

# *Ayatollah Khamenei dismisses U.S. offer of talks with Iran as mere ‘deception’*

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Tehran, June 27 (RHC)-- The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has dismissed America's claim about seeking talks with Tehran as a "deception," saying such an offer is merely aimed at stripping the Iranian nation of its "elements of power."

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks during a meeting on Wednesday with staff members of Iran's Judiciary in Tehran in response to numerous offers of negotiations recently put forward by US President Donald Trump and his hawkish administration officials amid a campaign of "maximum pressure" against the Iranian nation.

"Having failed to achieve its goal through pressure, the enemy is coming forward with an offer of talks — while assuming the Iranian nation is simple-minded — and claims 'the Iranian nation should make progress,'" Ayatollah Khamenei said. This nation, the Iranian leader added, will "definitely make progress, but [that will happen] without you and on the condition that you don't approach it."

Washington's offer is, in fact, meant to strip Iran of its weapons and eliminate its elements of power, Ayatollah Khamenei said. Fearing Iran's might, the Americans are now attempting to bring the country to

the negotiating table so they could take away “this weapon and element of power” and wreak havoc on the nation, the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said in case Tehran accepts the offer and submits to Washington’s demands, the US will then move to harm the nation, and if Iran rejects the offer, the US will keep up its pressure as well as its political and propaganda campaign against the Islamic Republic.

The Islamic Revolution leader further reaffirmed that the Iranian nation will not retreat in the face of America’s “cruel sanctions” and “insults” and will continue on the path to progress and prosperity.

“The world’s most hated and vicious government -- which is itself behind wars, sedition and exploitation of other countries -- levels accusations against and hurls insults at the honorable nation of Iran on a daily basis.” And Ayatollah Khamenei said: “However, the Iranian nation will not be taken aback by such ugly measures and will not retreat.”

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