

## **No benefit in US ties for now - 3 /Jan/ 2008**

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei alerted the Iranian people in an academic convention Thursday that the enemy seeks to devise newer tactics against the nation following its massive failures in recent months, urging the people, especially the elites to counter sources of weakness through promotion of national confidence.

The IR Leader expressed deep pleasure at his meeting with university students of Yazd province central Iran which was held in a cordial atmosphere and where he outlined the sources of national confidence as the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, the victory in the Sacred Defense (1980-88), the noble personality of Imam Khomeini, may Allah be pleased with him and the national accomplishments in different fields, including nuclear technology.

"The Iranian nation is just mid-way to realize its aspirations amid the regional and international contest for further progress. The nation must grab the first stand in different spheres when the scheduled time for the implementation of the 20-Year Vision plan is covered," Ayatollah Khamenei encouraged, noting that the goal will materialize through an boosted national confidence and further quickening of the pace of progress.

"The American government, the incarnate of evil, as well as the other domineering powers in their path to their goals have encountered a major obstacle namely the persevering Iranian nation. This is the motive behind the West's dispute with the Islamic Republic of Iran," Ayatollah Khamenei observed.

"As a matter of fact, they consider the Islamic System as the main cause of their Middle East failures and the key driver to expose the true side of the West's empty slogans about democracy and combat against terrorism," the IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei then recalled America's futile bid to impede Iran's nuclear progress. "Americans once could not come to grips with the launching of just five centrifuges in Iran and insisted until a few months earlier that Iran must relinquish all its nuclear activities. However, under the perseverance of the Iranian nation the situation changed so that they now say to Iran 'stop at this level of progress and do not advance any farther.'"

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that as a natural outcome of their failures the enemies will seek to find new ways to deliver blows to the Iranian nation, concluding that in the current conditions, the national confidence proves more essential than any other time.

"Today national confidence is more essential than ever. The nation, especially the university students, the elites and the authorities, must identify and foresee the new tactics of the aliens to undermine Iran and thwart their plots," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Ayatollah Khamenei then highlighted the significance of national confidence, saying, "Given confidence is absent from a nation it would remain stuck in backwardness forever, gazing at others for help."

"The existence of national confidence however would produce the motivation in the mind of elites to try to materialize national needs followed by such achievements that cross-produce other achievements," Ayatollah Khamenei compared, noting that the nation has witnessed the reality in its Sacred Defense (1980-88) against the invading Saddam Hussein forces as well as in other national tests.

Ayatollah Khamenei outlined the enemy tactics to undercut national confidence of the Iranian people as 'provocation of pessimism and frustration,' 'deviation of talents' and 'threats of a military attack.'

"The aliens try to frustrate people, especially the youths by denying the existing progress, by accentuating the distance between the Iranian nation and the advanced nations and by picturing a bleak prospect. However, the nation would keep ascension to the peaks of progress by identifying the realities and by relying on its youths and its experiences of the last three decades," Ayatollah Khamenei said confidently.

The IR Leader criticized some voices inside the country which are attuned with the alien's frustrating propaganda waves.

"Some people were once alleging that the construction and commissioning of centrifuges in Iran is not true. But when the ability of the nation's scientists was proved they claimed that the effort to use nuclear energy is costly and useless which is also a phony claim," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

On the same account, Ayatollah Khamenei noted, "The Iranian nation has to have 20 thousand megawatts of nuclear electricity in the next twenty years otherwise it has to relinquish the progressive trend. Accordingly, it might be late even today that the system has put its back into nuclear energy."

Ayatollah Khamenei said that the perception that the young Iranian scientists are not able to construct a nuclear plant is affected by the propagandas of the opponents of Iran's progress.

"A nation which has developed large centers of enrichment thank to its youths could also construct nuclear plants by its powerful hand and thought and would not let any delay in this regard," Ayatollah Khamenei underlined.

