IRI supports an integrated, stable Iraq - 30 /Oct/ 2011

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei said in a meeting Sunday with President of Iraq's Kurdistan Region, Massoud Barzani that Iraqi people created a golden page in the history of Iraq by their integrated, all-embodying perseverance against the US pressures and their opposition to grant of judicial impunity for the occupying soldiers which ultimately forced the US to leave Iraq.

"Despite the US political and military presence on Iraq, all Iraqi populations, from Kurds, Arabs, Shiis and Sunnis, said 'no' to the US; this is very significant," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated the peaceful coexistence of different sects and religions in Iraq alongside one another, adding that the Islamic Republic was satisfied with Iraq's stability. The IR Leader urged all Iraqi sects and religions to join hands to build a modern Iraq.

Ayatollah Khamenei also urged for speedy reconstruction of ruins in Iraq so as to help the integrated Iraq to obtain its true position.

Ayatollah Khamenei called all Iraqis from any sects or religions as "intimate brothers of Iran who enjoy rooted, historical relationship with the Iranian people."

The IR Leader described the present bilateral relations between the Islamic Republic of Iraq and Iraq as good, adding however that they must be expanded day by day.

Mr. Massoud Barzani, the President of Iraq's Kurdistan Region for his part expressed delight at his meeting with the Islamic Revolution Leader and called Iran the intimate friend of the Iraqi people.

"We never forget the blessing and assistance of the Iranian people and government during the hard days of Iraq," Barzani said.

The President of Iraq's Kurdistan Region urged all Iraqi sects and religions to strive to safeguard their victory, adding that Iraq was indeed always in need of Iran's assistance and guidance.