

## **IRI in its most favorable status - 12 /Nov/ 2006**

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei told warm-blooded people in Garmsar north of Iran Sunday that the Islamic System at present enjoys one of its most favorable moments.

Ayatollah Khamenei lauded the country's political stability, the current favorable social harmony, nation's prudence towards national causes, notably the nuclear issue and expansion of demand for justice, removal of discrimination and corruption.

"Another advantage of the country is a young generation, featured by a tendency towards knowledge as well as religious and revolutionary values," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding, the existence of this fresh, lively, hopeful and religious-minded generation will pave the ground for progress, innovation and creativity.

Ayatollah Khamenei highlighted the presence of a popular administration in office that keeps adherence to religious values and is minded to serve people, headed by the President Mahmoud Ahamdinejad who loves people, is faithful, lives a modest life, works tirelessly, has a valiant and confident manner, stands ready in the field and holds initiative in internal and international affairs.

"Today, our authorities no longer follow international policy makers concerning diplomatic affairs, rather they have initiative in their hands," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei moreover touched on the country's progressive economic indices, adding the President's report weeks earlier about inflation, joblessness rate and combat against corruption was approved by the fair experts and even on many occasions by many international centers that already keep a biased position towards Iran.

Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the promotion of Iran in international ranking in terms of combat against administrative and financial corruption during the last one and a half year, adding, despite the growth, the country must not contend itself with this level.

"Rather, the administrative and financial corruption and betrayal of national wealth must be uprooted in an all-inclusive combat," the IR Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei furthermore appreciated the public hopefulness and tied it to the feelings that the authorities move towards removal of discrimination.

Ayatollah Khamenei called the Iranian people patient, sincere, aware and vigilant, adding, the people have trusted in the authorities whenever they have felt they (authorities) are sincerely after resolving their problems and avoid gathering wealth and attending to their personal affairs.

Ayatollah Khamenei criticized certain press for their unfair attitude towards the administration, saying "some time ago, the president complained about it to me and I believe he is rightful because some press are unfair towards the Administration and try to magnify meager problems through propaganda scams."

Ayatollah Khamenei drew a distinction between criticism and destruction, adding, "Years ago, I warned about the involvement of alien hands in the administration of the country's cultural affairs, media and propagation, but some individuals denied it, but at the end every one admitted to it."

Ayatollah Khamenei ruled out allegations that the country suffers lack of freedom of expression, adding, a clear

evidence of freedom of expression is that some press are freely write against the Administration and the System whereas the people pay no attention to them.

The Islamic Revolution Leader appreciated the political position of the country and the social status of the Iranian nation in the world.

The IR Leader said a few years ago, several American politicians claimed in a report that there was a group in Iran who were waiting for a signal from America to topple the system, but at present the reality has been unveiled for the enemies of the Iranian nation, because they cannot take dominance over the country, neither they can inflict damage on the Iranian nation.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the enemy position as shaky, adding America and the Zionist regime are even further shaky compared to the past years. "The slap in the mouth of America and the Zionist regime in Lebanon was a Divine blessing so that the world realizes how the superpowers are fragile."

"The status of affairs has changed in the world and in some areas, previously regarded by America as its courtyard, some administrations come to power which are opposed to American policies," Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized.

"The Iranian nation has opted for the Divine path, that is the path of justice, ethics, good deeds, faith in God, equality, fraternity among human beings and prosperity of the human community, not fazed with ensuing difficulties. As a result the Almighty God will bestow upon it the sweet fruits of such a perseverance," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Earlier in the day, Ayatollah Khamenei paid homage visit to the martyr cemetery in the city.