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Day of joy will be when Muslims leave differences behind - 13 /Oct/ 2007

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei Saturday morning described the auspicious Eid al-Fitr occasion as a proper ground to enhance unity and harmony of the Iranian nation as well as the world of Islam, adding that Eid (day of joy) will be when the Islamic ummah leaves schisms behind and marches towards dignity and strength hand in hand by holding fast to Islamic teachings.

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks in a speech to an audience of government authorities, ambassadors of the Islamic countries in Tehran as well as people.

Ayatollah Khamenei highlighted the reality that the Iranian nation has remained united despite a mosaic of sects and religions.

The IR Leader noted that in the past years the enemy has always tried to undercut the Iranian unity by manipulating the potential sectarian or religious affiliations but to no avail.

The IR Leader said political affiliations must not result in discord taking into account the reality that the Iranians are united around the common hinges of Islamic System, the dear Islam and the Holy Koran.

Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated the Iranian people for their vigilant treatment of schisms by not letting political affiliations to turn into discords as sought by enemy.

Ayatollah Khamenei considered the upcoming eight parliamentary elections slated for late in the Iranian year as another opportunity for the nation to stage unity, rationality and national understanding.

"The elections will help the society to further move forward provided the political folds receive their proportionate share of elections in a positive contest whose target is serving the people," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

In the same regard, Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the transgressive and meddlesome mood of the world bullying powers towards the Muslim affairs is emboldened by the lack of unity among Muslims.

"Under these conditions, the American Senate allowed itself to vote to disintegration of Iraq whereas the issue is none of America's business. The Iraqi authorities and people too have pointed out their objection to the decision and the world of Islam has too," the Islamic Revolution Leader underlined.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the meddlesome attitude of the bullying powers towards the Palestinian issue, of which a recent example emerged in US decision for a so-called peace meeting, is emboldened by the same Muslim disunity.

"Islamic nations and governments must come alongside each other to prove their strength. If achieved, America and other countries no longer dare meddle in the Muslim affair," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei reaffirmed the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the Muslim unity.

The IR Leader noted that the enmity of the world arrogance stems from the same position, adding that the arrogance has already saw its attempt in failure and the case will produce the same outcomes in future.