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Subject: Courts to act with greater resolve in confronting *mohareb* and drug traffickers  
The official: Member and spokesperson of the Supreme Judicial Council, Morteza Moqtada'i  
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Mr. Moqtada'i briefed the press on the Supreme Judicial Council's latest session: "Addressing the first session of the Supreme Judicial Council after a one-month recess, Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili, the head of the Supreme Judicial Council, highlighted the belief in the [Rule of the] Guardianship of the Supreme Religious Jurist [Velayat-e Faqih], which is the basis of the Islamic Republic of Iran's political system, and stressed the need to obey the Supreme Leader and Jurist [Khomeini], and accept the United Nations Security Council Resolution 598. Moreover, on behalf of the Supreme Judicial Council, he called on the dear, heroic, and revolutionary nation of Iran to remain prepared and the fronts to remain fully supplied [with soldiers]. And he called on the dear and brave combatants to be alert and vigilant so as to maintain their superiority and power on the fronts, because as Imam [Khomeini] has said, our enemies are the enemies of Islam. Thanks to the steadfastness and endurance of the divine system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, their [the enemies'] image of arrogance has been shattered and their fake respectable façade

is undone, even as they continuously strive to destroy or weaken the Islamic Republic. In particular, our criminal enemy Saddam, whom we know well as someone who does not honor his pledges or international regulations, is now feeling wounded. Therefore, our people should understand that our acceptance of the resolution does not signify an end to the war and its resultant problems. People must continue to remain vigilant. . . ."

During the remainder of the session, the Supreme Judicial Council called on all the Revolutionary Courts and Prosecution Offices to act with the utmost determination in confronting apostate and *mohareb* mini-groups, as though they were "strictly confronting heathens" [Qur'an: Surat Al-Fath (Verse 29)]. These groups have proven their opposition to and animosity toward Islam and the brave and martyr-nurturing people of Iran. . . . They have also demonstrated their all-embracing cooperation with Global Arrogance [the United States] and the enemies of the Islamic Republic through military attacks and/or spying for foreigners.

