Leader’s message in praise of the martyred firefighters in Plasco incident - 29 /Jan/ 2017

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has issued a message on Sunday eulogizing the glorious and heart-wrenching sacrifice of faithful and devoted firefighters who were involved in putting out the fire before and after the collapse of Plasco high-rise in downtown Tehran. In his message, the Leader has thanked all organs and people, who did all they could during “these bitter ten days and nights” and pulled off a big task.
Ayatollah Khamenei said, “These martyrs once again revived the memories of sacrifices made in the period of the Sacred Defense and proved that when it comes to taking risks to fulfill one’s obligation, the faithful Iranian embodies the firm determination and exemplary courage, and offers on the path of God the commodity of his life without asking any questions.”

The full text of the Leader’s message is as follows:

In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful
Now, after many bitter nights and days of concern and exploration, it is time to record and revere the memory of the glorious and heart-wrenching sacrifice made by faithful and courageous firefighters of the Iranian nation and [it is time for] everybody to know these men, who must be truly called low-profile and devoted heroes, and keep their lesson in their minds.

These chivalrous men entered the fire and rubble with amazing bravery in order to save the lives and property of their fellow countrymen and risked their [own] lives and sacrificed themselves. They once again revived the memories of sacrifices made in the period of the Sacred Defense [eight-year Iraqi imposed war against Iran] and proved that when it comes to taking risks to fulfill one’s obligation, the faithful Iranian embodies the firm determination and exemplary courage and offers on the path of God the commodity of his life without asking any questions. The bereaved families and the entire Iranian nation must be proud of this determination and valor that arise from faith, and scholars must take into account this phenomenon in their analyses and assessments of Iran and faithful Iranians. This incident was sorrowful, on the one hand, while being pride-inspiring, on the other hand. These [firefighters] are martyrs on the path of a difficult service. They fulfilled a risky duty and, God willing, will never be forgotten.

I mourn these loved ones and others, who lost their lives in Plasco incident, sharing the grief with their families and survivors, and ask the Almighty God divine mercy for them (firefighters) and patience and [spiritual] reward for these (their survivors).
I also thank all organs and people, who shouldered a heavy mountain of work and effort, perseverance and concern during these ten bitter days and nights with all their power to save the lives of the firefighters and other people trapped [under the rubble] and pulled off a big task through cooperation and empathy, and [I] pray for them the divine reward.