



## **Ayatollah Khamenei meeting with officials and commanders of Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Base - 3 /Sep/ 2017**

In a meeting with officials and commanders of the Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Base on Sunday, Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Armed Forces Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei described the base as being at “the forefront of defending the dignity and existence of the country” and pointed to the unrivalled role of manpower in the advancement of various sectors, including the Armed Forces, reiterating, “You should nurture the plentiful talents of human resources through relentless efforts and struggle, and used them to address the needs and shortages of the country.”

Ayatollah Khamenei described serving at the forefront of the campaign against the threats as a valuable opportunity for the brave, faithful and noble forces at the air defense base and added, “Very good work has been done at the [Khatam al-Anbiya] Air Defense Base, which shows the presence of resolve, motivation and capability at the base.”

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution said educated, prudent, brave and indefatigable workforce is the foundation of surmounting obstacles and said, “Enormous advances in various sectors such as the Armed Forces as well as science and technology show the presence of capabilities in the young and motivated workforce of the country, and capable Iranians whether inside the country or in the scientific and technological centers of the world are a source of honor and pride.”

He described the cultivation and utilization of these vigorous capabilities and talents as the solution to the problems of the country. The Leader hailed coordination between the Army and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) at the air defense base as well as the cooperation of this base with the Defense Ministry and universities and scientific centers to address the needs and shortages. Ayatollah Khamenei added, “Carry on with your efforts and endeavors at a faster pace and keep moving ahead by presenting new and innovative plans for the self-sufficiency of the country.”

Prior to Ayatollah Khamenei’s remarks, commander of the Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Base Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili honored the anniversary of the establishment of the base and presented a report on the most important activities at the base.