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... [I]f a number of *monafeqin* rise up against the Revolution, the Imam [Khomeini], and the Islamic government, they must be punished, and killing them and chaining them up is justice par excellence. Islam's survival in this country depends upon the Islamic government and whoever rebels against the Islamic government rebels against the Qur'an. *Monafeqin* neither accept Islamic laws, nor are they beholden to universal norms. The world has never seen such treason and criminality as these self-proclaimed believers in true Islam have committed. Therefore, in every street and alley and anywhere else they revolt against the Islamic government, the Islamic punishment, which is execution, should

be carried out against them on the spot. Imam Ali's justice should be carried out in the world. . . .

[He then told the students,] In the same manner that our troops are fighting, devotedly, at the war front, you have to study, devotedly, at your bastion, which is the school. Islam and this nation will not allow some who have false ideas, such as Communist thoughts, to corrupt the minds of our youth. And our sisters should abide by the Islamic *hijab* at all places and under all circumstances. If they don't, it will have adverse consequences. The people who live without Islamic *hijab* are effectively insulting Islam, and therefore Muslims will not allow them to do this.

