



## **On Oppression**

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For the past 100 years, we have been subjected to oppression, injustice, fear, and intimidation. From the moment you are born, you are surrounded by fear, intimidation, persecution, and abuse. We were born into an atmosphere of intimidation. We feared even the walls. Who among us is not familiar with the intimidation and injustice to which we have been subjected in this country? I am 55 years old, more than half a century. From the day I was born and to this day, I've never felt safe or secure in this country. You are always being accused of something. You are always under threat. The head of the State Security Service admitted this to me in person. He said to me when I was arrested: "All you Shiites should be killed." That is their logic. The head of the State Security Service in the Eastern Province said so himself.

They are still plotting to carry out a massacre. They are more than welcome. We are here. Our blood is a small price to pay in defense of our values.