

## **Leader's Remarks in Meeting with Indian Prime Minister - 29 /Aug/ 2012**

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has emphasized that the United States cannot be considered a reliable international partner in trade.

According to IRIB World Service, speaking on Wednesday afternoon in a meeting with Indian prime minister, Manmohan Singh, and his accompanying delegation, the Leader emphasized that the United States of America is a very unreliable international partner. He pointedly added: "America is a reliable partner only for the Zionist regime of Israel".

In further remarks, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei described the stances of the Islamic republic of Iran and India as very similar, saying both countries approach and stances on regional issues, such as Syria and Afghanistan are very close to each other, and more can be done to expand cooperation between Tehran and New Delhi on regional issues.

In further remarks, the Leader said India's stability, independence, and authority is very important to Iran, and he hoped that with India's cooperation and assistance, Iran can lead the Non-Aligned Movement to play a prominent role in solving of important regional and international issues, during the next three years, in which Iran holds the rotating presidency of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei referred to historical, cultural, and civilizational links between Iran and India, and said the Iranian nation has always had a positive view of India, and all of these augurs well for further expansion of relations between Tehran and New Delhi.