IR Leader expounds Principlism - 19 /Jun/ 2006

"The Iranian nation and authorities will conquer the hights of progress and dignity and resolve the existing problems through unity, faith, vigilance, rationality and knowledge," the Islamic Revolution Leader, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei told an audience of the Iranianj statesmen, including the President, the Speaker, the Judiciary Head, the System's Interests Council Head, the Cabinet members, the Majlis lawmakers, judicial officials, military commanders and other pro minent political, cultural and religious figures Monday.

Reminding the audience of the spiritual and ethical issues and deliberating on the issue of gratitude in the Islamic thought, the IR Leader made appraisals about the political, economic, cultural and international status of the country and expounded the discourse of the Islamic Revolution, calling on the statesmen to follow prudence, multiple efforts and work as well as boosted intimacy and unanimity.

Ayatollah Khamenei considered "excessive optimism or pessimism" as misleading in appraising the situation in the country.

The IR Leader then touched on the existing realities in various foreign and domestic issues, adding that the accumulation of great, successive achievements is one of the most outstanding and positive features of the country and the System.

The IR Leader pointed to other existing positive features, mainly the spirit of hope and liveliness in people, the governance of a determined and striving administration, the dignified position of the Islamic Republic in the international scene, the scientific achievements, the developing national infrastructures, the existing political calm, the failure of enemy to incite religious, tribal and sectarian discords and the harmony and unanimity among the Three Branches of the Government.

"Besides the long list of achievements and positive points, there are acute needs and problems to resolve and due measures must be taken and multiple efforts must be made to solve them," Ayatollah Khamenei asserted.

The IR Leader pointed to creating job, curbing inflation, outreaching to underprivileged areas, launching serious combat against corruption, safeguarding investment security, rationally consolidating the international status of the System and purifying the cultural image of the country as the priorities towards which the Principlist administrative and legislative, along with the other bodies, must take resolute and non-stop strides, by perseverance about principles as well as due planning and enduring efforts.

Ayatollah Khamenei considered the running of the key pillars of the country through the principle Islamic doctrine or the generally called "Principlism" as the great Divine blessing, adding that the Principlism is not a party or political current facing other political currents and that dividing political groups to Principlist and Reformist or other titles is not appropriate, because every one and every current which is interested in and committed to the fundamentals of the Revolution is regarded a principlist, whatever the title.

Ayatollah Khamenei then pointed to eight parameters of Principlism, adding that the most important parameter is faith and the Islamic and revolutionary identity.

"The administration and different cultural bodies must promote an insightful and steadfast faith, bereft of superstition and wavering thoughts in the minds of the young and growing generation and consolidate the belief in the religion, the revolution, the System, people, independence, national unity and promising prospects in the hearts and minds of the people," the IR Leader asserted.

Ayatollah Khamenei invoked the Quranic verse "and argue with them in ways that are best", urging using the best methods in arguments with the followers of different views, adding the faith the Principlism calls for never and by no means fans the fire of sectarian fanaticism.

"We must present the Islamic identity void of any superstition and diversion to the Muslim nations and intellectuals through religious innovation and methodical exploration of newer thoughts and ideas from the treasure of the Islamic resources," Ayatollah Khamenei urged, calling for the audience to boost the current of Principlism in the world of Islam by hoisting the flag of brotherhood of the Islamic Ummah and promoting ethical virtues.

Ayatollah Khamenei lambasted the deviated mindset once existing in Afghanistan and now representing the terrorist network in Iraq, adding that these individuals consider all people as renegades and depict a violent and frowning image of Islam. Nevertheless, true Islam, whose flag is hoisted by the clear, new and innovative ideas of the late Imam, sweetens the mouths of nations and presents true Islamic and revolutionary faith and identity to them.

As another parameter of Principlism, the Islamic Revolution Leader pointed to justice, adding economic growth must catch up justice and an idea which originally pursues economic development and growth and then minds dispensing justice is not logical.

Ayatollah khamenei drew up the aspects of justice as reducing the social gap, creating equal opportunities, encouraging sincerity, harnessing embezzlers of the national wealth, effectively combating against corruption and nepotism, promoting justice in the government, especially in appointments and removals, and paying attention to underprivileged areas.

