Resistance can liberate Palestine - 11 /Dec/ 2006

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei Sunday pointed to 60 years of failed attempts to leave the Palestinian issue behind and remove the title of the Islamic land from the maps and called it a Divine Sign.

"Resistance and perseverance could restore the Palestinian lands, in all its parts, to the Palestinians and could help establish the Palestinian Government over the entire land. This will certainly take place," Ayatollah Khamenei told the visiting Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyah Sunday.

Ayatollah Khamenei recalled the conflict situation of the Palestinian Muslims in the early decades of the occupation and the absence of any support by the Arab countries turned worse by certain attempts to dissolve the Palestinian nation in other nations.

"60 years on and despite all these attempts, the Palestinian identity and spirit is now stronger than any other time. Besides, a Palestinian government has taken office which presents an active stance and makes advances on an increasing pace," Ayatollah Khamenei affirmed.

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined the Devine promise of assistance and said, "The Palestinian nation is moving forward. I am certain that the land will be run by the Palestinians themselves some day."

The IR Leader confirmed that resistance stands as the driving force behind the Palestinian progress and their great achievements despite all the mishaps and pressures, adding that the Palestinian government in light of its declared unwavering platform enjoys the full support of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Ayatollah Khamenei admired the Palestinian resistance as an eminent phenomenon in the course of the Islamic history and assured that the nation and government of Palestine will definitely achieve victory under such a spirit and thought.

During the meeting, in which the First Vice President Parviz Davoudi was also present, the Palestinian Premier expressed delight at his meeting with Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei.

Ismail Haniyah praised the Islamic Republic of Iran as the genuine backer of the Palestinian people and the cause of Liberation of Palestine.

Haniyah lauded the role of the departed Imam Khomeini in reviving the Palestinian cause throughout the world of Islam, notably by his proclamation of the Global Day of Qods.

"You too are in the same line for your unwavering support to the Palestinian people," an admiring Haniyah told Ayatollah Khamenei. He expressed hope that the day will come soon in which to stage a meeting between the two in the currently occupied al-Aqsa Mosque.

Haniyah upheld the effective impact of the Islamic Revolution in awakening the world of Islam, especially Palestine and the ensuing First Intifada.

"The Palestinian generation that brought about the first and second Intifada and currently resists against the Zionists is made up of highly-motivated young people who will liberate Palestine," Haniyah said.

Concerning attempts in the past to separate the Palestinian issue from the whole Islamic Ummah, the Palestinian

Premier emphasized that the Palestinian issue is an Islamic issue and Palestine is an Islamic land "so that no individual or government in Palestine is allowed to forgo an inch of the land."

Isamil Haniyah reaffirmed that the serving Palestinian government will never recognize the Zionist regime, adding that resistance is the only solution to liberate Palestine as the popular Palestinian choice and an effective, strategic option.