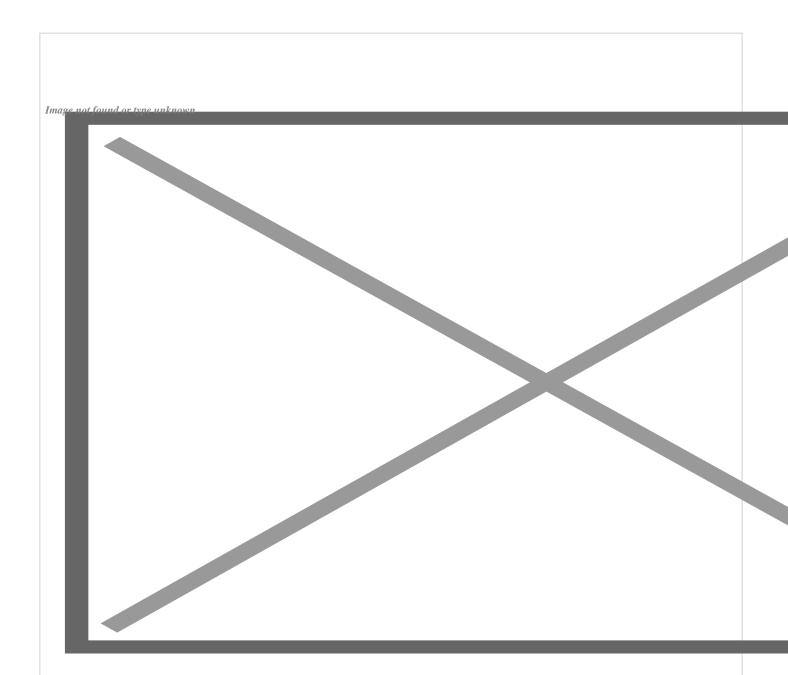
Iran and Venezuela united in active resistance against imperialism



The combo photo shows Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (R) and his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolás Maduro.

Tehran, July 5 (RHC)-- Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi says enhanced ties between Iran and Venezuela and active resistance against the imperialist countries will definitely lead to victory.

In a message to Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro on Tuesday, Raeisi said he was confident that victory would be achieved by expanding bilateral relations and making use of the model of active resistance in the face of the excessive demands of imperialist countries.

He extended his congratulations to the Venezuelan president and people on the anniversary of the country's independence, which is reminiscent of efforts by Simon Bolivar -- South America's 19th century independence hero and political leader -- toward the freedom of Venezuela and other Latin American states.

"This historic day is a symbol of efforts by the freedom-seeking countries to abolish colonial dominance," Raeisi said. The Iranian chief executive expressed hope that Tehran and Caracas would further improve "friendly and strategic" relations and implement the agreements previously reached between them.

During a visit by the Venezuelan president to Iran last month, Tehran and Caracas signed a 20-year partnership agreement aimed at bolstering cooperation in various sectors, particularly in science, technology, agriculture, oil and gas, petrochemicals, tourism as well as culture.

Raeisi has hailed the accord as an indication of the two countries' determination to expand bilateral ties despite US and Western pressure. In a Tuesday message, Raeisi extended his congratulations to his Algerian counterpart, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, on the 60th anniversary of the country's independence.

"The establishment and continuation of cordial relations between the two countries since the beginning days of Algeria's independence stem from the wisdom and keenness of the two countries' leaders and the existence of historical, religious, cultural and political commonalities between the two nations," the Iranian president said.

He expressed hope that Iran and Algeria would witness the development of friendship ties and cooperation in all fields, especially in the economic sector, during Tebboune's tenure.

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