

## **The leader's speech during Eid al-Fitr - 16 /Jun/ 2018**

In a meeting with Establishment officials, a large number of people from all walks of life and the ambassadors of Muslim countries on the occasion of the auspicious Eid al-Fitr, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said unity and the settlement of disputes is one of the most important reasons for, and elements of nobility and grandeur of the Islamic society and Islamic Ummah and stressed that the Zionist regime is the main reason for the creation of conflict in the region and among Muslim countries. He said, "The problem of the Zionist regime is a lack of legitimacy and [that it is] a regime created based on invalid grounds, and it will definitely be destroyed and eliminated by God's grace and with the endeavor of Muslim nations."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution said the hegemonic powers' policy in the region today is to create rifts and conflicts among Muslims and among the people of the Muslim countries, adding, "The only way to counter this policy of the criminal US and Zionists is to identify enemy plots and stand up to them."

Ayatollah Khamenei described as momentous the responsibility of Islamic governments and the political, religious and cultural elites of Islamic Ummah in the resistance of nations against hegemonic policies and pointed to the objectives behind the creation of the bogus Zionist regime, saying, "One of the main goals of the establishment of this regime is to trigger disputes and cause problems among Muslim nations; however, all historical experiences indicate that the Zionist regime, which faces a legitimacy problem, will not endure."

He stressed that the establishment of overt or covert diplomatic ties by some weak-kneed regional countries with this occupier regime or the US move to relocate its embassy to al-Quds will not solve any of the Zionist regime's problems. He added, "This regime has been formed based on bullying, intimidation, murder and the expulsion of a nation from their land and, therefore, the illegitimacy of the Zionist regime has been etched in the hearts of the Islamic nations and the map of Palestine cannot be erased from the historical memory of the world geography."

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution once more underscored the need for a referendum among true Palestinians, whether Muslim, Christian or Jew, and the establishment of Palestine's government system based on this referendum, saying, "The conducting of such a referendum and the establishment of a Palestinian government based on Palestinian votes in fact means the destruction of the bogus Zionist regime, which will certainly materialize in the not-so-distant future."

At the end of his speech, Ayatollah Khamenei stressed, "With the destruction of the Zionist regime, the Islamic Ummah will achieve its unity and dignity."

Prior to the remarks of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani stressed that the climate of spirituality, unity, confidence and hope for the future should be enhanced, reiterating, "What should stand by the administration is the strength of the other branches [of the government] and the people in particular."

The president described the enemy as inexperienced and unwise at the current juncture, adding, "The decision of the enemy is to trample on not only its commitments vis-à-vis the Iranian nation but all of its regional and international obligations."

Rouhani said, "It is a surprise that a [world] power whose hands are stained with the blood of the people of this region from Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen to other areas, has put a mask of peace-seeking on its face and speaks of negotiations and peace, and a usurper regime which kills people on a daily basis has turned to [the tactic of] roaming around to portray a false and mendacious image of the Islamic Republic Establishment and the Iranian people."

Rouhani said, “Today, world countries and people, Iran’s trade partners, Europe, Russia, China, neighbors, Muslims and all countries must stand up to the bullying by the rulers of the White House.”