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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

President Raisi's Ground-Breaking Visit to Algeria

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The 7th Summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) in Algiers provided the Iranian President an excellent opportunity to visit the brotherly North African country of Algeria and hold talks with his host and counterparts of other member countries on vital issues, including energy and the holocaust in Gaza which the illegal Zionist entity has unleashed since last October 8 on the orders of its terrorist godfather, the US.

Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi who was accorded a red carpet welcome by President Abdel-Majid Tebboune, on his maiden visit to what is known as the Arab Maghreb broke the 14-year drought of absence of any visit to Algeria by an Iranian Head of State for 14 long years.

Hassan Rouhani during the eight long years he was Iran's Chief Executive (two 4-year terms) did not have time to visit the African continent at all.

Anyway, President Raisi was the cynosure of all eyes in Algeria whose people and government had supported Iran during the 8-year war the US had imposed in the 1980s through Saddam of Baghdad's Ba'ath minority regime.

Algeria, with a large coastline on the Mediterranean Sea and in a privileged position to keep eye on vessels entering this strategic waterway through the Strait of Gibraltar, is a firm supporter of the Palestinian people and has the potential to block Haifa and other Levantine ports under occupation of usurper Israel – similar to what the Ansallah-led government of Yemen has admirably done in the Red Sea.

If the genocide in Gaza does not stop, then there is all likelihood of other countries rallying to the support of the persecuted Palestinian people with whatever means they possess, including the people of Algeria who offered over a million martyrs over six decades ago to achieve independence by driving out the French forces and hundreds of thousands of European settlers (like the Euro-American illegal migrants to Palestine), who had virtually annexed this Muslim country to France.

The Iranian President, in his address to the GECF Summit on Saturday, highlighted Iran's huge reserves of natural gas, transit capacities and advanced technology, saying the Islamic Republic in view of its strategic geographical location, facilitates the regional countries' access to this clean and valuable source of energy.

His remarks: "We are ready to become an energy hub as well as a safe route for the distribution and transit of gas between producers and consumption markets," were applauded by the participants and the press.

The Algerian press also hailed Hojjat al-Islam Raisi's condemnation of the carnage in Gaza with the support of the US and some West European regimes and his proposal of practical solutions to end the holocaust.

He pointed out that "the current war is the confrontation of the axis of evil against the axis of honour. On one side of the front, there is an army that is waiting for more and stronger weapons and bombs from the US, while on the other side of the front, there are children who miss a bite of bread. Those who remain silent today will be slapped hard tomorrow. Today, Palestine is the yardstick of humanity, morality and conscience of human society."

Other prominent members of the Doha-headquartered GECF, besides host Algeria, include Qatar, Bolivia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Libya, Nigeria, Russia, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela.

GECF countries which together control over 71 percent of the world's natural proven gas reserves, account for 44 percent of its marketed production, 53 percent of its pipelines, and 57 percent of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports across the globe.

Algeria Summit Adopts Iran's Proposal to Break Gas Tech Monopoly



President Raisi takes part in a group photo with world leaders on the sidelines of the 7th summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) in Algiers.

ALGIERS (Dispatches) – Heads of State of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) have issued a final declaration at the end of their 7th summit in Algeria, placing emphasis on proposals put forward by the Iranian president, including adopting new policies aimed at breaking monopoly on gas trade technologies.

They approved the declaration "in the spirit of solidarity and cooperation", emphasizing the importance of several proposals which President Raisi put forward.

Raisi said that the world is facing numerous challenges which require integration among governments to enable them to take the path of development.

"It is essential that the GECF member states adopt new policies to create conditions for breaking the monopoly on technologies related to gas trade," he noted, proposing that the GECF secretariat creates a mechanism that will help member states exchange technical knowhow and experiences in the gas industry.

The president also said Iran's regional strategy is to increase the production and export of natural gas and help raise regional countries' access to this valuable and clean fuel. He announced Iran's readiness to turn into an energy hub in the region and provide a safe route for the distribution and transit of gas between producers and consumption markets.

Participants in the GECF summit,

which brought together representatives from the member states as well as observer and guest countries along with OPEC and several regional energy blocs, expressed resolve to "promote natural gas as an abundant, affordable, flexible and reliable energy source", according to the text of the Algiers Declaration.

"The leaders welcomed the inauguration in Algiers of the headquarters of the Gas Research Institute to expand cooperation in, inter alia, natural gas technologies, scientifically-guided research, and innovation-led capacity-building for the benefit of GECF Member Countries," the declaration said.

Raisi held meetings several heads of state on the sidelines the summit. In a meeting with his Iraqi counterpart Abdul Latif Rashid, Raisi highlighted the importance that Iran attaches to security of Iraq, stressing the need for closer cooperation between the two neighbors in the fight against terrorist and secessionist groups along the common border.