"Carrying out justice demands resolution, shunning reservations, having public relations, following a humble life, serving people and purifying the self," the IR Leader asserted.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the full independence of the country as another parameter of Principilism, adding that any current or party which fails to pursue freedom from the imposed octopus of the Western culture and shows indifference towards the politico-economic independence of the country and the nation is not regarded Principlist.

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to boosted self-confidence in various fields as another parameter of Principlism, urging campaign against the chronic self-denial imposed on the country for decades.

Ayatollah Khamenei described "scientific jihad" as another parameter of Principlism.

The IR Leader expressed pleasure with the resolve of the students and the youth in creating and boosting the movement of "science production," adding that such expectations are necessary but not adequate.

"We must take on greater works and newer domain and multiply the human scientific wealth and the Iranian youth is able to make the job by relying on self and talent, provided the administration provides a favorable ground," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the consolidation of freedom and free thinking as another parameter of Principlism, adding that frredom is one of the Divine greatest blessings of which the free thinking is a main branch and without free thinking the scientific, intellectual and philosophical growth is impossible.

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed freedom of thought and opinion, urging for the authorities in the seminaries, the universities and other cultural surroundings, not to deal with individuals who present new ideas through uproar, rather provide the ground for the growth of thoughts and ideas.

Ayatollah Khamenei made a distinction between true freedom on the one hand and the enemy's efforts under the cover of freedom on the other, urging not leaving enemy free to disseminate poisonous thoughts.

Ayatollah Khamenei referred to reformism in its true sense as another parameter of Principlism, adding Principlist reforms and reformist Principlism are intertwined and different from American reforms and those of the then deposed ruler Rezakhan, which are actually annihilation, rather than reforms.

Ayatollah Khamenei considered the Constitution as the criterion of reforms, adding reforms must be criterion-oriented and based on Islamic and Iranian values and ethics.

Ayatollah Khamenei called for improving methods and phased objectives and decisions necessary, adding that true reforms is completely different from destructuralization and campaign against the Constitution and Islam.

The Islamic Revolution Leader referred to the country's economic flourish and improving the people's life conditions as the eighth parameter of Principlism, adding that supporting investment, fighting joblessness, job creation and production, serious combat against smuggling and corruption, creating sustainable and transparent economic regulations, global marketing, proper use of oil and harmonized attention to the country's strategic plans are among the outstanding issues in this regard.

Ayatollah Khamenei considered internal weakness and external plots as leading to certain challenges, adding no doubt, today most of the external challenges arise from the opposition of America to the Iranian nation.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the world hegemony and the American government considers the Middle East as very important, adding in this touchy region, the Iranian nation has stood against the oppressive approach of America by establishing the Islamic Republic and has actually made it crazy.

Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the failure of America in the "hard subversion" of the Islamic system though imposing of war and economic embargo as well as in the "soft subversion" of the system through cultural incursion, adding other conspiracies continue to come up, but the nation and authorities will immune the country and the system and conquer the heights of progress and sublimity one after the other through unity, faith, rationality, prudence, vigilance and taking opportunities.

Ayatollah Khamenei urged authorities and activists in different fields to follow self-purification, spirituality and fine gratitude for the endless Divine blessings and considered them as the greatest duties of people and especially the authorities.

Ayatollah Khamenei described acknowledging the Divine blessings and not neglecting them, considering blessings as belonging to God, thanking God and using His blessings as a ladder of progress and sublimity as the main pillars of gratitude that cause the Divine blessings to multiply.

Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the national dignity and independence, the burgeoning talented youth under the auspices of Islam and the revolution, the national self-confidence, precious resources and reserves, ample opportunities to serve people and the religious and spiritual milieu of the country as the numberless blessings that thanking God for them will make them continue and increase in God's grace.

Note: Principlism is the socio-politico-religious doctrine based on the pure and fine Divine teachings manifested in the holy Quran as well as the words and deeds of the noblest messenger of Allah Hazrat Muhammad and his infallible household, may Allah p ray for them. The doctrine was revived in the contemporary era by the late founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini and followed by his successor, the Islamic Revolution

Leader, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei.