

## **Supreme Leader Meets with Judiciary Officials - 22 /Jun/ 2014**

Ayatollah Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, met Sunday morning with the head and officials of the judiciary branch. Speaking at the meeting, His Eminence stated that cooperation and solidarity among the heads of the three branches of government is necessary and very important.

Referring to the recent developments in Iraq, he said: "It is western imperial powers - headed by America - that act behind the scenes in fueling the fire of fitna in Iraq. The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its strong opposition to any interference of America in the domestic affairs of Iraq and it believes that the people, government and religious marja of Iraq have the capability to extinguish this fire on their own."

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution reiterated: "I have always advised the heads of the three branches of government to increase their cooperation. This cooperation includes intra-organizational issues as well as the major issues of the country."

Ayatollah Khamenei highlighted the importance of the national interests of the country and added: "The heads of the three branches of government should increase their joint meetings because these meetings enormously help to solve problems, move things forward and resolving complaints."

His Eminence stressed: "One of the main challenges of the country is the serious hostility and opposition of global arrogance towards the Islamic Republic. This reality should be understood and comprehended. If we do not understand the hostility of global arrogance towards ourselves, we will make a mistake in analyzing the issues of the country. Those who are not prepared to see the hostile behavior of the camp of the enemy are like those people who close their eyes to the enemy."

He stated that the main reason behind the hostility of global arrogance towards the Islamic Republic of Iran is the new discourse of the Islamic Republic and the imminent collapse of global arrogance. Referring to the recent developments in Iraq, His Eminence said: "On the issue of Iraq, western imperial powers - particularly, the regime of the United States of America - are trying to take advantage of the ignorance and prejudice of a number of indecisive elements."

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution added: "The main goal of the recent events in Iraq is depriving the people of this country of the achievements that they have made - the most important of which is the rule of democracy - despite the presence and interference of America."

Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated: "America is not satisfied with the current conditions in Iraq - that is to say, holding elections with a high turnout on the part of the people and electing trustworthy candidates - because it is after dominating Iraq and installing obedient persons."

Pointing to the efforts of some American officials who try to describe the recent developments in Iraq as a religious war, His Eminence mentioned: "What has occurred in Iraq is not a war between Shia and Sunni. Rather, global arrogance is trying to shatter peace and tranquility in Iraq and threaten the territorial integrity of this country by using the leftovers of Saddam's regime as the main elements and takfiri elements as infantry."

He added: "The main fight in Iraq is between those people who want to turn Iraq into America's base and those who want to help Iraq achieve independence."

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution stressed that the people of Iraq themselves are capable of

confronting and extinguishing this fitna, saying: "We are strongly opposed to the interference of the Americans and other people in the domestic issues of Iraq because we believe that the government, people and religious marja of this country have the capability to end this fitna and by Allah's favor, they will end it."