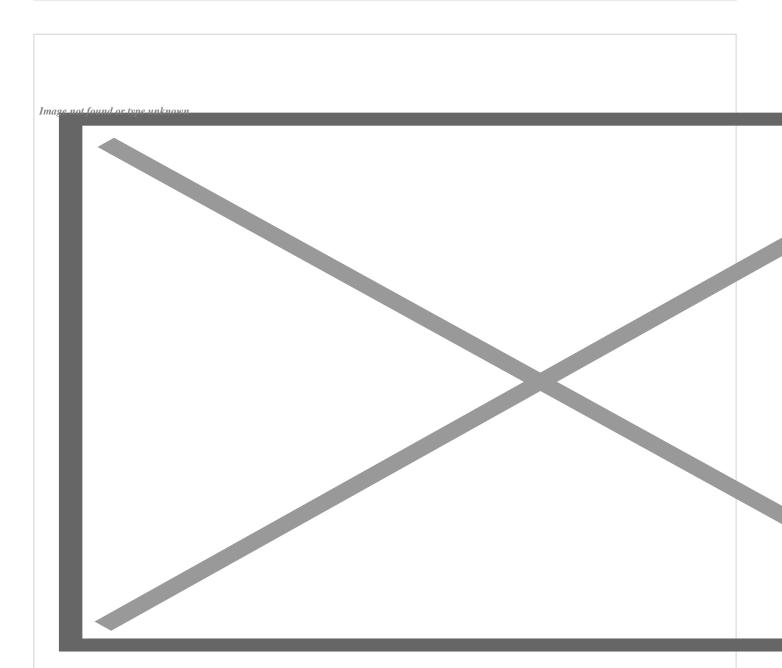
Iranian President Raeisi reaffirms Islamic Revolution's 45-year support for Palestine



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi addresses a massive rally in the capital, Tehran, on the 45th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution on February 11, 2024. (Photo by IRNA)

Tehran, February 11 (RHC)-- President Ebrahim Raeisi has reaffirmed Iran's unwavering support for the Palestinian people, saying Palestine remains the number one issue of the Muslim world as the founder of the Islamic Republic Ayatollah Ruhullah Khomeini said.

Addressing a massive rally in the capital, Tehran, on the 45th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, Raeisi said Western powers tried very hard to dissuade Iran from supporting Palestine but failed miserably.

"The Westerners tried hard to make Iran stop defending Palestine and the ideals of the Islamic Revolution, whether through war or economic blockade and sanctions, and repeatedly sent messages saying 'stop defending Palestine,'" he said.

The president hastened to add that forty-five years after the victory of the revolution, it is now proven that "the Islamic Republic and our visionary Imam" were right in saying that Palestine is the first issue of the Islamic world and that al-Quds must be freed. He also advised people who want to know the West, the US and the Zionist regime to look at their ongoing crimes against humanity, war crimes and child-killings in Gaza.

Israel waged the genocidal war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian Hamas resistance group carried out a historic operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

So far, the Tel Aviv regime has killed at least 28,064 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 67,611 others.

The Islamic Revolution spearheaded by Imam Khomeini centered on the principles of justice and struggle against hegemonic powers, paving the way for the new world order.

Also in his remarks, Raeisi noted that Iran ranks first in science production in the region and 15th in the world. Iran has been able to achieve self-sufficiency in many areas, something that benefits the country and the entire region, he added.

"Iran made achievements in different sectors in light of self-belief and believing in people and God," the president said. "Thanks to the Islamic Revolution and the efforts of the young people of our country, today we are among the frontrunners in the medical, biotechnology and nanotechnology fields."

Iran's drone program began in the 1980s, a few years after the victory of the Islamic Revolution. 'Islamic Revolution not hindered by any obstacle'

Meanwhile, the Iranian chief executive said that the Islamic Revolution is racing forward following the periods of establishment, stabilization and development, and that it recognizes no obstacle in its path forward.

"The enemy launched military, economic, media and psychological wars, and more recently, a hybrid war in order to stop the Iranian nation, but the people emerged victorious in all arenas and disappointed the enemy," he noted.

The movement of the Iranian nation is based on the Islamic Revolution's discourse, which carries a message of liberation and independence for nations and a message of resistance and resilience against enemies, he added.

Additionally, President Raeisi said that through the Islamic Revolution, the Iranian nation replaced humiliation with dignity and transmitted the message of independence. "Today, the most independent country in the world is the Islamic Republic of Iran. A country that is neither dependent on the East nor the West, makes its own decisions, and acts on its own," he asserted.

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