

Basic Detail Report

A masked caricature of Iranian leader

Khomeini in a satirical re-enactment of the leader imprisoning and executing members of the opposition

Date

1979-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Ruhollah Mostafavi Moosavi Khomeini was an Iranian religious leader and politician, and leader of the 1979 Iranian Revolution which saw the overthrow of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran. Following the revolution, Khomeini became the country's Supreme Leader, a position created in the constitution as the highest ranking political and religious authority of the nation, which he held until his death in 1989. After coming to power, Khomeini ordered the destruction of Reza Shah's mausoleum, and executed opposition members by the tens of thousands, including the 1988 executions of Iranian political prisoners and Chain murders of Iran among others.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.4 x 18.1 cm (9 5/8 x 7 1/8 in.)