

## **Supreme Leader Meets with Laborers of MAPNA Group - 30 /Apr/ 2014**

Ayatollah Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, met Wednesday morning with the laborers of Power Plant Projects Management Company [MAPNA] in Fardis, Karaj. The meeting was held on the occasion of Labor Day. Speaking at the meeting, His Eminence described the hostile relationship between employees and employers in western countries as a relationship which is shared by Marxism and western philosophies, reiterating: "Islam considers respect, interaction and cooperation as the basis of all issues - including the issue of workers and production - and this original outlook should be the basis of all social and economic arenas".

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution added: "This beautiful truth - today, we witnessed some aspects of this beautiful truth in MAPNA - shows that not only is national determination and jihadi management this year's slogan, but it will also be a permanent slogan and the secret to the identity, dignity and bright future of our country".

Ayatollah Khamenei stated that without cultural growth, economic growth is neither possible nor valuable, saying: "For this reason, this year's slogan is the slogan of life and it will be our slogan forever."

His Eminence said that in order to reach their peak, the economy and culture of the country need reliance on national determination and jihadi management. He stressed: "If this goal is achieved, no one will dare humiliate our people."

Referring to the humiliation of the people of Iran before the Revolution, he said, "At a time when Europe and the west were really ignorant, civilized and glorious Iran offered great scientific and cultural personalities to humanity. But, the plundering west dominated the economy, politics and social issues of Iran because of the sense of humiliation of taghuti leaders. This bitter truth was a great humiliation for Iran which enjoyed an old civilization and a deep cultural heritage".

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic stated that the humiliation of the people came to an end after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, adding: "If the people of Iran want to reach a lofty position in economic, social, political and cultural areas and if they want to become a scientific reference point throughout the world, they should rely on their knowledge, intelligence, dynamism, innovation and firm determination."

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to some people's doubts about the power and capability of the youth of the country, reiterating: "The fact that Iran has come sixth in the area of building gas power plants is a small example of the great capabilities of our country's manpower. This capability began to sprout during the time of war and difficult sanctions and in the present time, it has fully grown in different arenas."

His Eminence described the achievements of MAPNA Group as a source of glory for the country and for the employees of this group, stating: "Different governmental organizations should support such groups."

He mentioned that supporting domestic production is one of the bases of the economy of resistance, saying: "In the shade of this policy, governmental organizations should create a market for the products of producers as well as supporting them. Besides, they should control the importation of similar foreign products."

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution described domestic production and interaction with the outside world as another basis of the economy of resistance, stressing: "We should grow and blossom from the inside, but we should also be actively present in international markets through interaction with the outside world."

Ayatollah Khamenei stated: "When we needed twenty-percent enriched uranium for Tehran research reactor and for

producing the medicines that the people needed and when we were ready to buy it, global bullies - headed by America - created certain obstacles with different tricks."

His Eminence added, "When the Islamic Republic mustered up the determination to produce the twenty-percent enriched uranium on its own, they did not believe it. But now that the young scientists of the country have managed to achieve this technology with their intelligence, innovation and good management and now that they have managed to produce fuel plates and fuel rods, the same global powers say, 'We are ready to sell it to you. So, do not produce it'."

He said that the world suffers from the games and the wrong behavior of powers, reiterating: "The unreasonable behavior of global bullies towards the Islamic Republic correlates with our weakness and our power. Whenever we manage to stand on our own feet and become strong, they will have to behave in a polite and reasonable way. Paying attention to this truth is the key to solving all the problems of the country."