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Terrorism means the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims (from the Oxford Dictionary). According to the definition of terrorism, there should be a political aim in Islamic terrorism. What is the political aim of Islamic terrorism? Main target of Islamic terror is the secular regime which terrorist regarded it as apostates. Their aim is to overthrow the secular regime. Iranian Revolution was the typical example.

Many terrorist activities by Shiite were aimed to defeat Mohammad Rezā Shāh Pahlavi who was a secular ruler of Iran. At last Iranian Revolution took place in 1979. Ayatollah Khomeini established a ruling system combining religion and politics together. It was called "Velayat-e Faqih". The theory justified the control by religious clerics until the appearance of Mahdi who was expected to come and save the world. Ayatollah Khomeini became the leader of Iran. He called for the resistance movement of Shiite Muslims who lived in the Arab world.

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