

**COUNTER  
EXTREMISM  
PROJECT**

*Islamic Republic of Iran*

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**Name:** Islamic Republic of Iran

**Key Leaders**

*Islamic Republic of Iran*

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**Rhetoric:**

*Ali Khamenei, March 21, 2015*

“Of course yes, death to America, because America is the original source of this pressure. They insist on putting pressure on our dear people’s economy. What is their goal? Their goal is to put the people against the system. The politics of America is to create insecurity.”<sup>1</sup>

*Ali Khamenei, January 9, 2015*

Implying that the U.S. is behind the creation of ISIS: “Enemy spy services are behind the efforts to sow disunity among Muslims... A Shia version connected to the British spy agency—the MI6—and a Sunni version, which is the mercenary of the CIA, are both fake and working against Islam.”<sup>2</sup>

*Ali Khamenei, October 16, 2014*

“Fighting the Zionist regime (Israel) is a war of destiny.”<sup>3</sup>

*Ali Khamenei, October 13, 2014*

“America, Zionism, and especially the veteran expert of spreading divisions - the wicked government of Britain - have sharply increased their efforts of creating divisions between the Sunnis and Shi’ites.”<sup>4</sup>

*Ali Khamenei, October 13, 2014*

“[America, Britain, and Zionism] created Al Qaeda and Da’esh in order to create divisions and to fight against the Islamic Republic, but today, they have turned on them (Islamic State).”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> “Khamenei calls ‘Death to America’ as Kerry hails progress on nuke deal,” *Times of Israel*, March 21, 2015, <http://www.timesofisrael.com/khamenei-calls-death-to-america-as-kerry-hails-progress-on-nuke-deal/>.

<sup>2</sup> Milad Fashtami, “Iran leader warns against division among Muslims,” January 9, 2015, Trend, <http://en.trend.az/iran/politics/2351409.html>.

<sup>3</sup> “Leader Urges Palestinian Resistance Groups to Enhance Defense Capabilities,” Fars News Agency, October 16, 2014, <http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13930724000739>.

<sup>4</sup> Michelle Moghtader, “Khamenei Blames United States, ‘Wicked’ Britain, for Creating Islamic State,” Reuters, October 13, 2014, 2014, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-mideast-crisis-khamenei-idUSKCN0I217220141013>.

<sup>5</sup> Michelle Moghtader, “Khamenei Blames United States, ‘Wicked’ Britain, for Creating Islamic State,” Reuters, October 13, 2014, 2014, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/13/us-mideast-crisis-khamenei-idUSKCN0I217220141013>.