Stronger OIC agenda would better serve Muslims - 27 /Feb/ 2008

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei told the visiting Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade Wednesday evening that America and other superpowers were speaking the language of blackmail when dealing with global issues, adding that the language of intimidation would be useless provided the Islamic countries got united.

Ayatollah Khamenei said America earned hatred of the nations by attacking Iraq and Afghanistan, adding that the American authorities had realized that a military victory did not necessarily mean that the victor won the war.

"Americans in every sense of the word have got stressed out in the region," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

The IR Leader then expressed pleasure that the next meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) is set to be held in Senegal, adding that a stronger OIC agenda would better serve the Islamic world.

The IR Leader then raised the Gaza siege issue and the ongoing bloodletting of the innocent Palestinian people at the hands of the Zionist regime. Ayatollah Khamenei urged the OIC to undertake its priority duty of supporting Palestine.

The Islamic Revolution Leader expressed hope the organization could successfully live up to its assignments regarding the innocent people.

Ayatollah Khamenei then raised the thriving scientific and technological status quo of the Islamic countries, not least Iran, noting that the Islamic Republic of Iran could made a large progress free from the aid of America or other superpowers.

The IR Leader affirmed that Iran was ready to put its achievements at the disposal of other Islamic countries.

Ayatollah Khamenei turned down an idea prevalent in some Islamic countries that unless America and other superpowers got approved no headway would take place.

"This is a false idea. The nations would carry out great jobs against the desire of the superpowers provided they will," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the OIC enjoys vast potentialities as the Islamic countries are rich in human and material resources. The IR Leader urged the organization to help broaden political, economic and cultural ties among its members until it turns into an influential organization in the world regardless of what America or other superpowers would wish.

Ayatollah Khamenei was contented that the bilateral agreements between the two countries have been put to action, urging for more mutual ties.

For his part, Abdoulaye Wade appreciated the IRI supportive stance for the staging of the next OIC meeting in Dakar, Senegal capital, adding that the support points to a close relations between the two nations of Iran and Senegal.

"We always set Iran as our example," Wade said.

Wade said he was inspired by the statements of Ayatollah Khamenei in the meeting, adding that he would hold them up when handling his official affairs.

The Senegalese President underlined expanded relations between the two countries.

He lauded the level of cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Senegal in different fields especially in building car factories, refineries and electricity networks.

Meanwhile, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was present in the meeting.