The Leader's remarks in a meeting with university and school students - 2 /Nov/ 2017

In a meeting with thousands of university and school students, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei described the younger generation as the forerunners and propellers of society and stressed, “This talented and intelligent generation will undoubtedly deliver beloved Iran to the point of preference by overcoming obstacles and hardships; indeed, the realization of this resplendent objective requires [Iranian people] to identify the main and malicious enemy of the Iranian nation, i.e. the US, acquire science, work and endeavor, and boost relationships with God Almighty.”

In this meeting, which was held ahead of November 4, the National Day of Campaign against Global Hegemony, Ayatollah Khamenei hailed the passion of youth and the analytic power of the younger generation, adding, “The youth are, by nature, associated with mobility and progress, but in our country even teenagers have these characteristics.”

He pointed to instances of this thrilling reality in stages before and after the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, saying, “During the events of the Revolution, teenagers entered the fray alongside youths and made such a stand against the malevolence of the tyrannical [Pahlavi] regime that November 4, 1978 was named after them.”

The Leader recalled the brave presence on the scenes of the Sacred Defense against the Iraqi aggression in the 1980s as another example and added, “Teenagers fought and caused a stir like efficient and courageous men during the imposed war.”

Ayatollah Khamenei said the current generation of youths and teenagers possess the same privileges and characteristics as the young generation during the Revolution and the Sacred Defense and said, “According to precise intelligence, our youths and teenagers today even analyze issues and act better than the previous generations.”

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution pointed to enemy efforts to pervert the generations through approaches such as the promotion of depravity, narcotics and misleading computer games, adding, “Despite these hostilities, the teenagers of the 2000s that have not seen the Imam (the late founder of the Islamic Republic Imam Khomeini) or the Revolution or the Sacred Defense, follow the fundamental concepts of the Revolution with the same insight and might of the prudent youth of the early days of the Revolution.”

He highlighted the fact that the enmities of global bullies have so far had no effect and they have not been able to do a damn thing, saying, “My beloved children, you are the generation that will be able to take this country to the highest point and fulfill the nation’s Islamic ideals and great wishes by overcoming the ploys of the enemy and surmounting the obstacles and hardships; however, the realization of this objectives has a number of conditions.”

Elaborating on the necessity of identifying the enemy as the precursor for the continuation of the fulfillment of the objectives of the establishment and the nation, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution stressed, “The US is in the true sense of word the evil and main enemy and this reality is not based on prejudice and a cynical look, but rather emanates from experience, proper comprehension of issues and seeing the realities on the ground.”

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to US President Donald Trump’s calling Iranians a terrorist nation, adding, “This foolish comment shows that the Americans are not only the enemies of Iran’s leadership and government, but are

also hostile to and bear a grudge against the existence of a nation that is indefatigably standing against them."

He recalled the remarks a few years back by a US official who had said that the Iranian nation must be eliminated at the roots, adding, "They are incapable of understating this reality that a nation with such a rich historical and cultural background cannot be uprooted."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution said the deep hostility of the US against the Iranian nation has blinded the Americans to the extent that they make miscalculations and repeat their mistakes, adding, "The Americans started their hostilities from the first day of victory when the Revolution was a slender sapling and are continuing with the same futile plots today that the Islamic Republic has turned into a robust and fully-grown tree, because animosity and spite have deprived them of seeing and understanding the realities and proper assessment."

Ayatollah Khamenei criticized those who believe that "we should slightly back down against the US for its hostilities to ease," adding, "Historical experiences, including the case of Dr. Mosaddegh (an Iranian prime minister whose democratically-elected government was overthrown through a US-led coup in 1953) prove that Americans show no mercy even toward those who have pinned their hopes on them."

On the same note, he added, "Mosaddegh trusted and held talks with the US to counter the British, but it was the same Americans who mounted a coup against him."

Summing up this part of his speech, the Leader of the Revolution stressed, "Not even the likes of Dr. Mosaddegh satisfy the Americans; they want puppets, pushovers and yes-men, so that they may rule the important and profitable country of Iran just like the era of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi."

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to the recurrent hostilities of the US administration, adding, "And now, they are doing all the evil [they can] to wreck the outcome of the nuclear negotiations, namely the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action)."

Adducing these realities, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution added, "Backing down against the Americans will make them pushy and brazen; therefore, the only way is confrontation and resistance."

He strongly urged the university and school students not to ignore the main enemy, namely the US, adding, "This is the main condition for the continuation of the auspicious path of the country's future."

Ayatollah Khamenei cited learning and studying, acquisition of science as well as making efforts and endeavors by school and university students constitute another condition for the country to have bright future, adding, "Studying and acquiring science should turn into a lofty goal."

He added, "Boosting the country's academic level will increase the power to face hostilities and ride out difficult and stormy waves, result in the greater internal solidification of Iran and fulfill the great wishes of the nation."

"Boosting relationships with God Almighty" was another strong recommendation that the Leader of the Islamic Revolution offered to the youths and teenagers and added, "Your luminous and pure hearts will facilitate the attraction of God's favor and grace; appreciate this blessing."