Denouncing the inaction of certain Arab and Islamic countries regarding the crisis in Palestine, the Iranian president called for the severance of economic and trade ties with the Zionist regime as a practical way to force Israel to stop its atrocities.

In another meeting with President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi, Raisi expressed Iran's readiness to

export technical and engineering services to the East African nation.

Warning of the Zionist regime plots to plunder the resources of Africa by supporting terrorists, the Iranian president said the African states should protect their interests by fighting against terrorism.

Another meeting with the Tunisian president revolved around the expansion of political and economic relations between Iran and Tunisia.

In talks with Bolivian President Luis Arce, Raisi praised the Latin American nation's "revolutionary and anti-imperialist" stances and its support for Palestine.

Raisi also had a meeting with Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, during which the two sides weighed plans to help Gaza and end the Israeli regime's onslaught.

The Iranian president warned the governments that maintain economic relations with the Israeli regime that they will receive a slap in the face for providing financial support for the Zionist regime.

For his part, the emir of Qatar said the world will never forget the Israeli massacre of innocent Palestinians who were waiting to collect food in Gaza.

Separately, President Raisi said mosques in Muslim states should enlighten people about the situation of the oppressed Palestinians
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Venezuela Congratulates Iran on Successful Elections

TEHRAN -- Venezuela has conveyed its congratulations to Iran on behalf of President Nicolas Maduro and the Latin American nation's government.

In a message of congratulation posted on X, formerly Twitter, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs Yvan Gil praised the civility and enthusiasm of the Iranian people who attended the electoral polls.

The Venezuelan official congratulated the people and government of Iran for their democratic exercise in the Friday elections to choose the people's representatives in the 12th Islamic Shura Council as well as the sixth Assembly of Experts, a key clerical body.

Gil, who was transmitting the congratulatory message on behalf of Maduro and the Venezuelan government, praised the intelligent people of Iran who attended

the electoral polls to foil the ceaseless enemy plots against their unity.

Preliminary results from the Iranian parliamentary and Assembly of Experts elections showed Saturday that more than 40 percent of the eligible voters took part in the elections.

Gil said the huge public presence at the polls legitimized the elections as a sign of the voters' conscience, sovereignty and fervor for their homeland, noting that the Iranian elections were "a clear emblem of cohesion and national unity in the Persian nation."

The Iranian Interior Ministry said out of a total of 61.17 million people, comprising 30.94 million men and 30.22 million women who were eligible to vote in the two elections, more than 25 million people cast their ballots at the polls to elect 290 members of the

parliament and 88 members for the Assembly of Experts.

President Ebrahim Raisi said that through their active participation in the elections, the Iranian nation once again thwarted the conspiracies of the country's enemies and demonstrated their foresight and wisdom, filling the Islamic Republic with pride.

The president described the elections as a symbol of "national unity". "The opinion of the people determines the destiny of the country," Raisi noted in a message posted on social media.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has described the parliament as the solid pillar of the Islamic Republic, and as the late architect and founder of the Islamic Republic Imam Khomeini put it, "The Majlis is the essence of the Nation's virtues."

The Holy Qur'an

What! will you not fight a people who broke their oaths and aimed at the expulsion of the Apostle, and they attacked you first; do you fear them? But Allah is most deserving that you should fear Him, if you are believers.

The Holy Qur'an (9.13)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:16
Evening (Maghreb)	18:21
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:29
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:06

Leader Lauds Services of Late Ayatollah Emami Kashani

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and President Ebrahim Raisi in separate messages offered condolences on the passing of Ayatollah Muhammad Emami Kashani, one of Iran's senior clerics.

In his message, Ayatollah Khamenei appreciated Ayatollah Kashani's endeavors before and after the Islamic Revolution.

President Raisi said Ayatollah Kashani, who was one of the followers of the Imam Khomeini movement after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, had an influential presence in important political and cultural bodies, including Friday prayers in Tehran, the Assembly of Experts for Leadership, the Iranian parliament, the Guardian Council, and the Expediency Discernment Council, and spent his honorable life defending the ideals of the Islamic Revolution and serving the Islamic system and the people.

Born in October 1931, Ayatollah Kashani was an interim leader of Tehran Friday Prayers and served as a member of the Assembly of Experts, a key deliberative body tasked with supervising and electing the country's Supreme Leader.

The senior cleric was also the head of Shahid Motahari University in Tehran and performed various seminary roles after the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Mossad-Linked Saboteur Executed

TEHRAN -- A saboteur with links to Mossad who had planned to detonate a workshop complex belonging to the Ministry of Defense in Isfahan has been executed, Tasnim news agency reported on Sunday.

The terrorist had been directed by a Mossad intelligence officer to carry out the sabotage act on January 28, the report said.

Earlier this year, Iran announced the execution of four members of a terrorist team affiliated with Mossad on January 29, 2024, for plotting a bomb attack at a Defense Ministry facility in Isfahan.