

## **Influences Khomeini's revolution on the Iraqi Shiite community:**

Since 1968, Iraq lived under totalitarian and tyrannical regime which isolated Iraqis from global community and made them unaware about what is going on in world around them since that time, Saddam was represent the second man of that regime, but he actually was first decision maker in that regime and had very wide authorities that are same authorities of Iraqi republic's president or so.

This totalitarian regime which ruled Iraqis since 1968 caused big suffering for wide class of Iraqis and generated strong desire for them to accepting any ideology or thoughts coming from outside of Iraq could to emancipate them from that tyrannical regime that's why that some Shiite Iraqis accepted Khomeini thoughts and his Islamic revolution at first where big faction of Shiite Iraqis considered that Khomeini's revolution in Iran is the only hope which would liberate them from brutalism and barbarism of Saddam's regime, but they weren't realize that the Khomeini and his regime had same barbarism and brutalism of Saddam's regime or worse.

Khomeini realized since the beginning that his honeyed thoughts are able to bring over a large class of Shiite Iraqis to his revolution being those Shiite Iraqis suffered much under Saddam's brutal regime so, that they would be ready to accept any political thoughts coming from the outside able to liberate them from Saddam's regime that's why Khomeini found the Iraqi theatre is a fertile ground to implanting and establishing religious political parties followed to his regime to work for toppling Saddam's regime and replacing it with theocracy regime similar to his regime, such as Daawa party.

On other hand, Khomeini's revolution and his thoughts met great approval for Shiite Iraqi clerics especially in holy Shiite cities such as Najaf and Kerbla because Khomeini is coming from Shiite environment similar to their environment. Saddam realized well in advance these joint interests of Shiite Iraqi community with Khomeini's political thoughts that's why Saddam performed wide genocide campaign against Shiite-dominated cities filling the mass graves of their youth, old men and women in order for to prevent future consequences may threaten his rule's regime due to that revolution according to his thinking, as well as that was the main reason Saddam rushed to wage his 8 years war against Iran. So Saddam didn't let any opportunity for Khomeini to use during which these joint religious interests for Shiite of Iraq in order to urge them to revolt against his regime, but after Saddam's regime removal in April 2003 by US-led coalition, that most Islamic Iraqi parties, that were take Iran as a safe heaven for, returned to practice their political activities in Iraq adopting Khomeini's ideology as a practical course to apply to Iraqi community, and boasting that they could eventually to prevail Saddam and his regime.

Daawa party, current PM, Nori Al-Maliki join, is the main player party on Iraqi theatre in current time due to the wide representation Daawa party has in Iraqi parliament than rest of other Iraqi political parties either Islamic Sunni parties or Kurd parties. Daawa party has a lot of supporters and many political offices in Shiite-dominated cities. Daawa party was first of fruits Khomeini's revolution produced for Iraqi community. Daawa party adopted Khomeini ideas since the beginning and took these ideas as a practical course to his political and social practices. The hard means, Saddam used to suppressing members and supporters of that party, forced most of

them to escaping to Iran to practice their political and military activities against Saddam's regime from there with big support and conduct from Mullah's regime.

Most members of Daawa party lived in Iran during persecution period by Saddam's regime inspiring their thoughts from Khomeini's revolution. After Saddam's regime fall by US-led coalition in 2003, all leaders of that party returned to Iraq and occupied high positions in new Iraqi government incorporating their militia (members of that party who were living with them in Iran) in new Iraqi army and police that were built and re-formed by the US. Daawa party has big role today in promoting and encourage Iraqis to adopting Khomeini's thoughts represented with placing the religious practices known in political frame and incorporating these religious practices with politics in same way mullah's regime in Iran acts. Daawa party beside other Shiite parties also tries imitate mullah's regime in Iran in adopting many administrative practices of that regime, such as giving high importance for clerics and mullahs by incorporating them widely in political process running in Iraq and giving them big representation in Iraqi parliament and government and its public establishments. In addition to big role Iraqi government gave to top radical religious leader (Ali Al-Sistani) for Shiite in Iraq regarding of getting his approval about most important decisions before they are approved by Iraqi government and parliament that indicates clearly that Iraqi government applies to same Khomeini's ideology for Iraq regarding of giving the absolute authorization of top radical religious leader Ali Al-sistani to determine and approve government's important decisions as top radical religious leader Ali Al Khamanaai in Iran does, these indications above prove clearly that mullah's regime in Iran succeeded to establish political regime in Iraq similar to his regime to serving his political interests in Iraq and region of Middle East in future.

Sincerely Yours,  
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