

Glossary

aksariyat	majority
anjoman	society or association
ayan	notable
ayatollah	lit. 'sign of god', high-ranking cleric
azadi	freedom
basij	lit. 'mobilised', paramilitary volunteer
bikar	unemployed
bonyad	charitable foundation or trust
chador	lit. 'tent', long covering for women
cherik	guerrilla
enghelab	revolution
etesab	strike
ettehadiye	union
faghih	Islamic jurist
fedaii	fighter; self-sacrificer
gard-e javidan	the Shah's 'immortal guard'
hagh	right
hezb	party
hezbollah	lit. 'Party of God', hence hezbollahi
hojjat ol-eslam	lit. 'proof of Islam', middle-ranking cleric
homafar	non-commissioned air force technicians
jebbeh	front
jomhuri	republic
kargar	worker
khalgh	people
khaneh-ye kargar	Labour House
khodro	vehicle
komiteh	committee
kontrol-e kargari	workers' control
majles	meeting or parliament
majles-e khobregan	Assembly of Experts
majma-e tashkhis-e maslehat	Expediency Council
melli	national
mobarezeh	struggle
mojahed	religious fighter; crusader

mollah	derogatory term for cleric (rohani)
mostaghel	independent
mostazaf	humble, meek, oppressed
pasdar	guard, member of pro-regime Revolutionary Guards
peykar	battle, struggle
pishmargheh	lit. 'facing death', Kurdish guerrilla
rah	path, road
rial	Iran's currency
rohani	cleric
sandika	trade union
sazman	organisation, structure
seyyed	male descendent of the Prophet Mohammad
shah	king
shahid	martyr
sharia	religious law
shia	lit. 'follower', the branch of Islam dominant in Iran
shora	council
shora-ye negahban	Guardian Council
tabagheh	class
tashakol	organisation, formation
tudeh	mass
velayat-e faghih	Guardianship of the Islamic Jurists, or the system of clerical dictatorship that replaced the monarchy in Iran