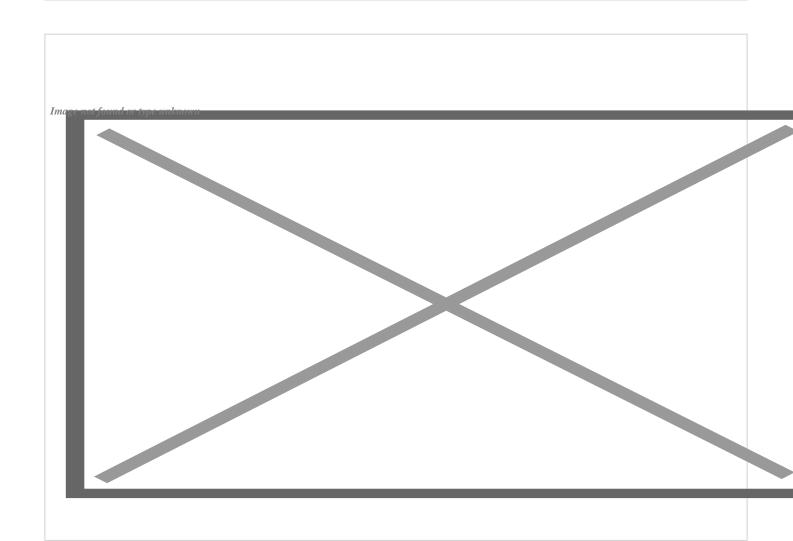
Iranian president praises Palestinian unity in confrontation with Israel



Tehran, May 22 (RHC)-- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani says unity and solidarity among the Palestinians and a decisive response given by people in the Gaza Strip during the recent battle against the Israeli regime marked a big and valuable victory for the nation.

"In the Palestinian people's recent confrontation with the Zionist regime (Israel), we witnessed unprecedented solidarity and unity which brought together all Palestinians living in different parts of this territory and even the Palestinian diaspora, who all displayed unparalleled unity, and we congratulate all of them on this victory," Rouhani said on Saturday.

He added that the Palestinian people in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and those who are living in refugee camps outside Palestine and those in the 1948-occupied territories were united in the 12 days of

full-blown war with the Israeli regime.

"Nations around the world also had extraordinary support and solidarity with the Palestinian people, but some Western countries unfortunately adopted wrong stances on the confrontation and even supported the usurping Zionist regime," the Iranian president stated.

He noted that most Muslim countries took a positive stance on the conflict, but the Arab world was expected to play a more active role as a number of Arab states "remained silent until the last days" of the Israeli atrocities.

Rouhani said the Palestinian people succeeded, through their resistance, in clinching victory against the Zionist regime, which is both armed to the teeth and is supported by many countries.

Iran's IRGC says the great victory of the Palestinian resistance front against Israel proves that the regime is facing definite decline and must expect a lethal and heavy blow from brave Palestinians.

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