Supreme Leader Meets Families of Martyrs of Qom Province - 20 /Oct/ 2010

Ayatollah Khamenei the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution met this morning with the families of the martyrs and veterans of Qom province.
Speaking during the meeting, His Eminence said that believing in self-sacrifice and entering into a covenant with God is the secret behind the power of the Iranian nation.
Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated: "This great nation will stand firmly against the greed of the arrogant powers by relying on these factors which are a source of grandeur."
Ayatollah Khamenei said that the issue of martyrdom is very deep-rooted and added that believing in martyrdom and the greatness of the martyrs is a sign of the spiritual depth of a nation's identity.
His Eminence said that faith, courage and religious passions of the people and the patience of the families of martyrs have resolved the issue of martyrdom for the Iranian nation. He further added: "We should think about the important issue of how the Iranian nation has become so influential in global matters and become so powerful, dear, and attractive in the eyes of other nations without enjoying complicated military equipment and extensive propaganda tools."
Ayatollah Khamenei said that the broad and enthusiastic welcome extended to President Ahmadinejad in Lebanon is an issue that is worthy of investigation and analysis.
He added: "These realities are indicative of the attraction and greatness of the Iranian nation in the eyes of other nations."
The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution further referred to the reasons behind the greatness and power of the Iranian nation.
Ayatollah Khamenei described the importance of martyrdom and said: "When a nation and its youth believe in self-sacrifice and martyrdom on the path of God, they will benefit from the power, grandeur and greatness which have been promised by God. It is due to this reason that the Iranian nation is stronger and greater than other nations."
Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the unique influence of the martyrs on the greatness of the Iranian nation and said that martyrs and veterans are the standard-bearers of the justice front. "With their practical example, they have taught the Iranian nation to believe in martyrdom and entering covenants with God," he noted.
The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution said that the patient fathers, bereaved mothers, understanding children and honorable wives of the martyrs are another factor behind the greatness of the Iranian nation. "They felt proud in the face of the seemingly bitter event of losing their dear ones. They proved that they believe in entering covenants with God and follow the path of Zaynab bint Ali, just as their honorable martyrs did."
Ayatollah Khamenei said that the resistance mounted by the Iranian nation and the honorable families of martyrs against the threats of the global domineering powers is rooted in their feeling of power and national self-confidence. He further reiterated: "The Iranian nation will not give up its ideals in the face of the cries of the bullying powers."
Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the necessity of strengthening and deepening faith in God in the hearts of the people and the officials, further reiterating: "We should appreciate such faith which is a source of power and rely on it in order to make scientific, technological, political, social and economic achievements."
The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution touched on the numerous plots and measures of the enemies and their followers inside the country which were aimed at weakening the faith and religious beliefs of the people after the demise of Imam Khomeini (r.a.) and added: "Those who are opposed to the Iranian nation did not achieve anything but failure from those plans and this will be the case in the future as well."
Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the youth of the country as pure-hearted and said that they are ready to make sacrifices, just as the youth who were present during the early stages of the Revolution did.