Regarding the US President's recent remarks that 'now that the Russians has provided fuel to Iran's nuclear plant, the Iranians must relinquish enrichment', Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The hilarious remark is like the situation where a country, rich with oil reserves, is ordered to supply its oil needs oversease."

"Given that one day the present providers of fuel to nuclear plant deny the product from Iran on any ground or put stiff conditions on its provision, then would not the nation have to surrender to them?" Ayatollah Khamenei asked.

Recalling the nationwide delight at the recent great nuclear accomplishments, Ayatollah Khamenei said that the achievements would help boost national confidence despite some people who challenge the system and the administration over those achievements and wontedly or unwontedly help undermine national confidence.

Recalling the backward attitude on the part of the then administration a few years ago in the face of the enemy's nuclear demands, Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the developments laid bare the empty promises of the west because the voluntary, temporary suspension of enrichment by Iran was moving towards a full removal of nuclear activities due to enemy abuses.

"I underlined at that time that I would enter the field if the demands of the other nuclear parties persisted and by my decision the looming stoppage in nuclear activities turned into a progressive nuclear drive."

Further on the account of the enemy tactics to undermine national confidence, Ayatollah Khamenei turned to the issue of resumption of relations with America, saying, "Cutting ties with America is among our basic policies. However, we have never said that the relations will remain severed forever. At the same time, the conditions of the American government are such that any relations would prove harmful to the nation and thereby we are not pursuing them."

Concerning the debilitating outcomes of a resumption of relations with America, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "For one thing, the relation would not reduce the size of America's peril because it attacked Iraq while it had political

relations with the country. Secondly, any relations would provide the possibility to the Americans to infiltrate Iran and would pave the way for their intelligence and spy agents."

"For these reasons, unlike the claims of some peddling people, relations with America has no benefit for the Iranian nation for now. Undoubtedly, the day the relations with America prove beneficial for the Iranian nation I will be the first one to approve of that," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

"Some people accuse us of provocation of America's hostility. However, the country in fact keeps enmity towards the principles of the Iranian nation and its hostility has been there since the beginning of the Islamic Revolution," the IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei then warned that the illogical and persisting criticism against any measures taken by the country's management, especially the executive power would undermine people's hope and liveliness, adding that the serving administration like the other past administrations has shortcomings which must be brought to them in a sincere manner.

Ayatollah Khamenei thanked President Ahmadinejad Administration for their initiative to stage regular provincial visits to resolve the people's problems firsthand, urging the press and media to avoid carping in this regard.

In the same regard, Ayatollah Khamenei described media rabble rousing as one of the tactics of the western press and media to undermine the Iranians' national confidence.

Ayatollah Khamenei denounced western media's claims about human rights situation in Iran, saying, "Those whose Guantanamo prison and Abu Ghuraib torture unit would make any noble human ashamed are accusing Iran and any other opponent government of human rights violation."

Ayatollah Khamenei in the same sphere named the propaganda allegations of lack of democracy in Iran as another enemy tactic to undermine the Iranian nation's national confidence.

"The Iranian nation almost once a year has taken part in an election in an enthusiastic climate to choose any candidates it wishes for from among different contesting parties. Does democracy mean otherwise in other countries?"

The Islamic Revolution Leader moreover described the women issue as another excuse in hand of the west to pressure the Iranian nation.

Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the blatant violation of women's rights and the breakdown of their nobility and honor under the western liberal democracy, adding, "The western governments despite the atrocities they commit against women are accusing the noble Iranian nation of violation of human rights. The rabble rousing however would have no effect inside the country."

The Leader then raised the threats of an American attack on Iran, saying, "The likelihood of an attack is lower today. At the same time, the Iranian nation has been subject to military threats of the enemies since the victory of the Islamic Revolution and especially since the culmination of the Sacred Defense. In any situation however the likelihood of an attack and the danger of the enemy would shrink as a result of the Iranian nation's strength and confidence."

Ayatollah Khamenei urged the nation and the authorities to remain on alert despite the fact that the possibilities of an attack are lower.