

In the Fars provincial city of Kazeron - 5 /May/ 2008

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei Monday urged the people and authorities to keep engaged in their concerted effort to build Iran and present an Islamic model of development to the world.

Delivering a landmark speech to a large assembly of people in a stadium in the Fars provincial city of Kazeron south Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated that the country restored its Iranian-Islamic identity thanks to the Islamic Revolution and launched a long-scale initiative to achieve a specific range of goals set by the same identity.

"30 years on after the Islamic Revolution was triumphed, the Iranian nation, especially the youths are advancing towards the goals more speedily than before. This has triggered frustration among the enemies of the nation," Ayatollah Khamenei praised.

Ayatollah Khamenei elaborated that the global network of arrogance is scared because the progressive move of the Iranian nation has been helping boost Islamic awakening, adding that the nation however must keep alert and identify the enemies' stratagems regardless of the fact that they have yet to see any of its plots bearing results.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the Iranian nation is privileged by the existence of intellectual scholars in Howzeh (schools of Islamic jurisprudence) and university and the presence of enthusiastic, selfless youths in the vanguard of scientific and technological spheres.

Ayatollah Khamenei alerted that the enemy tries to incite differences between the country's political affiliations or various sects and distract the youths from the revolutionary path through frivolous entertainments.

"The Iranian nation could rise above the enemy by God's Assistance and through unity and selfless effort," the IR Leader vowed.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that God Has assisted the Iranian nation, adding, "At the present juncture, God's Assistance has emerged in the reality that the American government as the incarnate of arrogance suffers a host of problems including its failed projects in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon."

Ayatollah Khamenei then touched on the growing US domestic discontent regarding the protracted presence of the US occupying soldiers in Iraq.

"They have grown so discontent that even the US Republican candidate for presidential elections, though as a publicity stunt, acknowledges what we asserted earlier that the US was primarily pursuing oil by invasion of Iraq. This is another proof that the American government has ended up in failure," the IR Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei reckoned that the superpowers by nature try to intimidate their rival even if they find their projects already in tatters.

"The Iranian nation realized the hidden reality and thereby did not feel anxious about the intimidations of America or any other power. It will also keep unperturbed to the extent the enemy would fail to realize its yearning to see the Islamic Republic defunct," Ayatollah Khamenei affirmed.

In this regard, Ayatollah Khamenei urged people and authorities to strive to sustain their cordial relationship, adding that any one who beats drum of schism and tries to drive a wedge between the nation and the authorities moves against the national interests.

In another regard, Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the history of the Kazeroon city, saying that the Kazeroon population must take pride in the fact that the prominent early Islam figure Salman the Persian came from the city.

"Salman the Persian belongs to all Iranians. The Iranian people feel pride in a personality as Salman whom the Holy Messenger (S.A.) considered as being among his revered household," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

"Salman is primarily appreciated for his faith and Mujahidat (selfless effort) in the path of God as well as his pursuit of spring of truth. He constitutes a model for all the Iranian youths," the Islamic Revolution Leader said.