Iranian leader says America's evil deal on Palestine will never materialize



Tehran, June 8 (RHC)-- The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says an upcoming U.S.-devised deal on the Palestine issue is doomed to fail and will "never materialize."

Ayatollah Khamenei made the comments during a speech at Imam Khomeini's Mosalla Grand Prayer Grounds in Tehran, after leading Eid al-Fitr's prayers there. The Islamic festivities known as Eid al-Fitr mark the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

The Leader further rejected U.S. President Donald Trump's yet-to-be-unveiled deal on the decades-long Israeli-Palestinian conflict as "a betrayal of the Muslim world." Ayatollah Khamenei further denounced the Bahraini regime for agreeing to host a conference, where Washington is set to unveil parts of the plan later this month. All Palestinian groups — along with the United Nations and several other countries — have boycotted the event.

"The objective of this conference is to materialize America's wrongful, treacherous and evil scheme for Palestinians — which they (Americans) have called 'the deal of the century.' However, this will not happen, and this plot will never get off the ground, by divine grace."

Ayatollah Khamenei described the Palestinian cause against Israeli occupation as the "number one issue" on the agenda of the Islamic world, thanking those who have voiced opposition to the so-called "peace" deal and the relevant event in Bahrain.

In a speech delivered at the conference, Ayatollah Khamenei condemned efforts by certain Muslim states to advance the goals of the United States and Israel. "[On the contrary,] the Islamic Republic has, from the very beginning, laid emphasis on defending the Palestinian people and stood up to global arrogance," the Leader said, emphasizing Iran's resolve to "keep up this steadfastness."

"Contrary to some former Arab rulers, who believed the Jews should be thrown into the sea," Iran stands by the belief that all residents of Palestine, including the Jews, should have a say in deciding the fate of this land.

Ayatollah Khamenei further specified this year's Eid al-Fitr message as unity and solidarity among Muslim countries as well as a return to the notion of "the Muslim Ummah." The Leader of the Islamic Revolution, meanwhile, cautioned the world's Muslim nations against the enemies' plots to sow discord among them and push their countries into chaos and conflict.

As examples of such hostile attempts, Ayatollah Khamenei referred to the situation in Libya — which has been the scene of rivalry between two governments — as well as Yemen, which has been the target of a bloody Saudi-led military campaign for more than four years. "Why would two groups turn against one another and spill each other's blood in a Muslim state such as Libya? And why would a country claiming to be Islamic act in line with the enemies' demands and rain bombs on Yemeni people and their infrastructure?"

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