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In the Name of the Most High
Viewpoint

Expectations From President Erdogan's Re-Election

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It was a tough fight, almost a neck-to-neck run between incumbent Recep Tayyip Erdogan and presidential aspirant Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who lost by a narrow margin in the run-off vote to give the former a third 5-year term.

Anyway it was a victory for democracy and for the Turkish Muslim people, who want resumption of Ankara's diplomatic ties with Damascus, resolving the issue of water flow to Iraq, further growth of cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran, support for the liberation of Palestine from the Zionist yoke, confronting terrorism, solution to the tensions with Greece and Armenia, end to European meddling in Turkish affairs, and changing the one-sided relationship with hegemon US.

Let us hope Erdogan who is in charge of the country for the past two decades (first as prime minister and since 2014 as president) and has restored to Turkiyeh its religious and cultural identity by ending the power of the Kemalist generals, will succeed in his endeavours.

President Ibrahim Raisi in his congratulatory message has expressed hope that Erdogan who opposes the illegal US sanctions on Iran, will in his new term in office give further boost to Ankara's economic, political, security, cultural, and trade relations with Tehran.

As a matter of fact, trade transactions over the past two months between Iran and Turkiyeh saw a 23 percent increase in Iranian exports which totaled 7.5 billion US dollars, and 15 percent increase in imports which almost reached 7 billion dollars.

The two countries, along with Russia, also closely cooperate in resolution of the US-Israeli engineered crisis in Syria, and recently they invited senior Syrian officials to their meeting.

Ankara has revised its misconstrued policy towards Damascus and is eager for peace with its neighbour, especially the issue of repatriation of the 4 million plus Syrian refugees driven across the Turkish borders by the American-backed Takfiri terrorists.

Then there is the chronic question of Palestine and the almost daily desecration of Islam's former qibla, the al-Aqsa mosque by the Zionists, whom the majority of the Turkish people despise and question the diplomatic ties of their country with Israel.

The government in Ankara and the Turkish Muslim people also resent the Islamophobia mentality of most European states, where terrorists fleeing justice are given asylum, where diplomats of Muslim countries are kidnapped and jailed on trumped up charges, and where enemies of humanity burn copies of the Holy Qur'an, especially in front of the Turkish embassies.

President Erdogan should take stock of such vexing issues and solidify ties with the Muslim countries, especially those sharing borders with Turkiyeh. The Islamic Republic of Iran will greatly help him in this field with its avowed policy of clearing the region from the unwanted presence of all outside powers and bolstering the Resistant Front.

It is worth noting that his presidential rival Kemal Kilicdaroglu during the recent election campaign had proposed setting up of what he called "Organization of Peace and Cooperation in West Asia" with Turkiye, Iran, Iraq, and Syria as member states.

It is reported that the Turkish president also shares such views, which means once such an organization is set up it will definitely turn the region into a solid bloc yielding rich dividends in the political, cultural, security, economic, and industrial fields.

President Raisi: Regional States Will Shape World's Future



Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi met and held talks with CICA Secretary General Kairat Sarybayin in Tehran on Tuesday.

TEHRAN - Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a meeting with the visiting Secretary General of the Confidence on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Kairat Sarybay on Tuesday said that when unilateralism collapses, regional organizations and countries will shape the future of the world.

President Raisi voiced Iran's readiness to share know-how with CICA members in the spheres of science and technology, economic growth, as well as in the fight against terrorism and organized crimes.

During the meeting, Raisi also stressed the need for bolstering interregional transport corridors.

Kairat Sarybay, for his part, hailed Iran for hosting CICA-related events, particularly those focused on fight against terrorism and economic development.

Touching on Iran's achievements in various fields, especially science, and technology, he called on Iran to exchange experiences with CICA member states in those fields.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian also met with Kairat Sarybay and denounced the Zionist regime's "ominous presence" in CICA, warning of the regime's "destructive and unconstructive role" in the activities of the multi-national forum.

Amir-Abdollahian also reaffirmed Iran's support for any practical initiative for the promotion of CICA's position and efficiency.

CICA is a multi-national forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. Its member states are committed to the UN Charter and believe that peace and security in Asia can be achieved through dialogue and cooperation leading to a common indivisible area of security in Asia.

The Zionist regime is one of the 28 members of CICA, which also includes nine observer states, including the U.S.

To be a member of CICA, a country must have at least a part of its territory in Asia.

Raisi Calls for More Enhanced Iran-Turkey Ties

President Raisi on Tuesday, in a telephone conversation hoped for the expansion of Iran's relations with Turkey in a telephone conversation with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who will remain in power until 2028 after

winning the run-off presidential election.

Raisi once again congratulated Erdogan on his election victory, expressing hope that the economic, political, security, cultural and trade relations between Tehran and Ankara would grow further during the new term of the Turkish leader.

Highlighting the influential role of cooperation between Iran and Turkey in strengthening security and stability in the region, the Iranian president called for accelerated interaction between the two neighbors in order to fulfill the interests of the regional nations.

For his part, Erdogan expressed gratitude to the Iranian president for his goodwill, saying the relations between Turkey and Iran will continue to grow more vigorously in various fields during his new term.

He also stated that Ankara is willing to continue regional cooperation with Iran, including within the framework of quadrilateral collaboration among Turkey, Iran, Russia and Syria.

