Meeting with a congregation of Iranian imams of Friday prayers ceremonies - 28 /Sep/ 2010

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei said Tuesday that Friday prayers ceremonies have an influential and significant position within social and diplomatic spheres, adding that the Imams of the ceremonies shall live up to their undertakings by keeping abreast of time and forging bond with the young generation.

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks in a meeting with a congregation of Iranian imams of Friday prayers ceremonies Tuesday.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the ceremonies are exceptional in that they are renewed on every weekend and set up guiding principles in the eyes of the public.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the special ritual of the prayers accompanied by its politico-religious sermons which replace half of the noon prayers have made the ritual exceptional, adding that every deed, remark, gesture and even silence of an Imam in Friday prayers ceremonies can be inspirational, hence the significance of the position of the Friday prayers Imams.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the ritual constitutes a Zikr-e Kasir (abundant remembrance of God) in view of Islam as it consolidates the worshippers' faith and encourages their hearts in their battle against enemies.

"Those who are blessed with the bounties of Zikr-e Kasir would not be fazed with enemy's hue and cry," the IR Leader said, adding that oppressive entities have ever been seeking to pillage the reserves and facilities of other countries out of their transgression and thus never tolerate any cries of justice, freedom of human or defense of the oppressed.

"The world arrogant, unlike their slogans, wish to see all the powers or wealth in hand of a few cronies. A cognate example would surface if we compare the living conditions of the US rulers with those of the man in the street," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei elaborated by touching on several moving statistics about the living situation of people in the United States including the grim size of impoverished population. In the same regard, he appreciated President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for "putting the spotlight on some of the tallies in his tireless itinerary."

"The Iranian nation has stood up to such a transgressive attitude that seeks to dominate the world over. The nation shrugs off any bully demand and voices its support to innocent Muslim nations, especially the Palestinians, in explicit terms," Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated.

The Islamic Revolution Leader noted that it was indeed understandable that the domineering powers treat the nation with ire and blackmail. "The nation must stand against them by reliance on God or submit. Islam and the Koran demand us to stand and resist and the Friday prayers ceremony proves conducive to such perseverance.

Ayatollah Khamenei then urged the Friday Imams to remain alert towards enemy conspiracies and chided those individuals who in the past tried to render the society negligent towards enemy plots.

Ayatollah Khamenei then noted that the enemy has kept its focus on the young generation that accounts for a

majority of the population with a view to manipulating the driving engine of the country.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the enemy has been engaged in conspiracies against the young treasure ever since the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979. The Leader urged the Imams to save the youths from the risk of enemy plots by forging and maintaining a bond with them and providing responses to their enquiries.