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In an enthusiastic meeting with thousands of youths and members of construction mobilization (Basij), the Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei regarded "love and faith" and "insight and endeavor" as the main factors of the great movement of the Iranian nation and the spirit and essence of construction Basij, stressing: "Every society that enjoys such a precious asset will undoubtedly reach the highest peaks of dignity and magnificence and this glorious position is the definite destiny of the dear Iranian nation."

Referring to the captivity of the youth in Western countries in the trap of depression, hopelessness, illusion and aimlessness, Ayatollah Khamenei added: "The faithful, valuable, active and committed youth that God has gifted them with the blessing and power of serving people should appreciate their enthusiastic spirit and correct orientation, and the country's officials and managers should also appreciate this endless treasure and great movement."

He regarded the spontaneous movement of the young students in serving the deprived people as the source of Imam Khomeini's decree of forming construction Jihad, saying: "This spontaneous movement was repeated 10 years ago and led to the forming of construction Basij in 2000 and made this reality clear that these popular acts can and should inspire the country's officials."

IR Leader considered the materialist and spiritual serving of millions of people all over the country as one of the blessings of construction Basij, adding: "The exemplary presence of faithful and religious youth in rural and deprived areas is the real manifestation of the Koranic verse and a practical call for people to Islam and the Revolution."

"Iran and the Iranian nation have been moving in a dangerous historical turn over the past 30 years. We have passed very dangerous spots but they are not over yet," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

"There are still enmities towards the Iranian nation However, the enemy has become weaker and more frustrated than before," Islamic Revolution Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei said certain individuals thought the Islamic Revolution has become old and announced its end while they had lost their power and could not persevere on their path.



Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated that egocentricity and materialistic motivations led certain people to stand against the Islamic Revolution.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution pointed to the different fields of science and technology including nuclear energy, stem cells and nanotechnology and said, "The youth who have not seen the victory of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini and the 'Sacred Defense' are forerunners in these scientific fields."

"The youth have turned the political arena into the manifestation of insight by participating in reconstruction field, nationwide elections and 22-Bahman rallies," IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei also pointed to the multilateral propaganda support of the West to Saddam regime's during the 8-years of war against Iran and said, "The arrogant powers persuaded Saddam to attack Imam, Revolution and the Iranian nation."

"Saddam died in misery but the Islamic Revolution is becoming stronger day by day and the experience is repeatable," the Islamic Revolution Leader said.

"Undoubtedly the movement of the Iranian nation will reach the peak of honor and progress," IR Leader added.