Islamic Revolution Leader: Gaza war helped distinguish between truth and falsehood - 11 /Feb/ 2009

Secretary General of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement, Ramadan Abdullah and his accompanying delegation met with the Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei. In the meeting he delivered a report about the Gaza war and its developments.

Ayatollah Khamenei congratulated the Palestinian delegation on the victory of Gaza people and Islamic Resistance in the 22-day war against the Zionist regime and underlined that what was happened in the Gaza Strip was a miracle.

The IR Leader said that the victory in Gaza was got through God's favor and assistance, adding," The Gaza developments took place occurred under the auspices of God's power. They were materialized by the belief, firm resolve and Jihad of the resistance forces."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the people of Gaza got through the test successfully and their authorities produced a good performance by their united and firm stances.

Ayatollah Khamenei highlighted the role of the world public opinion over the Gaza developments and said," One of the great victories of the Islamic resistance was that it attracted the world public opinion in a way that the enemy failed to remove the name of Palestine from the scene or present Palestinian as aggressor."

The IR Leader urged the delegation to keep continuous relations with the Gaza public opinion, adding," Since the end of Gaza war the enemy has been trying to affect the public opinion in Gaza through psychological and propaganda war and present the Islamic resistance as responsible for the sufferings of people. You should foil this plot."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the Zionist regime was declining, adding that America and Europe created the Zionist regime as a means for them to dominate the Middle East however, 60 years after its creation, it has reached such a degenerated position that the West has to deploy warships off its coats to protect the regime.

The IR Leader named religion and Islam as the main factors behind the victories and successes of the Palestinian people. "The Gaza war and the related developments acted as a separator and helped distinguish truth and falsehood," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined that by adopting a firm stance in the diplomatic arena, the military victory of Gaza would be consolidated, adding the Palestinians must rely on their own power and make the enemy to surrender in the diplomatic scene as they did in the military scene.

The IR Leader hoped for full liberation of Palestine and said," Now the signs of the Divine promise have been revealed. Our definite belief is that if the path is kept the final victory would be at hand in the near future."

Ramadan Abdullah for his part thanked the Islamic Revolution Leader and the Iranian nation on behalf of the Palestinian nation and the resistance forces, adding that the victory in the Gaza war was indeed the victory of the Palestinian nation as well.

"The Zionist enemy could not reach its goals despite making all considerations it made about its weak points during the 33-day Lebanese war," Abdullah noted, adding the only accomplishment of the regime in the war was bloodshed of women and children.

"The victory in the Gaza war proved that the Zionist regime is no longer the regime which defeated Arab armies in the six-day war. The era of decline of the Zionist regime has begun," he added.

"The Zionist enemy and its supporters perceived the Gaza as the weakest loop of the Islamic resistance in the region however the defeat of the regime in the war was a strategic change which heralds final victory in Palestine," Abdullah added.

The Islamic Jihad's Secretary General said faith and Jihad was the main source of ability for the resistance forces, adding that the resistance groups in a united stance will try to make the enemy to backtrack from its position in the diplomatic scene.