

## **Iranian President Inaugurated the 36th International Islamic Unity Conference**

36th International Islamic Unity Conference, with the main theme of "Islamic Unity, Peace and Avoidance of Division and Conflict in the Islamic World - Executive solutions and operational measures was inaugurated by Hojjat al-Islam Sayyid Ebrahim Raisi, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

What follows are excerpts from the inaugural speech of President Raisi

My greetings and congratulations to the honorable guests from different parts of the world on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet of Islam (PBUH) and Imam Ja'far Sadig (AS).

Our Islamic world has a huge capital in the name of religion, religious values, religious people, Muslims, believers in the religion, and Islamic lands, which are at the disposal of Muslims with a lot of material and spiritual wealth. Islamic scholars and

thinkers including seminarians, academicians, and research scholars are a huge capital who stand together against atheistic thoughts, secular trends, and takfiri and extremist ways of thinking.

Formation of takfiri groups to kill, loot, and massacre Muslims, insulting the holy things and the first person of the Islamic world and the world of humanity, i.e., the Holy Prophet of Islam (PBUH) and other Islamic sanctities and

the spread of extremist and takfiri way of thinking are the links of a chain to create division and separation among between Muslims and, therefore, Muslims should avoid division and unnecessary disputes and focus on many commonalities that exist among Muslims and promote unity.

Love of the Ahl al-Bayt of the Holy Prophet is certainly one of the strongest pivots of unity and solidarity among Muslims. Imam Sadiq (AS) had always emphasized proximity among the Islamic schools of thought, and many signs of such an outlook with regard to proximity and solidarity can be found in the sayings and attitudes of other Imams of the Ahl al-Bayt (AS) of our Prophet (PBUH). Thus, it is through proximity way of thinking that synergy can be created in the Islamic world and things can be moved forward. The focus of the takfiri outlook is division, hatred, and spite, which is very harmful and dangerous and this view must be put aside by the capable hands of Islamic scholars, intellectuals, and elites who are present here.

The intention of the enemies of Islam is to create division among the Islamic states and nations, to create an arms market for the sale of American and Western weapons in the region, and to take over the rich resources of these countries. Today, Holy Quds and Palestine are still the first concern of the Islamic world and Muslims. International Quds Day is a symbol



and expression of freedom, otherwise, Muslims always think about the freedom of Quds and their movement is in this direction.

The main policy and program of the Islamic Republic of Iran is to encounter oppression, terrorism, and the takfiri trend and this is the main cause of the hatred and malice of the enemies of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards this system. They claim to fight terrorism, but everyone knows that the champion of the fight against terrorism in the region and the world was Martyr Hajj Qasem Soleimani and Martyr Al-Muhandis (may God bless them and grant them peace) and many Mujahid forces in the region who cleansed this place from the presence of ISIS. Let us not forget that during their election campaigns the Americans did confess that they were the ones who created ISIS.

Sustainable peace, stability, and security in the region depend on the unity and unity of Muslims and the outcome of reaching a common understanding in this meeting can definitely ensure sustainable peace and security in the region and among Islamic countries.

Reliance on the religious commonalities among Islamic schools of thought and Islamic countries is an important necessity. And this important issue has been repeatedly emphasized by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Not only dialogue among Islamic schools of thought but also dialogue with other religions have always been emphasized by our imams and leaders, as well as Shia and Sunni scholars and thinkers and there is no doubt that these dialogues can resolve many disputes.