Auspicious Basij will live for ever - 26 /Nov/ 2007

Over 8 million members of the Iranian Basij Organization, accredited to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) staged a nationwide drill Monday in preparation against any threat from outside.

The centerpiece of the national drill came in the capital Tehran where a special official event was held in the presence of the Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei.

The Iranian national anthem was played out simultaneously in 400 cities across Iran where Basij forces were standing in lines before launching their drill.

In Tehran, the anthem was played as the Islamic Revolution Leader arrived in the drill ground, kilometers outside the Capital Tehran.

Ayatollah Khamenei then walked to the Martyrs Memorial put up in the premises of the drill ground to pay homage and recite the first chapter of the Holy Koran in their commemoration.

The IR Leader then prayed for the souls of the martyrs of the faithful Iranian nation whose valiant struggle against the invading forces of Saddam Hussein decades ago (1980-88) carved an epic in the Iranian history.

The Commander-in-Chief then inspected a guard of honor along a route one-kilometer-long on whose side the platoons of the Basij forces were standing in line.

Ayatollah Khamenei then took the viewing stand and delivered a speech which was broadcast live on the national radio and TV.

Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated the entity of Basij as a Divine incarnation the same way as the Islamic Revolution was.

"The Basij carries the same features as the auspicious revolution of the Iranian nation. They are its popular base, its religious profoundness, it banking on faith and spirituality, it standing by every national sphere as well as its resolute mood. On the same account, Basij will live an effective life for ever," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei commended the Basij as an essential phenomenon, arguing that any country would sort of command force of resistance however the Iranian Basij has a distinctive nature.

The Commander-in-Chief recalled the miraculous emergence of the Basij in time of the imposed war (1980-88) "where all the current world superpowers were behind the invading Saddam regime however the faithful Iranian youths, formed the Basij and carried out the most complicate military tactics ever in an asymmetric war which led to the miracles of Fath-ul Mobin and Beit ul-Moqaddas," the titles of two landmark military operations conducted then.

Concerning the popular base of the organization of the Basij, Ayatollah Khamenei said that the members of the organization produced many achievements during the Sacred Defense, a national title to describe the Imposed War because of the epic resistance the Iranian forces showed.

"At present and in future too as soon as the country stands in need of any defensive assistance, the Basij would be in the forefront," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding however that the concept of the Basij goes beyond wartime concerns also covering other national affairs.

"In matters of precision, including nuclear technology and stem cell researches too the faithful and innovative Basij youths are at work. All these popular folds are actually representing the Basij, wherever operating," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

The IR Leader described the Basij as faith-grown the same was as the Islamic Revolution was, adding that the entity was fed in heart by the Islamic teachings to the amount it could portray the devotion of the founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini the departed.

Also lauded by the IR Leader was the resolute mood of the force against any kind of political, economic or military pressure.

"Basij will never surrender to bullies and blackmail. Even it will not go back by a step," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding that the perseverance has proved encouraging to the global Islamic community.

"The enemies would rather admit to their failure in the face of the vivacious, resolute Iranian nation," Ayatollah Khamenei urged.

The IR Leader expressed hope the day comes when the organization would extend its umbrella over all the member of the society and prayed to God for fulfillment.

In a different regard, Ayatollah Khamenei raised the issue of the Tuesday US-organized confab to discuss the Palestinian crisis, describing the confab as a failure in advance.

"The fall conference, also depicted by name, is falling and standing to fail. However, the Americans try to push through it an agenda to make up in part for the defeats of the fake, usurper Zionist regimes," Ayatollah Khamenei observed, adding "the alert Palestinian nation, intertwined with the alert Islamic Community will avert the malicious intentions the American government pursues through the confab."