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In the fifty years since the Fall of the Shah of Iran in 1979 and the rise of the Khomeini/clerical regimes that followed, political Islam has become both a dynamic and aggressive form of political mobilization in the Middle East and around the world. In the Middle East, Iran continues to formulate a major portion of its domestic and foreign policies predicated on a hegemonic essence contained within the theology of Shia Islam. The collection of articles found in this bibliography was first assembled in 2016 and updated this month. They have been secured from internationally recognized think-tanks, scholars, practitioners, and journalists. Prominent among the topics covered are: Iran’s quest for a nuclear weapon, international negotiations to control that nuclear development, the 2015 JCPOA, Iran’s domestic setting, and reviews of its regional and international aspirations and adventurism. The articles are arranged chronologically, with the most recent listed first, headed by a dozen articles that CIE believes are fine summaries. CIE wishes to thank the authors of these articles and CIE takes no particular stance on the findings, conclusions, or policy recommendations found in them. Those marked with an asterisk at the top of the list provide somewhat of a comprehensive overview. If you are interested in a particular topic, we suggest using your search feature, such as “control f” to locate entries on a specific topic such as the JCPOA or assassination of Soleimani.

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