

## **Leader says hegemonic powers don't like awareness of Latin American nations - 1 /Sep/ 2008**

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said awareness of Latin American nations and their determination to preserve their rights is an august development which won't please the hegemonic powers.

The supreme leader, who was speaking in meeting with the visiting Bolivian President Evo Morales and his accompanying delegation here Monday evening, referred to the strong votes of the Bolivian nation for President Morales in the recent referendum and said, "Your attitude of paying attention to common people and the poor is a very valuable attitude which is a source of honor for the nations." He went on to say, "The recent developments in Bolivia are pleasant ones and, for sure, hegemonic powers will impose pressure on you because they don't like such attitudes, but resistance against such pressures will bring victory."

The supreme leader also expressed hope that talks between President Morales and Iranian senior officials would lead to expansion of ties.

President Morales, for his part, expressed pleasure with being in Iran and meeting with the supreme leader and said awareness of the Bolivian nation and other Latin American nations is the beginning of a process to free the region from the imperialist powers.

He added cultural, social and political changes in the region is expanding day by day and is not reversible.

President Molrales expressed hope that the experiences and progress of Iran could be be useful for the development and advancement of Bolivia.