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In the Name of the Most High
Viewpoint

President Raisi's Fruitful Visits Speak of Iran's Power & Prestige

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The more the US has tried to isolate Iran ever since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the more the prestige and power of Tehran has grown in the region and all over the world during the past 45 years.

Washington's sanctions have only spurred the Islamic Republic to break new grounds in trade, industry, culture, art, architecture, science, technology, defence, diplomacy, and etc., to the extent that Iran is the paramount power in West Asia without the least need for the US and Western Europe, or for that matter for any other so-called big power.

This was fully evident during the Iranian president's two-leg visit to Pakistan and Sri Lanka where Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi was warmly greeted by both the governments and the people of the said countries.

While officials in Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, and Colombo, held important talks with their host, signed vital cooperation agreements, and inaugurated crucial projects, the masses in the above mentioned cities lined the streets hailing his visit and praising Iran for its practical support for the persecuted Palestine people.

Tehran and Islamabad also discussed plans to link Pakistan with Iran's natural gas pipelined that has already reached the common border and will definitely be an economic bonanza for our eastern neighbour, which has at last summoned up the courage to dismiss US pressures in this regard.

The US is indeed the super terrorist, as is evident by its directing of the Gaza genocide, and almost daily slaughter of the defenceless civilians, but it cannot terrorize into submission nations determined to defeat its threats.

The vociferous shouts of "Death to the US" and "Death to Israel" that echoed throughout Pakistan is ample proof of the isolation of Washington.

In Sri Lanka, President Raisi inaugurated the prestigious hydroelectric project in Badulla, located some 230 kilometers to the east of Colombo.

The Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project, which is worth over \$500 million, has been largely designed and built by Iranian experts to help Sri Lanka overcome its electricity and irrigation problems.

President Ranil Wickremesinge for his part welcomed Iran's offer to supply technical and engineering services to Sri Lanka to help the country boost its economic and industrial infrastructure.

The two countries on Wednesday signed 5 agreements of cooperation in various fields.

Multibillion dollar trade exchanges have been envisaged between Iran and the two countries that the President visited over the past three days, thus signifying the popularity of Iran, the diplomacy of its leaders, the quality of its products, and the expertise of its engineers and scientists, whose ingenuity is far superior to what the US and Western Europe can offer.

Pakistan, Iran Urge UN Action Against Zionist Regime



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, right, and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, left, pray after planting a tree in the prime minister house in Islamabad on Monday.

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) -- Iran and Pakistan called on the United Nations Security Council in a joint statement issued on Wednesday to take action against Israel, saying the occupying regime had "illegally" targeted regional countries and foreign diplomatic facilities.

The joint statement, released by Pakistan's foreign ministry, followed a three-day visit to the country by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi at a time of heightened tensions in the Middle East.

"Recognizing that the irresponsible act of the Israeli regime forces was a major escalation in an already volatile region, both sides called on the UN Security Council to prevent the Israeli regime from its adventurism in the region and its illegal acts attacking" the regional countries, Iran and Pakistan said in their joint statement.

They also called for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire, as well as unimpeded access to humanitar-

ian aid to the besieged people of Gaza, and the return of Palestinian refugees.

Acknowledging that the common border between Pakistan and Iran should be a "border of peace and friendship", both sides stressed the importance of regular cooperation and exchange of views between the political, military and security authorities of the two countries to deal with threats such as terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, hostage taking, money laundering and kidnapping.

The two sides agreed on the further expansion of commercial and economic cooperation and on their commitment to transform their common border from a border of peace to a border of prosperity through common development-oriented economic projects, including the creation of common border markets, free economic zones and the opening of new borders.

They also emphasized the impor-

ance of cooperation in the field of energy, including electricity trade, power transmission lines and the IP gas pipeline project.

Raisi, who wrapped up his visit and flew on to Sri Lanka on Wednesday, vowed to boost trade between Iran and Pakistan to \$10 billion a year.

During his visit to Pakistan, Raisi was quoted by Iran's official IRNA news agency as saying any further Israeli attack on Iranian territory could radically change the dynamics and result in there being nothing left of the "Zionist regime".

On April 13, Tehran launched a barrage of missiles and drones at the Zionist entity in retaliation for Israel's terrorist attack on the Iranian embassy compound in Damascus on April 1.

