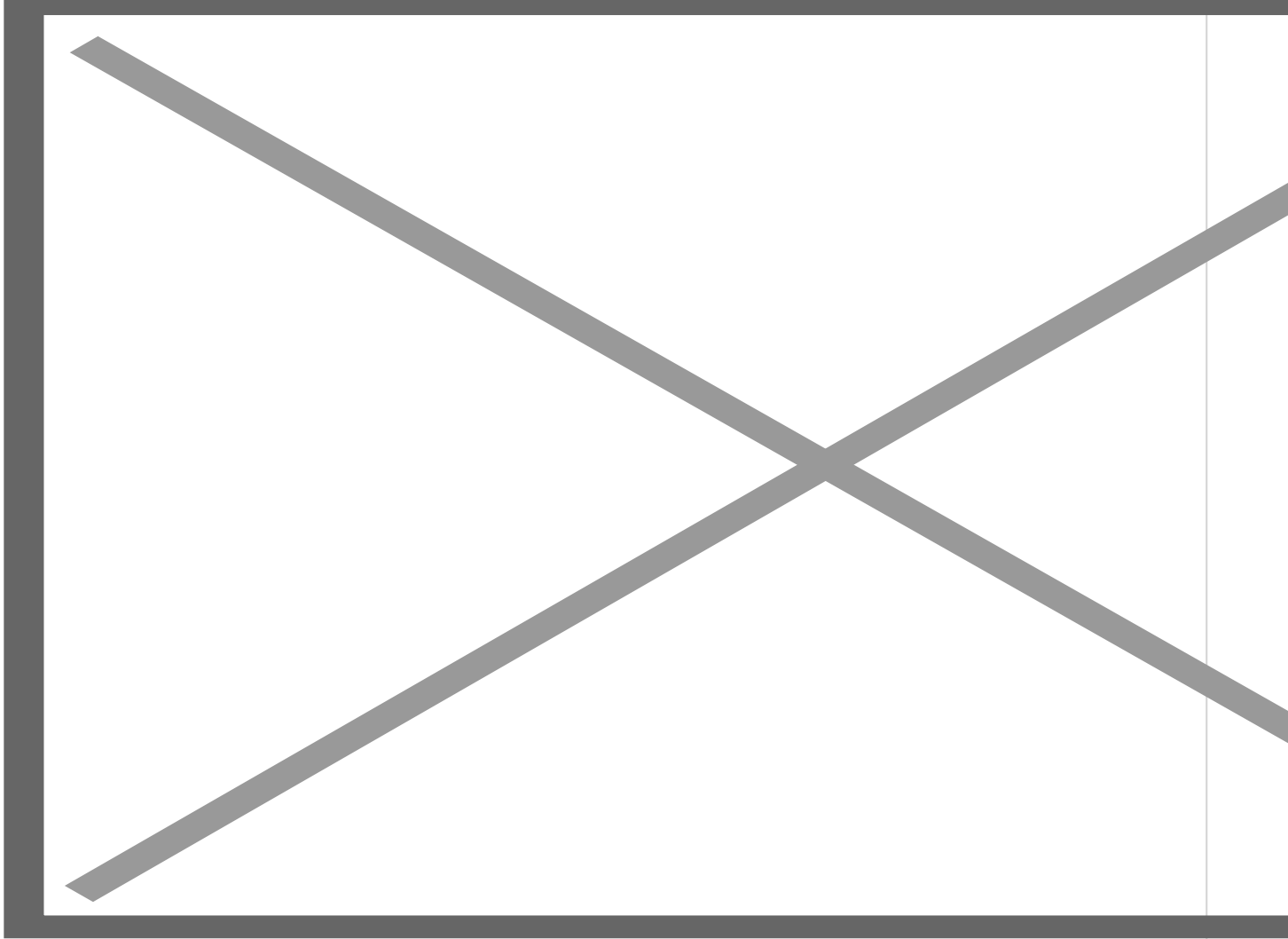


Iranian President-elect Masoud Pezeshkian says Palestinians are flag-bearers of resistance

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Tehran, July 24 (RHC)-- Iran's President-elect Masoud Pezeshkian has expressed the Islamic Republic's solidarity with the Palestinians, describing them as the "flag-bearers" of resistance in these hard times.

On Tuesday, Pezeshkian made the remarks in response to a congratulatory message from Ziad al-Nakhalah, the secretary-general of the Islamic Jihad resistance movement, on his becoming the ninth president of the Islamic Republic.

"The people and government of Iran, guided by the teachings of the late Imam Khomeini and the directives of the Leader of Islamic Revolution, stand with the Palestinian people," Pezeshkian stated. "We support their struggle for the liberation of al-Quds, the dismantling of the Zionist regime, and the achievement of their fundamental rights."

The Iranian president-elect said the oppressed people of Gaza, who are currently enduring Israel's barbarous campaign, have shown "extraordinary resilience" with the help of God.

The Palestinian people are recognized globally "as symbols of resistance and patience in the face of adversity," he said.

Israel has killed over 39,000 Palestinians, most of them women, children, and adolescents, in Gaza since October.

The regime launched the campaign of death, destruction and genocide after it was caught off-guard by Operation Al-Aqsa Storm into the occupied territories.

Israel has been enforcing a near-total siege on the coastal territory, which has reduced into a trickle the flow of foodstuffs, medicine, electricity, and water into the Palestinian territory.

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