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## **IR Leader visits Royan Research Center - 16 /Jul/ 2007**

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The Islamic Revolution Leader, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei said on Monday that the status and role of countries and nations in international system should be based on their talents and scientific capacity.

The Islamic Revolution Leader made the remarks in a meeting with scientists and researchers at Royan Research Center in Tehran.

Ayatollah Khamenei inspected various parts of the center and was briefed by the officials in charge of the center on the performance and great achievements of the center in recent years.

Addressing the personnel of the scientific center, the Islamic Revolution Leader said the aim behind his visit is to praise the significant endeavors of Iranian scientists and researchers who spare no efforts to expedite the country's development.

The Islamic Revolution Leader described the significant role of University Jihad in launching a wise and vigilant campaign in line with the scientific aspirations of the country.

"Learning various sciences and knowledge from other nations would be a prelude to motion in the wider fields of sciences and research," said the Islamic Revolution Leader.

Criticizing the global hegemony, he underlined that the status and role of countries and nations in international system should be defined according to their talents and scientific capabilities.

"Some big powers have monopolized sciences and by adopting bullying policies have divided the world into developed and underdeveloped sections which should be changed," He added.

Ayatollah Khamenei said scientific development of nations is the only way to put an end to hegemony of superpowers, he said, adding that the Iranian nation with its glorious civilization and deeply-rooted culture and scientific capabilities can play a key role in this regard.

It is the duty of government to render services to scientific and research centers to help them implement their programs properly, the Islamic Revolution Leader said.

The relationship between science and religion is inseparable, underlined the Islamic Revolution Leader.

Ayatollah Khamenei also lauded the relentless efforts of the country's scientists and researchers.