Iran and Pakistan vowed during Raisi's visit to boost trade and energy cooperation, including on a major gas pipeline deal that has faced delays due to geopolitical issues and international sanctions.

U.S. Allegations of Iranian Cyberattacks 'Unfounded'

TEHRAN – Iran condemned as "unfounded" Wednesday U.S. allegations of "malicious cyber activity" on behalf of its military that Washington used as a pretext to impose new sanctions against Iranian companies and individuals.

Foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani said Iran "categorically dismissed the U.S. government claim that some Iranian individuals and companies have been involved in cyberattacks."

He said Washington is seeking to "deflect the wave of international

criticism towards their policies of unlimited support for the Zionist regime's war crimes and genocide in the Gaza Strip and violent repression of protesters within the United States."

The U.S. Treasury Department announced the sanctions against four individuals and two companies on Tuesday, claiming that the four individuals had also been indicted "for their roles in cyber activity targeting US entities."

The United States, Britain and the European Union have all imposed

new sanctions against Iran in recent days following its unprecedented April 13-14 retaliation against Israel for a terrorist airstrike on its consulate in Damascus.

Kan'ani urged the U.S. to reconsider its interventionist and threatening human rights policies.

The spokesman called on the U.S. government to stop supporting the apartheid regime and Zionist occupation against the oppressed Palestinian nation, rather than making baseless accusations against other countries and nations.

Tehran Raps U.S. Crackdown on Pro-Palestine Students

TEHRAN – Iran on Wednesday urged the U.S. administration to guarantee the freedom of expression and assembly of university students and professors and to respect their demands and legal rights.

The call on Wednesday came amid crackdown on students at an increasing number of U.S. universities gathering in protest camps to demand that their schools cut financial ties to Israel and divest from companies that are enabling the Zionist regime's months-long war on Gaza.

"News reports related to the widespread suppression and arrest of students from American universities by the police in this country because of their support for the Palestinian people are a violent breach of the right to vote, freedom of expression, and human rights, causing concern among public opinion worldwide," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani wrote in his X account.

"It is necessary for the U.S. government, while adhering to its human rights obligations, to

guarantee the freedom of expression and assembly of university students and professors and to respect their legal demands and rights," he added.

"By creating an atmosphere of suffocation and silencing protesters, the supportive and primary role of the American government for the Zionist regime's genocide of Palestinians will not be erased," he said.

Hundreds of students have been arrested in pro-Palestinian demonstrations at U.S. universities in recent days.

The Holy Qur'an

Praise be to Allah, Who hath granted unto me in old age Ismail and Isaac: for truly my Lord is He, the Hearer of Prayer!

The Holy Qur'an (14-39)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:02
Evening (Maghreb)	19:05
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:19
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:48

Hamas: Iran Disrupted Occupation Regime's Calculations

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) -- The spokesman for the Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas, has hailed Iran's unprecedented retaliatory military operation against Israel, saying the Islamic Republic's decisive response disrupted the enemy's equations.

On April 13, Iran launched a barrage of missiles and drones in its first direct attack on the occupied territories in retaliation for the regime's strike on its Damascus consulate on April 1.

"Iran's response in its size and nature, set new rules and disrupted the calculations of the occupation," he said, calling on the masses of the Palestinian nation "to escalate their supportive movement for the resistance," Abu Obeida said.

He further denounced as a "big lie" the Zionist regime's claim that its forces have eliminated all resistance factions, stressing that the occupying regime was unable, in 200 days, "to achieve anything other than mass massacres, destruction, and killing."

He said the "criminal" regime seeks to improve its image, but it will achieve nothing but humiliation and it is still caught in a quagmire in the Gaza Strip, emphasizing that after 200 days, the resistance has remained as strong and firm as a mountain.

The spokesman also vowed that the resistance will continue its fight against Israel.

"Our strikes and resistance will continue as long as the occupation's aggression or its presence continues on any inch of our land," he said.

"We will not give up the basic rights of our people, most notably withdrawal [of Israeli forces], lifting the siege, and the return of the displaced to their homes," he said, stressing that the resistance will remain faithful to the sacrifices of Palestinians.