Ayatollah Khamenei thanks the nation - 8 /Jun/ 2010

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Khamenei thanked the Iranian people for their massive presence in the ceremonies last week in commemoration of the demise anniversary of Imam Khomeini, the founder of Islamic Republic.

Speaking to members of parliament Tuesday, Ayatollah Khamenei said the massive presence was against the expectations of the opponents and enemies of the Islamic Republic and the people showed they are profoundly interested in Imam Khomeini and his thoughts.

The Islamic Revolution Leader called Imam Khomeini a manifestation of revolution and religion as well as the aspirations promoted by the late personality himself.

"The massive presence 21 years after the demise of Imam Khomeini shows people hold respect for the aspirations of the revered Imam," the IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the Iranian nation as faithful, adding that the self-confident nation would not stop in its move towards perfection and salvation.

Ayatollah Khamenei then said the world was currently experiencing a sensitive situation whose outcome would affect the next generations, therefore the members of parliament must meticulously watch over the developments and play an active role in this regard.

The IR Leader said the Palestinian issue has undergone unprecedented developments, pointing to a change of equations in the region. "In the global scene too the developments show that the international status of America and certain European countries has weakened and that greater developments are on the way," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the current situation has been a rarity since thirty years ago, adding that all state bodies must act in harmony with each other so that they can play an effective and favorable role in advancing the country.

The IR Leader said the parliamentarians must both consider the revolutionary aspirations and the existing realities in their legislative debates, adding that the road to aspirations must be drawn up according to the realities.

Ayatollah Khamenei then urged the parliamentarians to exercise a cordial cooperation with the government, adding that the scope of obligations of both bodies have been determined in the Constitution.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that there is a way between ratification of an issue and getting that ratification implemented, adding that the Majlis must act objectively in its decision makings.

In the same regard, the IR Leader said it was not helpful to modify a Cabinet-submitted bill to the extent it no longer matches the capacities and facilities available to the executive body.

Ayatollah Khamenei also highlighted the role of expert commissions in legislation works as well as the supervisory role of the parliament over state bodies.

The IR Leader then touched on fifth national development plan and urged the parliamentarians to provide ratifications which supplement the draft plan rather than transforming the whole bill.

Ayatollah Khamenei concluded his remarks by urging the members of parliament to grab the opportunity in serving the public.

Early in the meeting, Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani delivered a report on the performance of the eighth parliament in the past two years.