Imam of Age will reappear to rescue human community - 17 /Aug/ 2008

Mid-Shabaan, the birthday of Hazrat Mahdi, the hidden Shii Imam and the eventual savior of the world, truly constitutes a day of hope in a bright and rosy future, Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei said Sunday.

Speaking to cultural counsellors, directors of Education Ministryand ordinary people, Ayatollah Khamenei congratulated the auspicious birth anniversary to all the faithful and free men in the world.

The twelfth Shii Imam currently lives in a state of occultation since 874 A.D. upon a Divine command and would reappear some day when God deems appropriate to administer justice throughout the world.

Ayatollah Khamenei said by the concept of Intizar-e Faraj (to wait for the Savior to reappear and tackle global problems) it was meant to preserve individual preparedness in every respect and advance the cause of justice.

The IR Leader noted that all religions, Divine or else, have carried the sort of glad tidings for justice-hungry human namely that an administrator of justice would come to rescue.

"The sort of glad tidings embodies the fact that the battle of truth and falsehood will culminate in favor of the forces of truth after Promised Mahdi reappears. That time, the human being would experience his favorable life," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that the notion of Intizar in Shiism is a reality instead of a false dream or a purely conceptual notion, adding that there are many evidence to prove that the deputy of God (Imam Mahdi) is a genuine man who has been living a Divinely-protracted life among other people and shares their grievances and woes.

"Intizar in true terms means to denounce the present bully status quo in the world and wait for a turnabout in the living conditions of the humanity at large."

"The Imam of Age will reappear to rescue human community and transform the present, whimsically-driven global unfair system into a fair system," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the existence of over two billion starved people across the globe as well as the relentless pressures on the nations, adding that the Iranian nation which has hoisted the flag of justice endures pressures of superpowers. "The reality bears testimony to the fact that the bully-weary world has thirst for the breeze of justice."

"Intizar never connotes to sit idle-by and pin hope in the date of reappearance. Rather, an awaiting individual espouses the cause of justice like a warrior and prepares the ground for the emergence of the powerful, heavenly arm of the Imam of Age," the Islamic Revolution Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the emergence of the Islamic Republic as a prelude to the landmark, global movement, adding that the Iranian nation created an authentic ambience of Intizar by establishing the system and proved it was a standby follower for the awaited Imam.

Ayatollah Khamenei however alerted people to beware against those profiteers who abuse the notion of Intizar and fake connection with the Imam in quest of profits.

"It is likely that some pure-hearted individuals find the capacity to visit His Holiness. However, these individuals never relate their experience," Ayatollah Khamenei noted.

Ayatollah Khamenei also noted the audience that the tenets of Shiism were among the most rational ones, adding that the cultural associations in home and abroad must try to acquire a fine understanding of the tenets and duly convey them to other people.

The IR Leader also instructed the educationalists to train the heart and soul of the youth through shrewd, well-thought methods.