

## **7th Majlis mirrors public interest in Islamic and revolutionary values - 29 /May/ 2007**

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei Tuesday hailed the seventh parliament for its adherence to the Islamic principles and the revolutionary values and urged the deputies of the parliament to stay the course.

"This tenure of the parliament has been outstanding in that it has heeded the problems of the people, the feeble in particular, has kept a principle, logical and open stance against hegemony in international affairs, not least the nuclear issue and finally has coordinated move with the principles-woven administration," Ayatollah Khamenei told a parliamentary audience, urging the lawmakers to stay the course firmly during the remaining one-year period of their tenure while taking into consideration the country's interests.

The IR Leader thanked the speaker and the deputies of the seventh parliament and described its 3-year performance as good.

Ayatollah Khamenei reminded the conditions in the runup to the formation of the seventh Majlis (parliament), saying, "The seventh Majlis was formed under the conditions in which some negligent people were raising contentious matters against the platform of the Islamic System. Faced with such an improper atmosphere, however, the people opted for this Majlis unlike the will of those who were bent on annihilating the principles and values of Islam and the revolution. This proves their heartfelt love and interest in the Islamic principles and the revolution's values."

Ayatollah Khamenei described the seventh parliamentary ballot as a sensitive juncture in the country's history, adding that the seventh Majlis was established around such an identity which brought it significant privileges during its past three years of seat.

As one of those merits, the IR Leader highlighted the parliament's attention to the feeble and underprivileged class.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that the seventh Majlis performed outstandingly in its efforts to provide the executive ratifications for the general policies of the article 44 of the Constitution which were instructed by the honorable months ago and which stipulate involvement of the public in running the economy. Ayatollah Khamenei urged the lawmakers to pay due regard to the special parliamentary commission set up to that effect until they enshrine those general policies in a set of solid, strong, and lasting laws.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution also highlighted the resolute stance of the seventh parliament towards the international issues and the world hegemony.

"The logic of the Islamic System against America's bullying and dominance-seeking policies is a reasoned one and has won the approval of the world Muslims and free nations because the Iranian nation does not wish to see an aggressive, insolent and disrespectful power encroaching on its resources or setting duties for their country," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

"The seventh Majlis from the sublime stand of a constitutional council stated the idea of the Iranian nation regarding different issues openly and rationally. This is very invaluable," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei also hailed the seventh parliament for avoiding matters of contention, adding that the

parliament's position on nuclear issue and it obligating of the already-wishful administration to persevere on the national rights was actually a follow up to the country's future interests and so shall be marked as positive.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the ongoing Parliament-Administration coordination as point of blessing in the seventh Majlis, adding that the lawmakers are expected to support the Administration and not allow such an administration which believes in the principles of the Islamic Revolution and exerts ultimate efforts to serve people, to be undermined.

In the same regard, Ayatollah Khamenei said such coordination arises from a principal interest-based view, adding that the issue does not require one to avoid criticism. "However, criticism too must be sincere so that besides the weak points, the strong points are made clear in order to fend off personal or partisan presuppositions," the IR Leader noted.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that Majlis' coordination with the administration faces both opponents and proponents. "They (opponents) comment that the administration and the Majlis have been unified. However, the parliament was formed out of popular choice and the president too has been elected by the people. Moreover, the unison of Majlis and the administration is not a demerit but a privilege because the two powers can jointly follow common goals through cooperation," the IR Leader said.

The Leader of Islamic Revolution told the lawmakers that the final year of their tenure hosts a Divine test, adding that during their remaining year of service, they must attend to the basic priorities and immediate needs of the country void of any partisan, sectarian or local look.

Ayatollah Khamenei urged the deputies of the parliament to mind their remarks to avoid sending the enemy a wrong signal.

The IR Leader also called on the lawmakers to take into account issues of consideration in their analysis of the situation, saying, "Certain issues whose contrariety with the Constitution is apparent from the very start must not be pursued because they trigger waste of time in the parliament. The parliamentary time must not be spent on trivial minutes of executive matters either."

Ayatollah Khamenei reminded the audience of the categorical order of Islam to Muslims to assess their personal and collective performances, adding that the practice will modify weaknesses while the strong points of performance will boost their resolves to keep on the path.