



## **Ayatollah Khamenei praises Iranians' turnout in rallies on February 11 - 12 /Feb/ 2018**

The text of the Leader's message is as follows:

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Beloved and proud Iranian nation! Today, your resolve and insight gave rise to a great and stunning event. The greatness of your rallies today, which, according to meticulous estimators, was marked by a higher turnout and was more vigorous than those of the previous years, was a firm and crushing response to foreigners, enemies and the disloyal. By relying upon its defective and flawed assumption of Iran and Iranians, the enemy had mobilized all its capability and propaganda efforts to turn this year's February 11 [rallies] into dull and maybe self-defeating ones. You showed off to them, in practice, the living and dynamic nature of the Revolution, and through your chants and warm participation shouted out loud your commitment to the ideals of the late Imam [Khomeini]. The grandeur of the Iranian nation drives the enemies back, and its resolute determination wrecks their calculations. The officials of the country must appreciate this unique phenomenon and serve the dear nation and defend the goals of the Revolution with full perseverance, a revolutionary spirit and diligence. The future belongs to our vigilant and insightful nation; we officials must strive not to fall behind the nation. "[Quranic verse] So lose not heart, nor fall into despair: For ye must gain mastery if ye are true in faith"

Peace, Mercy and Blessings of God be upon You

February 11, 2018

Seyyed Ali Khamenei