ours," Melham continued. "I believe they're up there looking and listening over our infrastructure."

Side note: The Navy and other branches of the U.S. military have been experimenting with drone swarms for some time (like **DARPA's offensive Swarm-Enabled Tactics**), the budget document offers detailed, in-depth examples of how the department can deploy the swarms in the future.

Drone swarms, for example, could take off from different places, like submarines and planes, and could be equipped in many ways, like carrying bombs, electronic jammers, and military equipment. The document also talks about making "mother ships" to transport and deploy these swarms.

God bless you friend. Stay close to Jesus. This is a battle between light and darkness!

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