Leader commends Iranian researchers - 13 /Aug/ 2006

The Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Sunday commended a team of specialists who made a breakthrough in medical science to cure spinal injuries.

The Islamic Revolution Leader said that the medical breakthrough is very significant in terms of developing scientific theories and making progress in research studies.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that those who are involved in hard work of research studies to help the nation overcome backwardness imposed on Iran for many years, would be rewarded by the Almighty.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that research studies in the field of basic sciences and developing theories need extra investment that should be provided by the government.

In a reception for the team, the Leader appreciated the services of Dr. Saberi, the Executive Director of the Team of Researchers on Methods for Curing Spinal Injuries and Mrs. Firouzi, a professor of biochemistry and biophysics at Tehran University.

The Iranian researchers have made a breakthrough in helping the patients with spinal injuries with culture of schwann cells enabling those suffering from paralysis to move. Named after the German Physiologist Theodore Schwann, the Schwann cells are a variety of neuroglia that mainly provide myelin insulation to axons in the peripheral nervous system of jawed vertebrates.