Ayatollah Khamenei receives a group of officials, ambassadors of Muslim countries and people from different walks of life - 18 /Jul/ 2015

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in a meeting today (Saturday) with a group of officials, ambassadors of Muslim countries and people from different walks of life, described the unity and integrity as a healing prescription for the Muslim world's problems. Emphasizing that the ongoing sectarian and tribal wars in the region have been planned and imposed on regional countries in a bid to divert attention of Muslim nations away from the Zionist regime, Ayatollah Khamenei said: "The policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the region are in total opposition to the policies of the arrogant [powers], topped by America, and [Iran] by no means trusts America because American politicians are totally dishonest and unfair."

Offering congratulations on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the regretful conditions prevailing in the Muslim world and the lack of unity and integrity among them, adding: "Current division and differences in the region are not natural and [have been] imposed [on regional countries], and the scholars, intellectuals, government officials, politicians, as well as experts and elites in the Muslim world should see the hands of the traitors of the Islamic Ummah in these divisions and differences."

Regarding the reasons why these differences are abnormal, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution referred to the long history of the coexistence of Shias and Sunnis in the regional countries and pointed out: "If the Islamic Ummah were united and [its nations] insisted on their commonalities, they would have been a unique power in the global political sphere, but big powers have imposed these differences on the Islamic Ummah in order to protect their own interests and safeguard the Zionist regime."

Referring to the existing wave of hatred among Muslims toward the Zionist regime despite inclination of some people within Islamic governments toward this illegitimate regime, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The arrogant powers, in cooperation with dishonest officials in certain Islamic governments, have designed religious wars and launched such criminal organizations as al-Qaeda and Daesh (ISIL) in order to deflect the attention of Islamic nations from the Zionist regime."

Reminding admissions by some US officials about the role of the US government in founding and expanding Daesh, Ayatollah Khamenei described establishment of the so-called anti-Daesh coalition as unbelievable, saying: "The policy of arrogant powers in the region is clearly treacherous and everyone should take this issue into account."

Stressing that the policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the region is exactly the opposite of the policy of the arrogant powers, the Leader referred to the issue of Iraq and said, "The policy pursued by the arrogant [powers] in Iraq is to overthrow the [Iraqi] government that has come out of people's vote, trigger conflict between Shias and Sunnis, and finally [bring about] the division of Iraq, but the policy pursued by the Islamic Republic with regard to Iraq is to support and strengthen the [Iraqi] government that has come out of elections, steadfastness against factors of civil war and division, and protecting territorial integrity of Iraq."

Regarding the situation in Syria, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The policy pursued by the arrogant [powers] in Syria is to impose [on the country] a will other than the will of the nation and topple the government which has firmly and overtly stood against the Zionist regime, but the Islamic Republic of Iran considers a government whose motto and goal and intention is resistance against the Zionists as beneficial to the Muslim world."

"The Islamic Republic of Iran does not pursue its own interests in regional issues like Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon

and Bahrain, but believes that the main decision-maker in these countries are the nations, and others have no right to interfere and make decisions," Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution referred to the opposite policies of the world arrogance and the Islamic Establishment of Iran on Lebanon, saying, "The arrogant system, topped by America, had for many years chosen a silence combined with satisfaction on the occupation of a large portion of Lebanon's soil by the usurping Zionist regime. However, as soon as a faithful and devoted resistance group, which is among the most noble of national defense groups in the world, stood against the Zionist occupiers and drove them out of Lebanon's soil, dubbed this group as terrorist and is trying to destroy it."

Stressing the fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran is supporting the Lebanese resistance fighters because of their genuine courage and sacrifice and resistance against aggressors, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "Americans label the Lebanese resistance as terrorist and view Iran as a supporter of terrorism due to its backing for the Lebanese Hezbollah, while the real terrorist is Americans themselves, who have created Daesh (ISIL) and also support the wicked Zionists, [and they] must face trial for supporting terrorism."

The Leader referred to the issue of Yemen and the confrontation between the policies of the arrogant governments and the Islamic Establishment of Iran in Yemen, saying, "In Yemen, America is supporting a president who resigned under the most sensitive conditions in order to create a political void and fled his country, and asked another country to attack his people. [The US] is also supporting the killing of innocent people and children in Yemen and extends its hand of friendship toward the most despotic regimes, which do not let their people even hear the name of election, but at the same time, labels the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose structure is intertwined with election from top to down, as a despotic regime."

Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized, "The American politicians speak with full unfairness and outrageously deny clear realities."

"That is why it is said that Americans cannot be trusted, because they have no honesty," the Leader pointed out.

"In this difficult test of nuclear talks, for which the president and other officials took trouble, we frequently witnessed dishonesty of Americans, which [our] officials, fortunately, counteracted and in certain cases they showed some revolutionary gestures, which we must now [wait and] see what fate awaits this issue," said Ayatollah Khamenei.

Noting that the solution to the problems of Muslim world, in toto, and every one of Muslim countries individually, is to maintain unity and integrity, the Leader said, "The Iranian nation should be also united and nuclear affairs should not cause division in the country because the nuclear issue is being followed up on by the relevant officials and the officials are pursuing national interests."

Referring to widespread efforts made by foreign media to cause division in the country, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The only way to confront these efforts is to embrace public and national piety and internal immunization by boosting domestic might through strengthening faith, science and industry and culture."

Prior to Ayatollah Khamenei's remarks, President Hassan Rouhani congratulated Muslims across the world on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, and describing the fasting month of Ramadan as the month of testing people's faith and the month of steadfastness, resistance and patience, he said: "This year's Ramadan was the month of empathy and unison and the month of returning to pure human nature."

Rouhani said the 12-year resistance by the Iranian nation against superpowers bore fruit in this year's Ramadan due to people's prayers, adding: "Based on a roadmap sketched out by the resistance and will of the Iranian nation, and

under the wise guidance of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, all-out support of all pillars of the [Islamic] Establishment and [three] branches [of the government], and through struggle and sacrifice of the children of this nation in the arena of diplomacy, the administration managed to restore the rights of the great Iranian nation."

Noting that the Islamic Republic of Iran has shown off a new form of power to the world; namely, the capacity for diplomacy and the power of negotiation, Rouhani referred to ongoing developments in the region and said neighboring and regional countries, from Iraq and Syria and Yemen to Palestine and Lebanon and Afghanistan and Pakistan, experienced a difficult Ramadan this year.

"The Islamic Republic is determined to support all the oppressed and stand up to all oppressors.", said Rouhani.