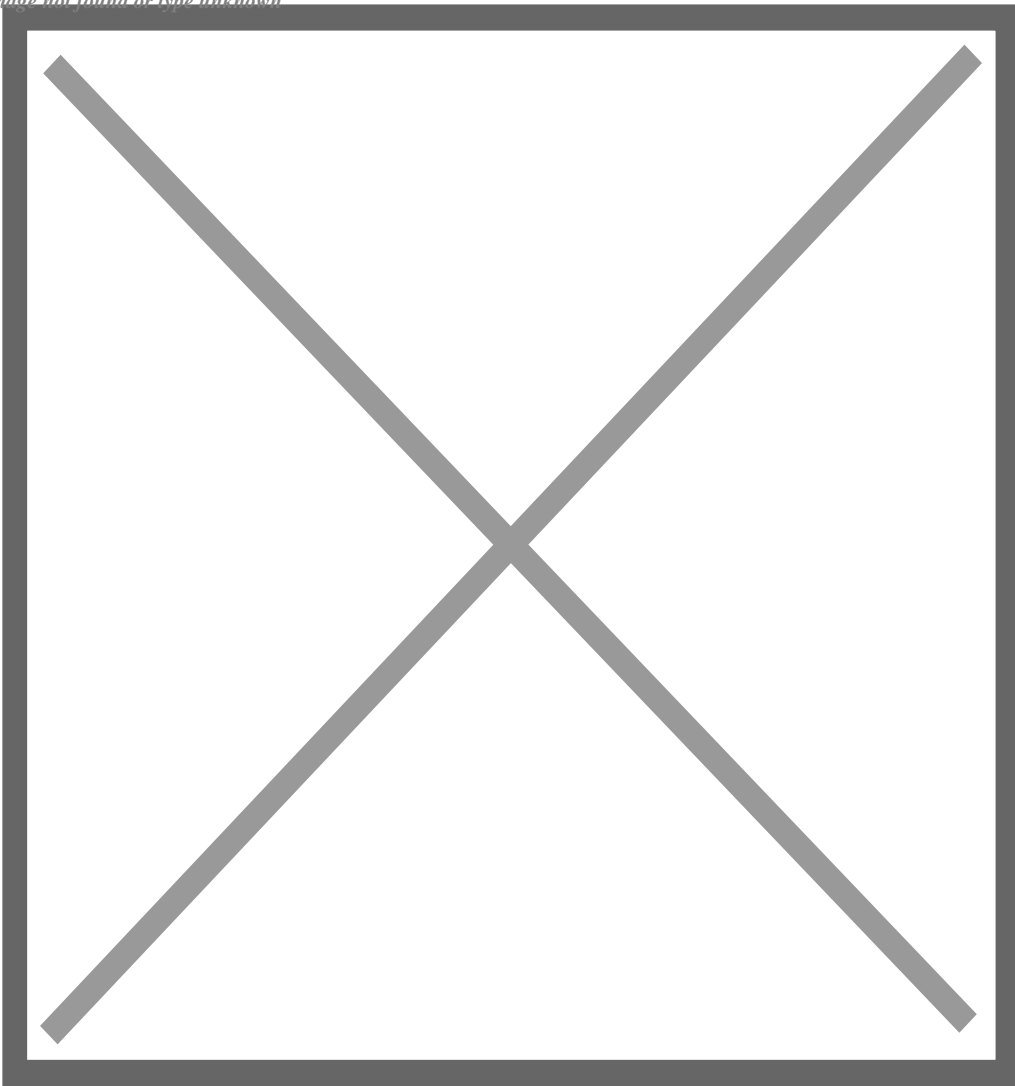


# *Iranian president calls Israel's Western backers complicit in Tel Aviv's crimes*

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Iran's President Ebrahim Raeisi (Photo by President.ir)

Tehran, May 17 (RHC)-- Iranian President Ebrahim Raesi has denounced the Israeli regime's Western supporters' abetment in Tel Aviv's crimes against the oppressed Palestinian people. The chief executive made the remarks in a message issued on Tuesday on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Nakba (Catastrophe) Day.

The Israeli regime claimed existence on that day in 1948 after occupying huge swathes of Palestinian territories in a Western-backed war. "Since the day that has been rightly named as the 'Day of Catastrophe,' the Zionist regime has brought about displacement of millions of Palestinians and [enabled] targeted killings of Palestinian activists and ordinary people," read the message.

Ever since, the occupying regime has also caused the destruction of Palestinians' houses, farms, and businesses, and been responsible for violation of the fundamental principles of the international law against them, it added. "It is obvious that the regime's Western supporters, especially the United States, are complicit in its crimes," Raesi stated.

The regime has successfully avoided all sorts of accountability for its actions targeting the Palestinians and other peoples of the region thanks to steadfast support on the part of Washington, which has invariably vetoed all of the United Nations resolutions holding Tel Aviv responsible for the atrocities.

Raesi, however, said Iran condemns the apartheid regime's crimes "in the strongest terms," and reasserted emphasis on the Islamic Republic's "democratic proposal" for political resolution of the crisis that has manifested itself in the form of Palestine's occupation.

Several pro-Palestine activists say the Nakba did not end in 1949, as it remains an ongoing system that affects all aspects of Palestinian life.

In 2020, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei came up with the logical proposal that Palestinians should be allowed, internationally, to hold a referendum to decide the fate of the occupied lands. The proposal consists of a vote to be attended by all the original and historical inhabitants of the occupied territories, both those who are still there and those who have been displaced.

The Iranian president, meanwhile, reemphasized Tehran's support for the Palestinian people's "legitimate cause" of liberating their territories and establishing an "independent and integrated" state across the entirety of the historical Palestinian territories, with the holy occupied city of al-Quds as its capital.

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