Qods Day marks Islamic resistance - 13 /Oct/ 2006

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei told worshipers Friday that World Qods Day marks the resistance of Muslims and their objection to oppression and injustice of the Zionists and their followers. The IR Leader called on all Muslims throughout the world to honor the day.
Turning to the ongoing developments in the touchy Middle East region, Ayatollah Khamenei described the victory of Hezbollah and the Lebanese nation in the 33-day war against the Israeli army as historical and unprecedented, adding Muslim nations once more after the Islamic Revolution in Iran were witness to the reality that faithful resistance against bullying and oppression will earn victory at last.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that Islamic nations' pride and euphoria at the victory of the Lebanese Islamic Resistance Movement shows that they are credited with the historical victory.

"Every one is certain that besides the fake regime of Israel, America and its regional affiliates as well suffered a heavy blow in this war," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that a major lesson of the 33-day war was that the only path to victory is to resist, provided nations are not scared with intimidations and repercussions. The Leader added that the recent war changed the equations in the region whose outcome will appear in the long term.

"Zionists and Americans are trying to mend their face after the defeat through carrying some projects in the regional countries," Ayatollah Khamenei said, warning that they are bent on pushing UNIFEL, which has come to Lebanon to defend Lebanese people against aliens, to confront Hezbollah and the Lebanese nation.

"However, Lebanese people, with any sort of faith whatsoever, consider Hezbollah as source of pride for Lebanon and do not allow such projects to bear fruit." Concerning the Palestinian developments, Ayatollah Khamenei described mounting pressures to topple Hamas government in Palestine and the daily bloodshed of the Palestinian people as another American-Zionist project to compensate their defeat in Lebanon. The IR Leader warned that Zionists and their minions are intended to transform Palestinian-occupiers battle into Palestinian-Palestinian battle.

Ayatollah Khamenei warned that the same policy is pursued in the present time Iraq by creating Shiite-Sunni discord, adding unity is the utmost need of the world of Islam. Ayatollah Khamenei blamed the policy on English agents, saying they have developed specialties in discord-sowing and taught the same policy to Americans.
"But the reality on the ground is that Iraqi people, either Shiite or Sunni, have lived together during the history and will keep opposition to occupiers through unity and solidarity," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

In this regard, Ayatollah Khamenei denounced 'Shiite crescent' issue as a propaganda effort to intimidate Sunni nations and government of empowerment of Shiites, adding enemies also try to present I.R. of Iran as a threat to its neighbors and push through their policies of creating discord in the Islamic umma.