



## How can they talk about foreign interference?

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[The Saudi regime says] that we are acting “at the behest of a foreign country.” They use that false pretext. By foreign country they mean Iran, of course. You can’t really tell if it’s Iran, Turkey, a European country, or the US, but they usually mean Iran. In December 1978, there was an Intifada to defend the honor of Awamiyya, when the riot police attacked the town. This was on December 10, 1978 -- before the shah was deposed, before the Islamic Republic of Iran was even established. It was in 1978 – four months before the fall of the Shah. A group of people convened to perform the religious rite of *taziyeh* for Imam Hussein. It had nothing to do with political or security matters. But the security forces arrived and attacked them, and a confrontation ensued. People were defending themselves, as well as their faith and their honor. That night, they arrested 100 people. This was in December 1978, prior to the fall of the Iranian [shah]. So how can they talk about foreign interference? You should be ashamed of yourselves.