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After victory over Iraq,
Israel to be uprooted



After the victory against Iraq, the Islamic Revolution must uproot the Zionist tumor in the region, President Ali Khamene'i said in his sermon at this week's Friday prayers. He said the Iraqi forces have a duty like all military forces in the region to fight the Zionist regime, but those who supported the Zionists in the region have turned their guns against Iran.

The president's sermon was centered on the issue of Quds (Jerusalem), on the upcoming occasion of the International Quds Day, the last Friday of the month of Ramadan (next Friday) declared by Imam Khomeini. The occasion has previously been observed every year in the Islamic Republic by massive marches in condemnation of the Zionist regime. Intentionally the day has attracted an increasing number of Muslim protest marches each year, especially in Lebanon.

"The day when the Islamic Republic can rid itself of this imposed war and end it victoriously, the Islamic Revolution must pursue the Zionists and uproot this tumor," Khamene'i said.

"Quds Day is one of the most important days in the world of Islam. It should remind us of the usurped Bait-ul-Moqaddas (Jerusalem) and our obligations towards it." "Instead of confronting their people in preventing the Quds Day marches, it is better to help their people and we urge the Islamic governments to pay their respect to this day."

President Khamene'i said: "The military forces of Iraq have a duty to fight with Israel, like all other military forces in the region. It is their policy which supports the Zionists and turns these guns in another direction." "With this action, these forces faced this side rather than facing the occupied lands. Secondly, they preoccupied the revolutionary forces of Iran, whose main task was to struggle against Israel."

The Friday prayers leader of Tehran also spoke at length about the personality and leadership of Imam Ali (A.S.), the first Imam of the household of the Prophet (S.A.W.), the anniversary of whose martyrdom was observed widely by the people throughout the country on June 21.

He compared the deceptive peace-gestures of Mo'awia in the Battle of Siffin with Imam Ali (A.S.), with that of the Iraqi regime in its war against the Islamic Republic.

"This is something the Iraqi regime has been doing for months," he said.

The President added that the alliance against Imam Ali (A.S.) was similar to that against the Islamic Republic, which is being defeated by the decisive leadership of Imam Khomeini.