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"Greetings to Hosein ibn Ali (a.s.) and all praises upon him who, with very few aides rose to uproot and do away with the widespread cruelty of the usurpers of Caliphate. The insignificant number of his companions did not make Imam Hosein (a.s.) think of compromise with the oppressors. He let Karbala become the site of the martyrdom of himself, his children and his few companions. He made his cry of: "Abjection, never!" reach the ears of the seekers of truth.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD

FOREWORD:

Greetings unto the standard-bearer of the school of martyrdom. Greetings unto the ever-victorious oppressed of the history. Greetings and salutation upon Imam Hosein (a.s.) and his companions. And Greetings unto the True Children of the Ashura "Imam Khomeini and his disciples".

In this compendium we have spread before the followers of the school of martyrdom the words of a great man who was a perfect example of an imitator-follower of the Master of Martyrs. A man who, in the dark night of oppression, hoisted the shining torch of martyrdom vaised the banners of uprising, eradicated the shame of silence and abjection from the holy skirts of the vanguards of Imam Hosein's blood-smearer Shiism and once more, in the sovereignty of iron and steel, taught be strefooted and oppressed peoples of the world the slogans of "Either Victory or Martyrdom" and the "Triumph of Blood over the sword," and it the end, overthrew the "Yazidi" rule of the time by the hands of a nation hat had cherished their love for Ashura and the memory of the bloody event of Karbala in their heart by tears, blood and truthfulness, from one generation to the next. May his memory live for ever, he who consistently used to testify that "Whatever we have, we have it by the blessings of Ashura and Muharram!" We hope that lovers of the path of Hosein (a.s.) and those who ambulate in the footsteps of Khomeini (s.a.) will, as in the past, guard their honor of being the fore-runners in the uprising of the "Master of the Free" (Imam Hosein - a.s.) and of imitating his path and, by their auspicious presence in the impregnable bastion of "walayat" (leadership), remain firm in their defense of the Islamic Revolution and be true custodians of the priceless, divine trust, the Holy Order of the Islamic Republic until the advent of the universal extender of peace and the avowed avenger, Amin.

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