

# *Iranian president says the enemy failed to isolate the country and drive nation to despair*

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Tehran, August 29 (RHC)-- Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi says the enemy has failed in its attempts to isolate his country and drive the nation to despair. Speaking at a press conference in Tehran on Tuesday, Raeisi highlighted his administration's successful approach in foreign relations as a factor that contributed to the failure of the enemy's anti-Iran schemes.

"We pursued [improvement of] ties with neighbors, and we were successful in this regard," he said, adding that the resumption of ties with some Muslim countries led to a 14-percent increase in Iran's commercial relations with neighboring states.

He noted that his administration set a new record in commercial ties and showed that it can make progress by joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the BRICS group of emerging economies. "The enemy did not succeed in isolating Iran," he stated.

The Iranian chief executive also noted that the enemy failed to drive the Iranian nation to despair through a cyber attack on gas stations a few months after the formation of his cabinet.

People acted wisely and frustrated the enemy's plots, Raeisi added. "The government believes that the success achieved by the Iranian nation in many areas is accessible in other sectors."

Referring to last year's foreign-backed unrest across Iran, President Raeisi said the enemy resorted to the riots to thwart the country's progress. The enemies "even left the negotiating table and pinned hope to the riots. When the riots failed with the help of the people, they immediately sent a message asking for a return to the negotiating table. They sought to drive the people to despair, but the people frustrated them in this area, too."

Additionally in his remarks, Raeisi said that the removal of the United States-led sanctions was just one of the cases vigorously pursued by his administration, which he said was also in pursuit of Iran's accession to regional and trans-regional alliances. "Coalitions like the SCO and the BRICS are definitely effective against the US unilateralism. Along with them, Iran can be influential with its high capacities, and this influence is two-way," he asserted.

"Others say that the way out of our problems is the smile (the approval) of the U.S. or some European countries, but I emphasize that we will not wait for their smiles."

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