

## **Iraq, not a bite for Americans to swallow - 28 /Nov/ 2006**

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei Tuesday described the ongoing insecurity in Iraq as the essential source of concern in the country, adding that the unabated insecurity and bloodshed in Iraq proves to be detrimental to all the regional countries.

Ayatollah Khamenei affirmed to a visiting Iraqi President Jalal Talabani that the Islamic Republic of Iran take it as its human and religious duty to help restore stability in Iraq.

Ayatollah Khamenei reaffirmed IRI's call for a secure, advanced and developed Iraq and that it considers the security of the Iraqi cities as its own security.

"In the event that the Iraqi government issues a call, Iran will spare no effort to help restore stability and security in Iraq," Ayatollah Khamenei vowed.

Ayatollah Khamenei cautioned Talabani that the ongoing insecurity is aimed at destabilizing the democratic Iraqi government, adding, "Those who once conspired a ploy for Iraq and then saw it botched are now bent on destabilizing the situation in every possible way through their agents in the field that include terrorists, takfiris (excommunicators) and former Baathists."

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the perpetrators involved in the Iraqi insecurity conceal their face behind the cover of Shia-Sunni conflict, adding, "The truth is the Shiite and Sunni people have already lived alongside each other for centuries without any internal dispute."

"Nonetheless, the leading cause of the ongoing Iraqi situation is America's policies, carried out through some proxies," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

The IR Leader elaborated that some middlemen of America in the region perform as proxies to implement the policy of insecurity in Iraq. Ayatollah Khamenei warned that promotion of terrorist groups in Iraq to ignite waves of unrest and bloodletting in the country is perilous for both the middlemen of America and the region as a whole.

The IR Leader said the Iraqi people are suffering a colossal misery and sorrow from the perpetuated policy of insecurity, adding, "Those involved in the policy are intended to bring a Saddam-like dictator to power but will definitely fail to fulfill their intention."

"Americans by no means would succeed in Iraq and their continued occupation of the country is not a bite for America to swallow," Ayatollah Khamenei underlined.

"A first measure to resolve the problem of insecurity in Iraq is the withdrawal of the occupiers and delivering the security affairs to the Iraqi democratic government," Ayatollah Khamenei said emphatically.

Ayatollah Khamenei also urged putting final touches on the mutual agreements between the two countries as a means to broaden bilateral relations.

In the meeting, in which President Mahmoud Ahmainejad was also present, President Jalal Talabani expressed pleasure with his renewed visit to Iran and described the expansion of Tehran-Baghdad relations as beneficial to the two sides as well as the entire region.

Concerning the Iraqi insecurity, Talabani said that the perpetrators behind the Iraqi insecurity are those who are faced with the existence of a democratic and modern Iraq run by a democratic government.

Talabani revealed that the security affairs are not in control of the Iraqi government and if the Iraqi security is delivered to its own government, full-fledged security can be restored in the country through mobilizing the public forces.

The Iraqi President praised the Islamic Republic of Iran for its aid to the Iraqi people in different stages of the country's developments.