

## **IR Leader endorses vote to president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad - 3 /Aug/ 2009**

On the eve of the auspicious birth anniversary of the savior of mankind, Vali-Allah A'zam, may God hasten his reappearance Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei praised the large turnout of the Iranian nation in the epic of the June 12 elections and endorsed the vote to president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In his endorsement decree, Ayatollah Khamenei described the vote as a vote to the blessed and dignified discourse of Islamic Revolution and a vote to combat against poverty, corruption and discrimination.

The text of the decree read out by his office representative Hojjatol-Islam Mohammadi Golpayegani is as follows.

"In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Thank God Who once more made Iran honored and helped our smart people to create one more enduring epic. June 12, 2009 became a golden page in the book of Iran's destiny line by line of which written by the grand will and firm resolve of our people and safeguarded by their vigilance and perseverance.

The 85 percent turnout in the latest ballot is a clear proof to a feeling of attachment and zeal that this historical and honored nation keeps for its 3-decade-old legacy as well as a hope it keeps for the grandeur of the legacy and its improvement.

These are due to the blessing and favor of the all-knowing and all-powerful God Whom must be cherished by this meager servant as well as all remembering and modest hearts and to Whom we must rub our forehead of gratitude.

The decisive and unprecedented vote of the people to the respected president-elect is a vote to the traits which helped adorn the four-year record of the ninth government, standing as a proof to the direction of majority of the nation.

This vote is a vote to the blessed and dignified discourse of Islamic Revolution; a vote to anti-arrogance combat and a vote to brave perseverance against the international domineering powers; a vote to combat against poverty, corruption and discrimination and a vote to fight against aristocracy; a vote to modest lifestyle, closeness to people and sympathy with the poor and the underprivileged; and finally a vote to untiring work and efforts.

These are the significant parts of the claims of the Iranian nation from its elected people. The nation pins hope in those who have the same inclination and brings them to office using the privilege of freedom gifted to them by the Islamic Revolution.

On the eve of the auspicious birth anniversary of the savior of mankind, Vali-Allah A'zam, may God hasten his reappearance, I mark this Eid and congratulate Dr. Ahmadinejad on his reelection in the tenth presidential elections and follow the great Iranian nation in endorsing the vote to the brave, hard-working and prudent man.

I pray God to bestow him and his colleagues the opportunity to serve people, strive for the grandeur of the word of Islam, produce great and enduring moves which the dear nation and country deserves, and push for progress and justice.

Indeed, the vote of people and my endorsement will last until the time he keeps this sound track.

In the end, I commemorate the name and memory of the honored Imam and the lofty martyrs to whom the nation owes its great accomplishments. I ask God to promote their immaculate souls and their heavenly ranks.

And peace be upon the devout servants of Allah

Sayyed Ali Khamenei"

Ayatollah Khamenei then made a speech, calling religious democracy a unique and thought-provoking phenomenon which can cater to the current needs of the human community.

Ayatollah Khamenei reminded the non-presence of people in political fields during the Pahlavi regime and the ironical cooperation of the so-called advocates of human rights with the regime, adding that under the auspicious of the nation's revolution and submission to the divine statute, a single reality was formed called Islamic Republic.

Ayatollah Khamenei called the discussion on which of republic or Islamic must be prioritized as a meaningless topic, adding that the two are two inseparable elements as reliance on public vote lies in the heart of divine statute.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the ups and downs of the past thirty years have proved the efficiency of the Islamic Republic, adding that the electoral process during the past decades signifies a large capacity which most observers outside the association have been unable to understand.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the religious democracy and the intrinsic composition of Islam and republicanism in the association was the key to its endurance and invulnerability, adding that by the favor of God and vigilance of people and authorities, the securing reality will survive.

Ayatollah Khamenei then pointed to some significant lessons of the blessed elections, saying that in the first step, the elections proved how robust the Islamic Republic is in attracting public trust and mobilizing the masses.

Some waited for the system in the early post-revolutionary years to fall from the public attention however the recent elections which broke international electoral records showed that the Islamic System after 30 years even has become more powerful and successful in attracting public trust.

The IR Leader said the second lesson of the elections was the existence of a mutual trust between the system and the public, adding that the open political field for different affiliations shows the trust of the system in itself and the nation.

"The people for their part trusted the system and proved their interest in their elected system. The reality shows that those who speak of a public mistrust are ignorant, unless ill-wisher," the IR Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the trust of people was the capital of the system and seriously urged all authorities to progressively promote the trust by their word and deed.

Ayatollah Khamenei as a third lesson of the elections pointed to an existence of hope and vivacity in people.

"A hopeless heart never takes the field of elections. The vivacious presence of the youths and other strata shows a social hope in the prospects," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei then cautioned the people and the authorities to take heed of the warning that the enemy is

always lurking and any negligence about its blows proves dangerous even amid best conditions in society.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the claim that enemy tries to produce nerve-wracking issues for people was based on genuine information at hand, adding that if people in society look at each other as enemies and fail to keep thought and prudence, they will suffer blows from real enemies.

The IR Leader then urged the enemies to pick experiences from the recent developments, urging them to realize what a people and system they face and to abandon the thought they could bring the nation to knee through lowly decision.

Ayatollah Khamenei warned the enemies to quit the perceptions that they could deal a blow to the Islamic System through a faulty, cartoon-like imitation of the auspicious 1979 revolution as the system is more deep-rooted than suffering a blow due to such moves.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that by a faulty imitation of Imam Khomeini, the Great, who was imbued with Koranic teachings, no one could deceive people because the nation has its heart illuminant with the light of faith.

Ayatollah Khamenei then said the great Iranian nation has passed the divine test of elections, adding that many of the youths and elites out of responsibility and faith took to the ballot and then bowed to the Constitution during the ensuing electoral process. "They passed the great test."

Ayatollah Khamenei said however that some of the elites failed the test and that some of the youths who had sincerely entered the field, went wrong at some points.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the president-elect was in a test regarding the great blessing of public presence and that the test could be passed by practically cherishing the presence.

"The respected president who has been elected with a high and rare percent of votes as well as his colleagues in the next cabinet are expected to cherish Islam and faith of nation and employ all their efforts to serve the people and the revolutionary goals," he added.

Ayatollah Khamenei then instructed the next administration to strictly follow the Constitution and deal with national affairs based on due planning.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the president and the tenth administration were owned by all those who cast ballots in the June 12 elections, adding that the reality must be heeded in every planning for the country.

The IR Leader said parallel to the large group of advocates of the president, there are also two other groups who must be taken into account; one the angry and wounded opponents who will continue to oppose the administration in the next four years and the other the critics who have no enmity towards the system and the president and must be consulted in all affairs.

Ayatollah Khamenei then said that supports must be delivered to those who have incurred damages to their reputation or financial affairs or otherwise have lost a beloved, adding that anyone behind the damages and losses must be identified and taken to task.

Ayatollah Khamenei concluded his remarks by pointing to ample natural, material and human resources within the dear Iran, saying that there are many problems which must be resolved with continuous efforts of the president and his colleagues as well as the help of elites with different tastes, even the critics of the administration.