

## **Meeting with leaders of Palestinian resistance**

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Islamic Revolution Leader, Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei, in a meeting with leaders of Palestinian resistance movements Saturday said Palestine and Quds will return to the Islamic Ummah through resistance and Jihad adding the occupying Israel has no fate but defeat and disappearance.

The Palestinian leaders are in Tehran for a two-day conference on 'National-Islamic solidarity for the future of Palestine'.

Ayatollah Khamenei in his important and hopeful remarks lauded the firm resistance of the Palestinian nation and people in the Gaza Strip and said, "certainly, Palestine will be released through the memorable resistance of the Palestinian nation, unity of Palestinian resistance movements, as well as faith and reliance on God. Supporters of the Zionist regime will gain nothing but disgrace in history."

The Islamic Revolution Leader termed the resistance of the Palestinian nation and Gaza as an astonishing and wonderful event and the main reason for progress and firm position of Palestinians, adding that bearing difficulties and non-stop pressures is only possible by God's assistance and guidance.

"Fairly the Palestinian nation is deserved to be named as the most resistant nation in history," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

Islamic Revolution Leader urged the combatant movements to maintain the spirit of resistance among the Palestinian nation as a ground for continuation of the Palestinians' victories and said, "The Zionist enemy and other sides pressure the people of Gaza and the West Bank in a bid to distance them from the Resistance and force them to surrender but the Palestinian nation with strong spirit and more hopes should be certain that its moves will surely yield positive results."

Ayatollah Khamenei termed the increasing strength of the Resistance against the arrogance as a clear and undeniable reality, adding, "Strength and firmness of the Resistance front is the result of a combination of spirituality and struggle. The true faith of the Palestinian nation should be deepened. Reliance on God and hope in the fulfillment of God's promises should be boosted."

The Islamic Revolution Leader termed the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran as a sign of fulfillment of God's promises and said, "Establishment of the Islamic Revolution in a country that its regime was completely supported by America and the West was impossible but reliance on God, a united fight, and faith and resistance turned the impossible move into a possible one. Certainly liberation of Palestine will not be more difficult than the victory of the Iranian nation against the former cruel regime."

Ayatollah Khamenei also urged for combat against western false propaganda over the Palestinian issue.

Pointing to the disgrace of America and the other so-called advocates of human rights in the Gaza 22-day war, the Islamic Revolution Leader said that America and other supporters of the Zionists ignored the most heinous crimes of the regime in the Gaza Strip but when the nations held demonstrations, some Europeans and so-called advocates of human rights only verbally condemned these crimes to avoid more disgrace.

Ayatollah Khamenei spoke of the United Nations' stance on the 22-Day war in Gaza as scandalous, adding that according to the Goldstone report, the Zionist authorities should stand trial for their atrocities.

Ayatollah Khamenei expressed dismay at the Arab states' approach to the issue of Palestine and said they regard it as something for the Arabs to deal with, but when it comes to helping Palestinian, they fail to live up to what is expected from them and Palestinians are left alone to face the enemy and its allies.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution said that the US President's promise of change was merely a face saving act that didn't produce the favorable results, for the Americans explicitly lie in case of Palestine and other occasions.

Ayatollah Khamenei spoke of Palestine as a serious challenge to the Western civilization and the advocates of liberalism. He added that resistance in Palestine has challenged the West's claims of guarding peace and human rights.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution said that Palestine has become a touchstone of real defenders of human rights.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that the US is the definite loser of the Palestinian resistance issue and what the country did in support of the Zionist regime in the past years has blackened the country's reputation.

Defending the Palestinians was what the Leader of Revolution referred to as a moral duty for the Muslim world.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that supporting Palestine is not a political tactic or strategy but something of ideological value to the Islamic Republic and the nation as evidenced by Quds Day rallies.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution continued that Quds Day rallies were the overflow of pure faith in the Palestinian cause as manifested in February 11th rallies.

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed out the futility of Palestinian compromise talks and stated that those who seek compromise and abandon resistance, which is the only way to save the Quds and Palestine, are destined to humiliation.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution said rejecting the resistance in Palestine, consciously or unconsciously, is a blow to the Palestinian Nation. He continued that the public should be well informed of the realities.

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to the US incomparable economic, military, and propaganda superiority and said because of the divine assistance, Iran is more powerful than the US.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution concluded that the Muslim world would soon take hold of the Holy Quds as God wills and the whole world would witness the event.

In the beginning of the meeting, the Political Bureau Chief of the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement Khaled Meshaal acknowledged the holding of the conference of "National and Islamic Solidarity for the Future of Palestine" in Iran and termed it a blessing for the beginning of "the Unity Week".

Meshaal said the current situation in the region is very different to the past adding, "Today the Resistance Front through the blessing of God and the brave stance of the Islamic Republic of Iran earned several victories against the Zionist regime which were impossible in the past."

Ramadhan Abdullah Secretary General of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement also in his speech termed the conference as very important reiterating, "Solving Palestinian issue is possible through Islamic nations' consensus. He hoped the conference would pave the way for a strong national consensus about Palestine.

"The main way for solving Palestinians issue is resistance against the Zionist regime because the past experience had shown that political methods have had no positive results except trampling the Palestinians' rights," he added.

Secretary General of the Islamic Jihad acknowledged the Islamic Revolution Leader and nations' support to the Palestinian people and said, "Resistance is the Palestinian nation's right and we as the leaders of the Palestinian groups including Ezzeddin Qassam, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and Fathi Sheghaghi will not choose a way than resistance."

Ahmed Jibril, Founder and Leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine for his part referred to the sufferings of the Messenger of Allah Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) in the face of the enemies of Islam and said, "We will continue the same way of the Messenger of Allah and choose resistance as the only way for gaining victory against the Zionist regime."

He also acknowledged the Islamic Revolution Leader and nation's support to the Palestinian nation's resistance.

Colonel Abu Mousa Secretary General of the Fatah based al-Intifada Front referred to the main issue which endangers the holy Quds and other holy sites in Palestine and said, "The Zionist regime tries to Judaize the holy Quds through construction of residential units and destruction and occupation of the Palestinian territories and other lands around the al-Aqsa Mosque."

He said that the victory of the Islamic Revolution was very effective for the formation of Resistance and its victories in the recent years. He said the stances of Iranian and Syrian presidents were brave response to the American and Zionist regime's attitude and made happy all Muslims in the world including the Palestinian nation.

Maher Taher, the Politburo Chief of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine referred to the role of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the region.

Heisam Setai, Syrian President's special envoy notified Bashar al-Assad's warm greeting to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei and said, "Syria by attending Tehran's meeting announced the message that the Resistance front will resist against the Zionist regime and its allies through unity."