

## **The Leader of the Islamic Revolution said in a meeting with the members of the Central Council of the Union of Islamic Student Associations in Europe - 2 /Jan/ 2023**

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution today (Monday) at noon, in a meeting with the members of the Central Council of the Union of Islamic Student Associations in Europe, called the Islamic student associations as one of the advantages of the Islamic Republic and have unique responsibilities and added: continuation of steady progress, influence on the surrounding environment, and explanation of the new perspective of the Islamic Republic are the necessary tasks of the Islamic student associations.

Ayatollah Khamenei also paid tribute to the late Dr Eje'i, one of the founders of the Union of Islamic Student Associations in Europe, and appreciated the activities of young students and their adoption of new and transformative perspectives and added: the Islamic student associations were formed with the dual goals of strengthening the thought and belief foundations of their members and also influencing the surrounding environment, but the Islamic student associations outside the country also have another mission, which is introducing the fundamental and central thinking of the Islamic Republic.

He explained the principles of the Islamic Republic, including the link and connection between being Republic and being Islamic as [two] key [notions]. He added: The new perspective of the Islamic Republic is that in the formation of a government, in addition to the influence of the people, the principles of religion and faith also have an effect.

The Leader of the Revolution recognized the necessity of updating Islamic student associations while preserving their principles and foundations for contemporary conditions and noted: Some principles and concepts are permanent and enduring, such as the principle of justice, which has existed for thousands of years and does not become old, but there is room for change and innovation in the implementation of justice.

He talked about the issue of science and scientific progress, which has been a kind of discourse in the country in recent years, and appreciated the holding of a scientific meeting at the current conference of Islamic Student Associations in Europe and said: the issue of scientific progress and crossing the boundaries of knowledge should not be forgotten, and it should not be assumed that attention to the religious and revolutionary aspects leads to negligence of scientific progress.

At the beginning of this meeting, Hujjat al-Islam Vaezi, the representative of the Supreme Leader in the Union of Islamic Student Associations in Europe, also reported on the activities and programs of these associations.