Imam Khomeini, father of Islamic Awakening - 3 /Jun/ 2012

"The Iranian nation has successfully displayed how a nation may advance free from the dominance of global hegemonies," Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei said, adding that the hegemony-free model of progress was developed under the auspices of the father of Islamic Revolution Imam Khomeini (PBUH).

Ayatollah Khamenei was speaking to hundreds of thousand of people in Imam Khomeini's mausoleum, south of Tehran in a ceremony to commemorate the 23rd demise anniversary of the late founder of Islamic Republic of Iran.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the Imam was the father of the current Islamic movement in the world of Islam, adding that national dignity was a key line in his political agenda.

"Glory and dignity in view of the Holy Koran belongs to God as well as anyone who stands the line of God," the Islamic Revolution Leader said, adding that having been dignified under the auspices of the Imam, the Iranian nation discovered its innate abilities and saw many Divine promises fulfilled, including the prevailing of the under-privileged over domineering powers.

In the same regard, Ayatollah Khamenei said the 1979 Islamic Revolution helped put an end to two centuries of miserly indignity on the part of the Iranian nation, adding that Imam Khomeini imbued the nation's heart with a "yes, we can" mindset.

Ayatollah Khamenei called the Islamic Republic a seasoned, accomplished model of national dignity and progress, adding that the nation has overcome any political, military, security, or economic challenges put up against the Islamic system in the past 33 years since establishment.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that enemies of the Islamic Revolution were actually afraid of a model of government presented by the nation to the world unlike their claims otherwise. "Aggrandizement and propaganda works by the world political circles about the 'perils of a nuclear Iran' are merely a deceit; they are actually afraid of an "Islamic Iran" rather than a "nuclear Iran," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

"The fact that a nation (Iranian nation) has proved it possible to get progress without the help of America or other powers and even against their challenges has shaken the pillars of the superpowers," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding that sanctions would never stop the nation's progress and that the sanctions would only contribute to produce more hatred on the part of the nation against the western powers.

Ayatollah Khamenei then raised the case of regional Islamic awakening, saying that the regional revolutions from Yemen to Bahrain to Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia was a solid proof that the nations were seeking to cherish dignity, justice and freedom under the auspices of Islam and that their revolutions has an Islamic character.

The Islamic Revolution Leader cautioned that the west and its puppet regimes were trying to make the revolutionary nations to perceive their revolutions were useless, adding however that unlike those western claims, the political and social situation on the ground has effectively changed due to the revolutions and that greater changes were forthcoming.

Ayatollah Khamenei described Egypt as a great country with an influential nation, adding that former corrupt rulers had stolen the Egyptian nation's dignity by turning it into a strategic treasure for the usurping Israel however today the treasure has been recovered from the Zionist usurpers.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the Mubarak regime was tasked to guarantee the Israeli security even at the cost of imprisoning one and a half million people in Gaza during the 22-day Israeli war on the besieged enclave however, today, with Mubarak ousted, the Zionist regime feels naked and goes upset.

The Islamic Revolution Leader said a military hue and cry made by the Zionist authorities against Iran actually exposed their empty hands and fearful state, adding that the regime's authorities are well aware that they are now more vulnerable than ever so that any inappropriate action on their part would lash back down on themselves like thunders.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the US and other western powers, as unconditional supporters of the Zionist regime were suffering much unfavorable conditions nowadays due to their economic and social problems, adding that the crisis has become more tangible after the falling from power of several pro-US governments across Europe as well as an ever increasing hatred on the part of nations against the US.

Ayatollah Khamenei cautioned that the west seeks to transfer its own crisis to Asia and Africa, adding that a major western method to transfer its problems was to incite sectarian and religious strife in the Middle Eastern and North African revolutionary countries with a view to develop a counter-movement from inside the very revolutions.

"Today, Americans have embarked on inciting sectarian and religious conflicts in the revolutionary countries by using the British experiences in such fields; all the nations and their scholars, either Shii or Sunni, must be vigilant not to advance the enemy conspiracy," Ayatollah Khamenei urged.

Ayatollah Khamenei reaffirmed however that stability will be restored to the revolutionary countries, especially Egypt and that any dictator regimes will be uprooted from the region.

Ayatollah Khamenei deplored that amid these developments the Bahraini people were suffering double innocence. "The Bahraini people are simply repressed by a despotic, dictator regime only because they wish to cherish the rudiments of democracy," the Islamic Revolution Leader said.

The Islamic Revolution Leader said that all the revolutionary nations would eventually fulfill their goals only if they avoid sectarian or religious conflicts

Ayatollah Khamenei concluded his remarks by saying that the future of Muslim nations, including the Iranian nation would be better than past, indeed.