IRI nation can not be deceived or intimidated - 21 /Mar/ 2009

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei in his address to the huge crowd of Iranian people in the holy shrine of Imam Reza (AS) in Mashad northeastern Iran said that the Iranian dear and great nation with using the current positive grounds would change the fourth decade of the Revolution to a high and remarkable step towards genuine cause of the "Progress and Justice".

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to the millions of Iranian educated, fresh and learned young people, valuable experiences of elites, officials and managers against different problems including carrying out the article 44 of the Constitution and preparing the main infrastructures in different fields were among grounds for changing the fourth decade to the decade of progress and justice.

The IR Leader urged for decrease the gap between the rich and poor in the society for achieving the true justice and said that materializing these causes is difficult but achievable.

Ayatollah Khamenei in elaborating the models of justice pointed to serious fight against economic and social corruption and said that reaching a model of progress based on justice needs faithful, brave, pure and foresightful managers.

Pointing to the message of the new Iranian year to the nation over revising the pattern of consumption Ayatollah Khamenei said that this is a real step towards progress and justice because the disease of wasting would bring many economic, social and cultural problems to the country and threaten the future of the country.

Ayatollah Khamenei termed economizing as optimizing consumption of sources and said that we witness some false manners in this regard in our country which have ruined the balance between production and consumption against production. For example one third of bread and one fifth of water in the country are wasted.

The IR Leader termed revision to pattern of consumption as a religious and rational issue and advised the three branches of the government to adopt practical moves in this regard.

In another part of his address Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to the upcoming presidential elections and said the election is one of the main pillars of the country and said the religious democracy would not be established by words but it needs presence of the people and rational and emotional link between the people and the country's developments and this goal will not be achieved only through massive and correct elections as well as high turnout of people in the elections.

The IR Leader termed the election as an investment by the nation for a bright future and so every vote is important and would grow this national investment.

Addressing the presidential candidates Ayatollah Khamenei said the elections is not a tool to grab on power but it is a mean for promotion the national strength of the country and warned them of every words which cause the enemy's greed against the country.

The IR Leader advised the candidates to preserve fair criticism in face other candidates. He asked the candidates to offer their views to the people and the people choose their options vigilantly.

Pointing to some useless efforts to mislead the people in this regard Ayatollah Khamenei said over 30 elections has been held until now and the officials had guaranteed the safety of the elections so the nation would not affect by

some misleading moves. He also underlined for holding a safe election by officials.

Pointing to the Leader's stance in the elections the IR Leader said there were some rumors in this regard but I have one vote and I would not determine a certain candidate because the people themselves should choose their candidates with their own knowledge.

"Sometimes I defend the government and some persons take false understanding from the issue meanwhile it is my duty to defend the governments which serve the nation more, resist against the arrogance and hit by unfair criticisms and this is not a stance about the elections," the IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the issue of Iran and America and termed the quality of interaction with the American government as a big test for the Iranian nation and the Islamic Republic.

The IR Leader pointed to the enmity of the American administration towards the Iranian nation and the Islamic Republic and said," America provoked and helped the terror and separatist moves against the Islamic Republic and based on reliable information America cooperates with terrorists along the IRI-Pakistan borders."

Pointing to America's atrocities against the Islamic Republic of Iran including seizure of Iranian assets, supporting Saddam in his invasion of Iran which left 300,000 Iranian martyrs and massacre of 300 people in the missile attack against Iranian passenger airplane, Ayatollah Khamenei said "Could the Iranian nation forget these tragedies?"

Touching on the imposed sanctions on IRI during the past 30 years, America's support to criminal terrorists, bringing tensions to the region absolute support to the Zionist criminals and continuous threat against Iran as permanent enmities of America towards IRI, the IR Leader said that the American officials have insulted the Iranian nation many times and even some of the seeks eradication of this great and honorable nation.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the American new government says that it has stretched its hands towards Iran and we say if cast-iron hands have been hidden under a velvety glove so this move would be in vain.

Pointing to the America's message over the new Iranian year Ayatollah Khamenei said they even had accused Iran of supporting terror and seeking nuclear weapons. He asked if it is a congratulation or continuation of the same accusations.

"We don't know who is the real decision maker in America. The President or the Congress but we underlined that the Iranian decide on the basis of definite calculations not on emotions," the IR Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the issues of talk with America and the new slogan of change of the new American President urged them to show real changes in this regard.
"Has your enmity with the Iranian nation ended? Have you released the Iranian assets or cut the sanctions? Have you quit negative propaganda against Iran? Have you ended your absolute support to the Zionist regime?" Ayatollah Khamenei asked.

The IR Leader said that a real change should not be a mere playing with words and if you want to follow your previous goals and just change your tactics this would be a deception not change so you should change practically. However the American officials should be cautious that the Iranian nation can not be deceived or intimidated.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that the American officials have to change their attitudes adding," If you do not change be sure that divine customs and nations will change you."

The IR Leader advised the American officials to investigate the reason behind hatred of the world's public opinion

towards their country and said," Take lessons from realities. Stop such policies and behaviors for your and your country's sake and interest. In that case your image will gradually improve in the minds of public opinion. Ponder carefully on my words. Of course, do not give them to Zionists to be translated; rather, consult with the right people."

"Our word is as long as the US is following its past 30 years hostile methods, policies and approaches, our nation will be the same as the past 30 years and will become stronger and more experienced than ever," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei expressed his deep sorrow over demise of the Wife of the Late Imam Khomeini, Mrs. Khadije Saghafi and said that this notable personality stood by the Late Imam Khomeini in different incidents. He prayed peace for her soul.