

## **Meeting with the participants in the International Conference on Islamic Unity - 30 /Jun/ 2019**

On the auspicious birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad and Imam Sadiq (peace be upon them), the heads of power branches, government officials, ambassadors of Islamic countries as well as invitees to the International Conference on Islamic Unity held in Tehran met with Ayatollah Khamenei—the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution—this morning, November 25, 2018.

In this meeting Ayatollah Khamenei stressed the significance of uniting around the light of Prophet Muhammad to overcome challenges in the world and among Muslim, saying: At a time when the world was immersed in the darkness of ignorance and deceit, God bestowed upon the entire mankind the light of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Today too, if we follow this light, it will lead us to prosperity and salvation. If humanity achieves the maturity to accept the prophet's invitation, all of its calamity will be resolved. Today, as a result of the oppression practiced by the domineering powers, the world is in darkness like that day. Today, humanity is encountered with afflictions; this is not only the case in the Muslim World; rather countries that are apparently developed, are also suffering from afflictions. Islam can fulfill all these needs.

The Leader of the Revolution pointed out to the obsession of the government of the United States with the South West Asian region and its concern regarding the rise of Islam and held: The U.S. is obsessed about our region because the nations of our region incline to Islam. Wherever Islam has come to power, Arrogant Powers have been slapped in the face.

Ayatollah Khamenei praised the resistance that exists in the region against the domineering, imperialist powers and stated: There is a movement of resistance against oppression in the world, and this resistance relies on the name of God and Islam.

Ayatollah Khamenei assured Muslims that with the power of Islamic awakening, the enemies will be defeated in the region. He added: Wherever Islam has conquered the hearts of the people, the Front of Arrogance has been repelled. I strongly hold that the Arrogance will be slapped in the face, once again, by the Islamic awakening in our region. I advise Muslim nations to strengthen the movement of Islamic awakening as much as possible; for by strengthening the Islamic awakening, the region will be saved.

Ayatollah Khamenei invited heads of the Islamic countries to follow the rule of Islam rather than the arrogant powers and held: I recommend the rulers of the Islamic countries to turn their attention to the rule of Islam; the rule of the U.S. and the tyrannical system will not serve them. Today, some of the countries of our region follow the U.S., rather than the rule of Allah. The U.S.— acting as the arrogant power it is, on its Arrogance-derived instinct—humiliates them.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution slammed Saudi regime for giving into U.S. President Trump's humiliating blusters about them, asserting that: You have heard the ranting U.S. president analogized the Saudi rulers to 'milking cows'. If the Al-Saud is not offended by these insults, we do not care. However, this humiliation targets the people of that country and other Muslim nations as well.

Ayatollah Khamenei criticized Muslim states that ally with the United States in matters concerning Palestine or Yemen, and states: Why should Muslim rulers side with the U.S. in its criminal acts against Palestine and Yemen? These rulers must know that in the two fronts, victory will be for the people of Palestine and Yemen, and the U.S. and its allies will be defeated.

His Eminence referred to declining power of the U.S. regime and the abating of the Zionist regime, adding that: Today, the U.S. is clearly much weaker in our region, compared to ten years ago. The Zionist regime is evidently weaker. A few years ago, the Zionist regime fought against Lebanon's Hezbollah for 33 days and was defeated. A couple of years later, it fought Palestinians for 22 days and was defeated. A while after that, it fought against the oppressed people of Gaza for 8 days and was finally defeated. In the confrontation erupting last week, the Zionist regime was once again defeated in just two days. This reveals the increased declining of the Zionist Regime.

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution praised the strong resistance by the Yemeni people in the face of atrocities by the Saudi regime, backed by the United States and held: The people of Yemen are undergoing the most severe tortures on the part of the Saudi regime, supported by the U.S. Nevertheless, the people of Yemen and Ansar-Allah will be victorious. Those nations that rely on God and resist, will be assisted by God: this is a divine tradition.

Ayatollah Khamenei described resistance as the only way forward to victory over enemies, adding that: The only solution is resistance, and what has frightened the U.S. and its allies today is the resistance of the Muslim nations—which will soon bear fruit.

His Eminence glorified Iranian people's resistance in the face of animosities by the US and other major powers as an example of resistance being the only way to defeat the enemies and attain prosperity. He went on to say: The Iranian nation has been resisting for forty years. We were a fragile and small sapling at first, and we resisted thanks to blessings of the name of the prophet (PBUH) and the leadership of Imam Khomeini. We endured many hardships on this path and have had many martyrs. But, today the Iranian nation is a strong tree. Today the U.S. and the Zionist Regime won't dare to threaten the Iranian nation. Their threats and animosity have been defeated so far, and will be defeated in the future; the sanctions will also be defeated thanks to the resistance.