

## **Supreme Leaders Meets with Military Commanders - 24 /Sep/ 2014**

Ayatollah Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, met Wednesday morning with a number of high-ranking military and police commanders. Speaking at the meeting, which was held on the occasion of Sacred Defense Week, His Eminence described the Sacred Defense Era as a source of dignity for the people of Iran, stressing: “The experience of the eight-year Sacred Defense Era showed that despite all difficulties, pressures, financial shortcomings and other problems, we can stand up against the bullying and unreasonable expectations of global powers with firm determination and reliance on God.”

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution pointed to the formation of a big camp which was comprised of the west, the east and their dependent regional countries against the Islamic Republic of Iran during the imposed war, further adding: “The goal of this big camp was to weaken the Islamic government, to damage its reputation, to busy it with domestic problems and finally to prepare the ground for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic. But the Islamic government and the people of Iran stood up against this camp and emerged victorious out of the arena despite lack of resources and the existence of various problems in those days.”

Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated: “Due to the resistance of the people of Iran during the eight-year Sacred Defense Era, many influential personalities and active minds in Islamic and non-Islamic countries began to firmly believe in powerful defense even with empty hands.”

The Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Armed Forces referred to the costs of the imposed war – particularly to the valuable martyrs of the Islamic Revolution – saying: “The achievements of the people of Iran during the Sacred Defense era were immense despite the high cost of the imposed war in both material and spiritual terms.”