Eid-al-Fitr sermons by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution - 27 /Jun/ 2017

On the auspicious occasion of the blessed Eid-al-Fitr, in gratitude to one month of fasting and servitude to God Almighty, the faithful and monotheistic people of Islamic Iran gloriously held the Eid prayers across the county and asked for the best from benevolent God. The hub of this enthusiastic and faithful presence was the Imam Khomeini Prayer Grounds in Tehran where Eid-al-Fitr prayers were led by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

In the sermons of Eid al-Fitr prayers, Ayatollah Khamenei described this year's Ramadan as "auspicious" in the true sense of the word and said, "'fasting in hot days,' 'the eye-catching presence of the youth in widespread Quranic and [Islamic] teaching meetings,' 'modest popular iftar ceremonies in mosques and local districts,' 'aid for the release of inmates imprisoned for unpremeditated offences and providing the expenses for the treatment of the needy patients,' 'recourse and supplication to God in Laylat al-Qadr (Nights of Destiny)' are signs of the celestial and spiritual mirth atmosphere in the society and a booster of the nation's spiritual stamina and facilitator of treading difficult paths and these spiritual resources must be appreciated and preserved."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution enumerated "the glorious and massive Quds Day rallies in hot weather" as one of the other manifestations of this blessed month and reiterated, "These rallies were a historic and massive undertaking and will survive as an honor in the history of the nation."

Ayatollah Khamenei cited Quds Day rallies, the fervent and massive participation in the elections and the mighty offensive of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps against the enemies as "valuable social assets" and a source of pride and hope for the nation and stressed the need to safeguard these assets, reiterating, "The requisite for preserving these valuable assets are safeguarding the unity and integrity of the nation, safeguarding revolutionary motivations and moving in line with the [1979] Revolution's objectives and aspirations."

Continuing, the Leader expressed hope for the new administration to be formed as soon as possible, saying, "Given this year's name (Economy of Resistance – Production and Employment), the new government will have to carry out major tasks for the prosperity of production and the resolution of the youth's employment problem with the help of the people and these issues must be followed up with seriousness."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution described cultural work as one of the other important issues of the country and pointed to the enemy's many pores and infiltration points in the cultural sector, stressing, "In addition to the responsible administrative organizations, massive popular bodies and intellectual, innovative and diligent youths should block the cultural infiltration points and take necessary measures and push forward in this area in a 'fire at will' [manner]."

Elaborating on the concept of 'fire at will,' Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated, "Fire at will means 'spontaneous and clean cultural work' and does not mean lawlessness, cursing, giving thoughtless and assuming people an excuse to complain and rendering beholden the country's revolutionary current."

The Leader reiterated, "Revolutionary and caring forces keen on the advancement of the country toward lofty goals must be more watchful than anyone else about preserving law, order and peace in the country and prevent exploitation by the enemies."

In the final segment of the sermons of the Eid prayers, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution pointed to the issues of the Muslim world, particularly the situation in Yemen as one of the great scars on the body of the Islamic Ummah as well as the issues of Bahrain and Kashmir, adding, "Like the Islamic Republic, the world of Islam, particularly the enlightened and Islamic scholars must openly state their stances against the enemies and adversaries and clearly announce their position about disavowing from the oppressors and tyrants who subjected the people of Yemen to aggression in the month of Ramadan and [and state their position] in support of these oppressed people and other issues of the Muslim world even if tyrants grow displeased with this stance."