



# AL-QUDS DAY

Exporting the Islamic Regime's  
Violent Ideology to Canada

## THE BOTTOM LINE

Al-Quds Day (Jerusalem Day), an annual day of protest to call for the destruction of Israel, is effectively a rally for the Islamic Regime, through which it exports its violent ideology worldwide—including here in Canada.

At a time when our communities across the country are already facing a surge in violent extremism and targeting by the Islamic Regime and its supporters, we cannot afford an escalation in rhetoric and radicalization that leads to serious consequences for Canadians of all backgrounds.

# CONTEXT

Al-Quds Day was established in 1979 by Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, following the Islamic Revolution. The annual demonstrations are promoted by the Islamic Regime and widely described as the official rally supporting the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Quds Force—the branch responsible for Iran's extraterritorial military and clandestine operations. The Quds Force plays a central role in advancing Iran's proxy warfare and destabilizing activities across the Middle East and around the globe.

In Canada, Al-Quds Day rallies have historically included incitement to violence, calls for Israel's destruction, the promotion of antisemitic conspiracy theories, and the display of terrorist symbols of government-listed terrorist entities.

In 2026, Al-Quds Day demonstrations are expected to take place between March 13-14 in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, and Calgary, and others.

Given the Islamic Regime's global activities and its targeting of dissidents abroad, these events also raise serious security concerns for both Jewish and Iranian-Canadian communities.



# KEY MESSAGES

## **THE ISLAMIC REGIME IS A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE IRANIAN PEOPLE, TO THE REGION, AND TO THE WORLD -- INCLUDING CANADA. IT MUST BE ADDRESSED.**

- It has brutally killed and repressed tens of thousands of its own people. Its ballistic missiles target civilians in Israel and across the Middle East.
- Its suicide drones wreak havoc in Ukraine. And its continued pursuit of nuclear weapons poses one of the gravest threats to global peace and security.
- Canada has designated Iran as a state supporter of terrorism for good reason.
- For years, the Regime has threatened and intimidated Iranian Canadians, and plotted the assassination of former Justice Minister Irwin Cotler.

## **JEWISH AND IRANIAN-CANADIAN COMMUNITIES FACE A COMMON THREAT FROM THE ISLAMIC REGIME AND ITS IDEOLOGY.**

- Al-Quds Day rallies have historically included incitement against Israel and “Zionists,” rhetoric that can contribute to hostility and threats directed at Jewish communities.
- Iranian-Canadians who oppose the Regime are also frequently targeted, intimidated, or harassed by Regime supporters and proxies abroad.
- At a time when both communities face pressure and intimidation tied to the Islamic Regime, Canadians should stand together in defence of democracy, human rights, and the safety of all communities.

# URGE CANADA TO HAVE A COHERENT POLICY TO PROTECT CANADIANS FROM REGIME THREATS.

- Continue to support action to stop the Regime from building a nuclear weapon and massacring its own citizens
- Enforce the removal of Regime-linked individuals from our country, and block others from entering
- Boost security funding for communities at risk in Canada
- Ban the glorification of terrorism with a new criminal offence for the wilful promotion of terrorism in Canada



# KEY FACTS

- Islamic Regime officials are intimidating, harassing and targeting Iranian Canadians.
- Canada's spy agency confirmed that they are prioritizing "operations to counter the actions of Iranian intelligence services and their proxies who have targeted individuals who they perceive as threats to their Regime." This includes, in more than one case, lethal threats against Canadians.
- Only one Islamic Regime official has been deported from Canada, while up to 700 individuals linked to the Islamic Regime are reportedly living in Canada.
- Islamic Regime agents have plotted to assassinate a former Canadian politician and used Canada as a platform to spread the Regime's radical agenda.
- Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) murdered 176 people aboard Flight PS752, including 85 innocent victims from Canada.
- As the Government of Canada has stated: the Islamic Republic of Iran is the principal source of instability and terror throughout the Middle East, has one of the world's worst human rights records, and must never be allowed to obtain or develop nuclear weapons.

