Qods Day, symbol of unity among IRI nation - 11 /Sep/ 2009

In the magnificent and glorious gathering of the Tehrani fasting monotheists in Tehran University campus, the Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Khamenei explained the political behavior of Imam Ali Ibn Abi Taleb (AS) and regarded Imam Khomeini's political behavior as identical to Imam Ali's behavior.

"The Qods Day is one of the most prominent mementos of the great late Imam Khomeini and by God's grace and guidance, the great and awake people of Iran will raise united, the flag of support for the oppressed people of Palestine, leading the world's oppression-fighting nations," Ayatollah Khamenei stressed.

The IRI Leader regarded the Qods Day as a sign of Imam's, the Revolution's and the Iranian people's cordial interest in the Holy Qods, referring to the anger of the arrogant powers and the Zionists with the Iranian people's move in keeping the name and memory of Palestine alive.

"The enemy has tried in all years to weaken the Qods Day ceremonies but this year too, the pious Iranian people will commemorate this day by rallying in Tehran and all over the country," he added.

"People should be cautious that some people do not make use of the Qods Day gatherings to create dispersion, because flag-bearing in support of Palestine is only possible through the unity of people," Ayatollah Khamenei warned.

The IRI Leader also warned against separation of religion from politics.

"Among menaces of separation of religion from politics is when politics is separated from religion, it is separated from ethics," said Ayatollah Khamenei.

The Leader said that politics mixed with ethics and spirituality will serve as a means for human perfection, otherwise, it will be a way for supremacy, accumulation of wealth and materialization of worldly private objectives at any cost - something harmful both for the policymakers and the people.

Addressing the political wings and figures and the country's former and current officials at the beginning of the second Friday prayers sermon, Ayatollah Khamenei discussed the embranchments that appeared in the original trend of people and revolution during the past 30 years.

He regarded the reason for some of these embranchments as disagreement in principles and beliefs, adding: "Some embranchments and disagreements were actually because of interests, but some others were disagreement on how to materialize the principles, and each should be dealt with differently."

Explaining Imam Khomeini's dealing with embranchments and disagreements, the IRI Leader said: "The late Imam by following the example of Imam Ali's political behavior, dealt differently with political and branching trends in accordance with their nature and essence."

Referring to the revolutionary and religious history of the branching trends, Ayatollah Khamenei said: "The nature of some of these disagreements was disagreement in the methods of materializing the principles, but some people with fundamental disagreements or fighting on interests confronted and opposed Imam and the Revolution and tried to inject these wrong principles like a fatal poison in the system's soul and body, but Imam when perceived this threat, put lenience aside and confronted them decisively."

"Differences of views should not lead to conflicts. The policy of the Islamic system is to work with the majority. But if the opposition groups have ideas that are against the nation's security and the principles of the system, they will be confronted," IR Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined that offering different ideas with different taste will be in favor of the country adding that different tastes should be in accordance with Islam, the Constitution, and guidelines of the late Imam Khomeini.

"Those who clash with the system and turn their backs on the Islamic establishment become enemies," said Ayatollah Khamenei.

"Of course, if someone has a different opinion but leaves the system to itself, then the system has nothing against him or her."

"The system has to deal with those who threaten security, under the guise of seeking the revolution's principles. The revolutionary principles are not a matter of taste," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

The IR Leader noted that even figures with revolutionary backgrounds must not let their differences of opinion lead to conflict and warned political movements against trying to undermine the pillars of the Islamic Revolution.
Ayatollah Khamenei went on to urge piety, advising the people and the country's top figures to avoid corruption as it can alter their hearts and turn them against the system.
Ayatollah Khamenei said the establishment must retain its Islamic qualities, and not turn into a fake Islamic Republic that is secular at heart.
"Positive movements are those that push the country toward growth, justice and religious values while negative ones are those that try to create economic gaps, spread impiety and give into foreign pressure," IR Leader said.
Ayatollah Khamenei said the enemy will become bolder if Iran retreats from its various rights, including the nuclear stance.
The IR Leader also said that the Islamic Republic is proud to have the Zionist regime as an enemy, while faithful and oppressed nations are IRI's friends.
IR Leader noted that following the late Imam Khomeini's guidelines would guarantee progress, glory and national dignity of the country and said as we saw the enemy seeks to hit a blow on the country in recent riots and all people should be vigilant in this regard.
"The fact that 85 percent of people voted in presidential election and 40 million came to ballot boxes, no matter who they voted for, shows people's confidence in the Islamic system which is true. But the enemies try to prove that this fact was a lie, therefore they continuously used their propaganda to say that people have lost their confidence and some pretending to care about the country raised the question that what should be done to bring back the people's confidence? But people have confidence in the system and the Islamic system has also confidence in people," the IR Leader said.
"You will see that these people will have powerful presence in the future elections despite the enemy and ignorant persons' plots," said Ayatollah Khamenei.
Pointing to enmity of world arrogant powers including America, Britain and Zionists to Iran, the IR Leader said that the enmity reveals the right path of the Islamic Republic.
Ayatollah Khamenei said that the country and its bright future will belong to the youth. They should be vigilant and make their utmost efforts because scientific, political and economic strength of the country would bring glory to the all nation especially the youth.
At the end of the second sermon, Ayatollah Khemeni cautioned people to be vigilant against some moves which try to weaken the mottos of the late Imam and the Revolution.