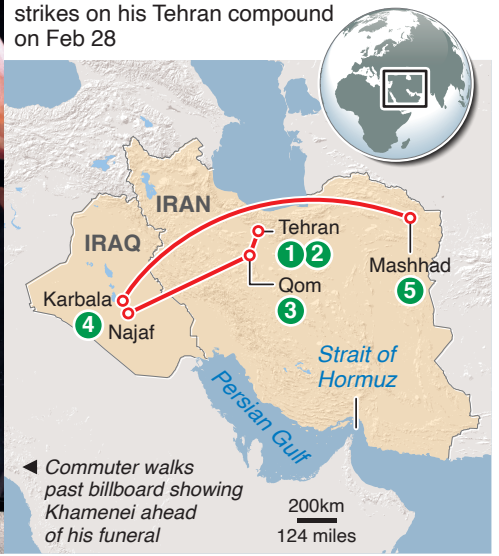
Iran holds state funeral for Ali Khamenei



Long-delayed funeral ceremonies for slain Supreme Leader *Ayatollah Ali Khamenei* are set to become a show of the regime's enduring revolutionary zeal

Ali Khamenei: Iran's ruler from 1989 was killed, aged 86, in U.S.-Israeli strikes on his Tehran compound on Feb 28



◀ *Commuter walks past billboard showing Khamenei ahead of his funeral*

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1 Jul 4-5: Khamenei's coffin, with coffins of several family members killed in same strikes in February, lies in state at Tehran's **Grand Mosalla** for public farewell

2 Jul 6: 10km funeral procession, expected to draw millions, carries coffin through Tehran to **Azadi Square**, symbol of Islamic Republic

3 Jul 7: Coffin taken to seminary city of **Qom**, centre of Shia Islamic scholarship

4 Jul 8: Khamenei's body travels to Iraq for public processions in shrine cities of **Najaf** and **Karbala**

5 Jul 9: Remains return to Iran for burial in Khamenei's hometown of **Mashhad**, at ***Imam Reza*** Shrine, Iran's most important pilgrimage site

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