Gaza people conferred honor on all of us - 2 /Feb/ 2009

Hamas Political Bureau Chief Khaled Mashaal met with Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei Sunday and delivered a full report on the Gaza's 22-day war won by the Islamic Resistance as well as the war-related political developments.

Ayatollah Khamenei offered congratulations on the victory of Islamic Resistance over the Zionist enemy in the Gaza war and said "the Gaza people and the Islamic Resistance conferred honor on all of us and got through the great, demanding test by their perseverance.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the landmark victory of the Gaza people against the Zionist regime's army was a tribute to their faith.

Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated the perseverance of the Mujahid brother Ismail Haniya, Premier of the Palestinian government and prayed God to make the victory a prelude to further victories in future under the auspices of the Palestinian faith and jihad.

The Islamic Revolution Leader noted that the Gaza war was not over adding that diplomatic and propaganda warfare was still on. "The Islamic Resistance must keep full preparedness for any sort of probabilities including a resumption of war," Ayatollah Khamenei alerted.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the enemy was seeking to realize through the diplomatic warfare the goals it failed to reach in the military scene, adding that the same spirit of resistance shown in military scene must also be accorded in the diplomatic arena.

The Islamic Revolution Leader then underlined necessity of fast track efforts for the reconstruction of Gaza, adding that the Islamic Republic of Iran was ready to assist Gaza in that regard.

Ayatollah Khamenei then touched on enemy propaganda warfare to reverse realities of the Gaza events and present Hamas and Islamic resistance as responsible for the sufferings of the Gaza people. He deplored that certain Arab governments neighboring Gaza were adding fuel to the fire.

Ayatollah Khamenei then noted that the only option to counter the adversary propaganda was to expressly state the rightful stance of the Islamic Resistance and the Palestinian people so that the enemy efforts are fended off.

In the same note, Ayatollah Khamenei urged Hamas and Islamic resistance to put claims to the Arab media in covering their rightful stance.

Ayatollah Khamenei then put emphasis on the necessity of prosecution of Zionist regime's leaders on charges of committing war crimes in Gaza and called for a serious drive in this regard.

The IR Leader noted that the after-war efforts were a sequel to jihad in Gaza, adding that the efforts must be followed unreservedly and that that Divine assistance would follow such an unreserved drive.

Ayatollah Khamenei then commemorated the memory of Gaza martyrs including Saeed Siyam, the minister of the interior in the Palestinian government. He prayed God to bestow award and patience on the families of martyrs, especially the families whose innocent children were martyred during the war.

In the meeting, Khaled Mashaal, delivered a full report on the military and political developments related to the Gaza war and noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran stood the foremost source of help to the Gaza people.

"On behalf of the Gaza people and the Islamic Resistance, I appreciate the diplomatic and spiritual supports accorded by you and the great and honored Iranian nation," the Hamas Political Bureau Chief told Ayatollah Khamenei, adding that the Islamic Republic of Iran largely assisted the victory of the Gaza people.

The senior Hamas official said the victory of Gaza people over the Zionist enemy was a Divine miracle, adding that in the hard times of war the Gaza people kept saying the Koranic verse "Allah is sufficient for us; an excellent Guardian is He" in their perseverance until God bestowed victory to the faithful and resistant people.

Khaled Mashaal expressed hope the Gaza victory would become a prelude to the full liberation of Palestine and the Holy Qods.

Mashaal further noted that the Zionist regime failed to impose its favored conditions on Hamas during wartime and therefore declared unconditional ceasefire and withdrew from Gaza, adding that a diplomatic warfare to break the siege of Gaza and open the crossings into the territory had begun by Hamas.

"Despite all pressures and psychological warfare of the Zionist enemy, the Palestinian government and the Islamic Resistance has not bowed and will not bow to any of the enemy conditions including commitment to a 2005 agreement regarding the Rafah crossing or permanent truce," he said.

The Hamas Political bureau Chief said the Gaza reconstruction was the absolute priority for the Palestinian government, adding that the government would launch the reconstruction efforts by any means possible and would not allow the adversary efforts of America and Zionist regime to frustrate the people in Gaza.

Khaled Mashaal appreciated the IRI efforts in staging an international conference on Gaza reconstruction.

"The strategic line of policy of the Islamic Resistance and the Palestinain groups is to keep resistance and jihad against the Zionist enemy. They would never relinquish the objective even for a moment," he vowed.

The meeting also saw some report about the internal situation of Gaza, the resistant spirit of people in the territory as well as the Divine favors and assistance witnessed by people during the wartime and afterwards.