The Turkish president noted that such mutual interaction will have positive and effective impacts on bolstering regional stability and promoting economic and trade cooperation.

Ministry Raps European Parliament for Hosting Terrorist MKO Ringleader

TEHRAN - The spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry has lashed out at the members of the European Parliament for hosting the ringleader of the anti-Iran terrorist cult of the Mujahedin-e-Khalq Organization (MKO) which has murdered over 17,000 Iranian citizens.

"Despite EP human rights slogans, it's regrettable some of its members turn a blind eye to the dark record of those who killed over 17000 Iranian kids, women, men, statesmen and members of parliament and hosted the ringleader of terror outfit MEK," Nasser Kan'ani tweeted on Tuesday.

He said the move is contrary to the human rights slogans of the European Parliament.

"What does Human Rights have to do with supporting terrorists?" the Iranian spokesman asked.

On Wednesday, the MKO's infamous ringleader Maryam Rajavi addressed a gathering, titled Perspective of Change and European Union Policy, in the European Parliament to discuss the foreign-backed riots in Iran and the responsibilities of the European Union.

Foreign-backed riots broke out in Iran in mid-September after the death of 22-year-old Iranian woman Mahsa Amini. She fainted at a

police station in the capital Tehran and was pronounced dead three days later at the hospital.

An official report by Iran's Legal Medicine Organization concluded that Amini's death was caused by illness rather than alleged blows to the head or other vital body organs.

At about the same time, the Iranian Intelligence Ministry said in a statement that the major elements behind the riots were largely foreign citizens, members of the anti-Iran terrorist Mujahedin-e-Khalq Organization (MKO) in Albania, and individuals working with other anti-revolution terror outfits.

The Iranian Intelligence Ministry underlined that 49 MKO terrorists had been arrested for actively propagating fake news, inciting the rioters to organize acts of terror and destruction, directing slogans, and being present on the streets to damage public property.

In an 83-page report published late in March, Iran's High Council for Human Rights (HCHR), shed light on the circumstances surrounding the gruesome murder of Iranian security forces during the riots and the evident role that certain Western countries and their agents played in orchestrating the

deadly unrest.

"Over the past four decades, more than 17,000 Iranians have been assassinated," HCHR said.

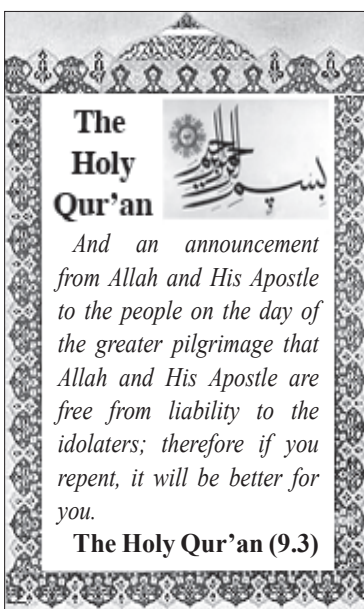
It added that the enemies have left no stone unturned to materialize their destabilization strategy as they cannot stomach Iran's independence and the resistance of the Iranian nation against the avarice of arrogant powers.

Parliament Gives Vote of Confidence to New Education Minister

TEHRAN - Reza Morad-Sahraei becomes Iran's new education minister after securing a vote of confidence from the country's Parliament.

During a parliamentary session on Tuesday, Morad-Sahraei, who has been serving as the caretaker of the Ministry of Education since March, presented his agenda and plans to the lawmakers.

At the session, 167 lawmakers voted in favor of the proposed minister and 86 against.



The Holy Qur'an

And an announcement from Allah and His Apostle to the people on the day of the greater pilgrimage that Allah and His Apostle are free from liability to the idolaters; therefore if you repent, it will be better for you.

The Holy Qur'an (9:3)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:02
Evening (Maghreb)	19:35
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:50
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:07

Interior Minister: Pakistanis Can Cross Iran to Go to Iraq for Arbaeen

TEHRAN - Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi on Tuesday said Iraq has agreed to allow entry to Pakistani pilgrims who will cross through Iran to travel to Karbala for this year's Arbaeen season.

In comments at a meeting with Iranian diplomats, Vahidi said the Pakistani pilgrims who had entered Iran to travel to Karbala for the Arbaeen mourning rituals last year had been refused entry by Iraq.

Following a series of negotiations, the government of Iraq has agreed to grant entry to the Pakistani pilgrims traveling through Iran this year, he said.

A large number of Shiite Pakistanis cross the Rimdan-Gabd border crossing in Iran's southeastern province of Sistan and Balouchestan every year to travel to Iraq for the Arbaeen pilgrimage.

The Arbaeen mourning ceremony is one of the largest religious gatherings in the world.

It marks the 40th day after the martyrdom anniversary of the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Imam Hussein (AS).

Each year during the Arbaeen season, pilgrims, mainly from Iraq and Iran, travel long routes on foot to Karbala, where the holy shrine of Imam Hussein (AS) is located.

This year, Arbaeen will be commemorated on September 6.

Fourteen legislators also abstained.

Morad-Sahraei was appointed as the Education Ministry's caretaker by President Ebrahim Raisi after Minister Yousef Nouri resigned from his post.

The resignation came in the wake of a delay in paying the teachers' salaries, which prompted the president to order First Vice President Muhammad Mokhber to investigate and deal with any probable malpractice.