Presence of occupiers, the main problem facing Iraq - 27 /Jun/ 2007

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei told the visiting Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and his accompanying delegation Tuesday evening that the paramount issue facing Iraq at the moment is the presence of the occupiers and lack of security.
"The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to give unstinting support to the serving Iraqi government, its president, its premier, its administration and its parliament which are elected by the Iraqi people," Ayatollah Khamenei reaffirmed.

The IR Leader said the Iraqi people had shown such a presence and balloting performance which had had no precedence in the history of the country.

"The opponents of the status quo are actually playing discontent with the will and interests of the Iraqi people. America and Britain top the opponent circle and some of the regional states are unfortunately acting against the interests of the Iraqi people as well."

Ayatollah Khamenei underscored readiness on the part of the Islamic Republic of Iran to extend all cooperation to the government and nation of Iraq to restore security in the country.

"Americans are against the expansion of relations between Iran and Iraq and try to disrupt the ties. We must stand up to their attempt," Ayatollah Khamenei urged Talabani.

The Islamic Revolution Leader urged the Iraqi nation, especially its political and cultural elites to enhance their unity and solidarity, adding that the spy services of America, Zionist regime and some countries on their turf in particular are to blame for the Iraqi insecurity and the ongoing atrocities.

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to America's move to arm several terrorist outfits inside Iraq, saying that the issue will prove harmful to America as they once faced the consequences of a similar move in Afghanistan a few years ago where they moved to arm some Afghan outfits.

Ayatollah Khamenei then warned about America's incendiary policy in the region, especially in Palestine, adding, "The Palestinian situation, namely the infighting between the Palestinian brethren and the imposed pressure on the people-elected government are really heartrending."

"Under such conditions, the regional nations and countries has no solution but to bolster their might and enhance their ranks against the bullying powers," Ayatollah Khamenei underlined.

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined that the regional nations can indeed stand against the superpowers by working together, adding that had the nations put on resolve, they can do any work they wish among others to bring America to heel.

In the meeting, which was also attended by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Iraqi President praised the IRI's nation and government for their unwavering support to the Iraqi nation.

Jalal Talabani said that the Iraqi government views expansion of relations with Iran as a necessity and will follow the course seriously whatever the enemies' desire and will surrender to no foreign pressure in this regard.

Concerning the lack of security in Iraq, the Iraqi President revealed that the Iraqi Police go unarmed. "Currently, out

of five Iraqi policemen only one police carries weapon," he said, adding that to counter insecurity, the Iraqi government had adopted decisions to arm the Police and other forces.