Leader highlights security in Persian Gulf - 20 /Dec/ 2010

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei highlighted the importance of tightening security in the Persian Gulf and said all regional countries will benefit from a secure region.
"However, all countries in the region will become insecure and suffer from insecurity if regional security is undermined," Islamic Revolution Leader said in a meeting with Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani in Tehran on Monday.
Ayatollah Khamenei termed as very important the issue of unity between Shii and Sunni Muslims in the region adding, "Shia and Sunni Muslims in the region have had years of peaceful coexistence, but certain seek to damage this friendly atmosphere and turn certain differences of opinion between Shiis and Sunnis into a social difference."
Leader of the Islamic Revolution noted that there are mercenaries and prejudiced individuals on both sides," adding, "This issue should be controlled both in terms of beliefs and security."
Pointing to developments in Lebanon, Ayatollah Khamenei said any ruling by the US-sponsored Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) is null and void.
"This court is a kangaroo court and every verdict it issues is rejected. We hope influential sides in Lebanon will act prudently, so the issue will not be turned into a problem," Islamic Revolution Leader said.
Ayatollah Khamenei noted that plots in Lebanon will bear no fruit and said, "We are very optimistic about the improvement of situation in the region."
Qatari emir, for his part, praised relations between Tehran and Doha and said, "The two countries have always enjoyed similar political stances."
He expressed hope the two countries will further promote relations in other fields.
Al Thani highlighted the significance of maintaining unity among Shii and Sunni Muslims in the region, saying certain countries intend to hatch a fresh plot in Lebanon.
He expressed his country's readiness to prevent such a conspiracy and act based on regional interests in cooperation with countries in the region.