

## Independent states should join hands

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Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei in a talk with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and his accompanying delegation Sunday appreciated Brazil for adopting an independent and well-thought stance regarding the international affairs, adding that sole solution to alter the current unfair global conditions lied in cooperation between independent governments.

The IR Leader said the Islamic Republic on the same account welcomes cooperation with Brazil in bilateral and international affairs.

Ayatollah Khamenei said Brazilian diplomacy had undergone a dramatic change compared to past, adding that Brazil was a great, influential state in the Latin American affairs as well as international ones.

"Brazilian government in recent years has been adopting an independent stance which has run counter to America's position," the IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei then appreciated the call of the Brazilian president early in the meeting for a change in the current UN structure, adding that to alter the current tyrannical relations in the world, independent countries must come closer to each other and play a role in this regard.

"Superpowers have defined a vertical order for the world to be headed by a superpower. The order must and can change," the IR Leader said.

The Islamic Revolution Leader then noted that world domineering powers, the US in particular, are heavily upset at expansion of relations between independent states in the world as well as their increasingly influential role in international affairs. Ayatollah Khamenei added that a clear example of the displeasure was the brawl incited by American authorities over the Brazilian visit to Iran.

"We believe that many countries which have been sidelined in the past two centuries under the policies of colonial powers can play a role in this regard," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding however that any involvement by such countries in the world affairs would be harshly treated by Americans.

"An example of such treatment has emerged in the conduct of America towards Iran during the past thirty years," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding however that the battle would be virtually won by the rightful and persevering party.

The IR Leader asserted that the superpowers would not cease their encroachment unless they were forced to do so adding that Iranians grew stronger by standing against America in the past thirty days.

"It is certain that God would assist those who have faith in Him and strive for His lofty goals. We have experienced this divine assistance and we believe in it," Ayatollah Khamenei said adding that "We believe in divine assistance and national will alike."

Ayatollah Khamenei also noted there were considerable potentials for Tehran and Brasilia to develop bilateral ties.

In return Brazilian President expressed satisfaction at being in Tehran pointing out promotion of economic, political, and trade cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran as the key aim of his visit to Iran.

He continued that things have changed in the world and the UN had to undergo changes as well.

President da Silva added that new countries such as Iran had emerged as key players in world and they could form a political and economic bloc.



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"Brazil believes that the government and the nation of Iran has the right to defend their independence and move towards development," da Silva said.