

## **'US had greater failures in IRI than other regions' - 6 /Sep/ 2009**

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei underlined the repeated America failures in different countries and the loss of its influence both indicate the undeniable fact of world change.

"America had far greater failures in the Islamic Republic of Iran than in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Palestine," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a meeting with visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday.

The IR Leader touched upon changing the situation in Latin America and said, "A power has been formed in this region which was once regarded by America as its courtyard."

"Iran and Venezuela should make efforts to prepare the grounds for strengthening their independence," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

"Along with political coordination, Iran and Venezuela should enhance industrial, economic, banking and transportation cooperation," the IR Leader added.

Chavez for his part hailed positive talks between the high-ranking Venezuelan delegation and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and other senior Iranian officials.

The Venezuelan president said that enhanced cooperation and unity between the two countries would be the only way to fight against enemy plots.

President Chavez also said that the two countries formed a general meeting to establish a joint bank to enhance economic cooperation.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was also present in the meeting.