

The Leader meeting Muslim ambassadors and officials on Eid al-Fitr - 7 /Jul/ 2016

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, in a meeting on Wednesday with Iranian officials and a group of people from different walks of life, said the main source of war, insecurity and terrorism in the region and the Muslim world was arrogant powers with the US at their top. Reiterating that their objective is to create a space of breathing for the Zionist regime of Israel and push the pivotal issue of Palestine into oblivion, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution said: "The only way to counter these conspiracies is to identify the real enemy and [show] steadfastness and the Iranian nation has shown that the only way to progress is steadfastness."

Offering congratulations on the auspicious Eid al-Fitr, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution referred to the present circumstances in the Muslim world and massacres, insecurity and bloody explosions in the region, saying: "An important issue is to identify the wicked and unblessed source of current problems of the Islamic Ummah and the hidden hands that are spreading terrorism."

Ayatollah Khamenei said all countries and powers pretend to disavow terrorism while they form a coalition under the false title of fighting it, adding: "Despite claims by powers, they are in practice supporting and spreading terrorism."

Recalling the presence of US ambassador in the protest gathering during the first days of the eruption of violence in Syria and making preparations for turning a political dispute in the country into a civil war, Ayatollah Khamenei added: "They turned a political dispute into fratricide and then by financial and arms supply and with ill-gotten oil revenues they brought some people from different regions to Syria and Iraq and triggered insecurity and created tensions which are prevailing in the region today."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution said his emphasis on the US's enmity with the Iranian nation was the result of 37 years of experience and knowledge, adding: "Since the very beginning of the victory of the Islamic Revolution [in 1979], the US did not hesitate to show enmity with the venerable Imam [Khomeini] and his major drive. This enmity has continued until today, but the US plots have not materialized due to the awakening of the nation, vigilance of the government and the preparedness of officials."

Stressing that the Islamic Ummah needs to know the enemy and its schemes, Ayatollah Khamenei said: "We are witnessing another example of these efforts for turning a political dispute into a civil war in Bahrain."

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has never interfered with Bahrain's affairs and will not do so. But if there is political awareness and wisdom in this country, they should not let a political dispute degenerate into a civil war and they should not pit people against each other," said the Leader of the Islamic Revolution.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the main cause of plotting and catastrophe creation in the region by the Global Arrogance, led by the US, was to push the issue of Palestine into oblivion, adding: "They seek to deny the existence of a geography and a nation while Palestine enjoys a millennia-old history and the Palestinian nation is the proprietor of a territory and these facts could not be denied."

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed: "The Zionist regime [of Israel] will be definitely slapped in the face for the pressure it is exerting on the oppressed and the besieged Palestinian nation."

"The issue of Palestine is the pivotal issue of the Muslim world and no Muslim and even non-Muslim country

endowed with human conscience should forget it,” said the Leader of the Islamic Revolution.

Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the ongoing conditions in Yemen and the daily bombardment of houses, hospitals, mosques and the infrastructure there, saying: “The aggressor must stop its aggression and the Muslim world has to punish the aggressor that has invaded the Yemeni people for an unfounded reason.”

Referring to the steadfastness of the Iranian nation, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution said: “Islamic Iran’s progress is the result of steadfastness and had the Iranian nation bowed to powers it would not have the progress [it enjoys] today.”

Ayatollah Khamenei said “steadfastness and resistance, strengthening domestic manufacturing and national determination and will and communications with God” as the main factors of progress, adding: “If a nation is strengthened by faith and only trusts in God and fears nobody but God it will move towards its exalted objectives.”

Prior to Ayatollah Khamenei’s remarks, President Hassan Rouhani congratulated the Eid-al-Fitr and cited terrorism, insecurity and homelessness as the problems of Muslims countries.

Reiterating the necessity of the formation of a real coalition instead of fake and current self-declared coalitions for fighting terrorism, President Rouhani added: “Like in the past, the Islamic Republic of Iran will not sit finger-crossed against problems of the Muslim world and it will [continue to] defend Muslim nations.”

Mr. Rouhani also referred to the issue of paychecks, saying: “Alongside other branches of power, the government (executive branch) is determined to tackle this challenge under the aegis of people and the Leader. In addition to urgent actions, transparency in and amendments to laws and regulations are needed to prevent the repeat of such cases, and the government will submit a motion to Majlis (parliament) in this regard.”