

## President Raisi Praises Iraq's Support for Palestinian Resistance

TEHRAN -- Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has hailed the shared stance adopted by Iran and Iraq against the occupying Israeli regime in support of Palestinian resistance, calling it a manifestation of solidarity between the two neighboring countries.

Raisi made the remarks in a phone conversation with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani, emphasizing the need for all Islamic countries to adopt the same stance.

He said Iran attaches special importance to bilateral and regional relations and cooperation with Iraq, expressing hope that with the resolve and determination of the high-ranking officials of the two neighboring countries, relations between Tehran and Baghdad will be strengthened and developed more than before.

Sudani, for his part, denounced an Israeli strike on Iran's consular section in Damascus as a criminal act, saying it is the result of the constant failures of the occupying regime in the battle against resistance in the region.

"We are confident that with the ... guidelines of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic resistance will gain a decisive final victory," he added, according to a statement by the Iranian presidential office.

Sudani further expressed gratitude for the unwavering and continued support of Iran for efforts to establish lasting peace and stability in Iraq, emphasizing his country's interest in strengthening Tehran-Baghdad strategic relations and cooperation.

Separately, President Raisi said Iran sees defense as the legitimate right of all resistance groups and loudly supports resistance movements in Palestine, Lebanon, Yemen and all Islamic countries.

"We believe that all those who think of resistance, defense of their land and protection of women, children and religion should be supported and encouraged anywhere in the world," he told ambassadors and charge d'affaires of Islamic countries in Tehran Thursday.

Speaking on the eve of the International Quds Day, Raisi said the liberation of the occupied Al-Quds is the first issue and the focus of mutual thinking, cooperation and companionship among Muslims.

He touched on the worldwide hatred toward the enemies of the Palestinian nation, saying all indications point to a different Quds Day this year.

"The Quds Day this year is not only related to Muslims, but also to all awakened consciences in the world and truly global," the president said.

The liberation of Al-Quds, he said, is the axis that can unite all Muslims and one of the important

secrets for the unity of Islamic countries.

Unity and integrity of Muslims is very important, emphasized by the Holy Qur'an, which can help stand against the global domination system and neutralize organized crimes against Islamic countries, the president added.

Muslims, President Raisi said, should trust God and their own possessions instead of outside powers.

"Today, we have many assets in Islamic countries, and with unity and integrity, we can stand against the domination system. Resistance and standing is the recipe that has worked in the region and will work from now on."

The president said Iran considers the strengthening and authority of Islamic countries as its own strengthening and all Muslim countries.

"Also, we consider the smallest insecurity in any Islamic country as insecurity in all Islamic countries," he said.

"We like security, peace, tranquility and progress for all nations and countries and for the Islamic world. We believe that the cooperation and like-mindedness of Islamic countries can lead to growth, excellence and progress in Islamic countries," he added.

The president said cementing relations with neighbors is one of the main pillars of the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran warmly welcomes the cooperation of all its neighbors and Islamic countries, and the priority of our foreign policy is to strengthen constructive interaction and promote common and mutual interests with Islamic countries."

Raisi said the big problem of the region and Islamic countries is the meddling of outside powers.

"If it were to the Islamic countries, they could easily resolve inter-regional issues and even regional and extra-regional issues by exchanging opinions and understanding."

"Outsiders put their policies, views and interests before the interests of Islamic countries and never think about providing happiness and solving the problems of people and Islamic countries," he said.

"The base of the arrogant powers is on supremacy and domination over the region and Islamic countries so that these countries cannot do anything in line with their interests without their opinion and permission," he added.

Arrogant powers, President Raisi said, see their interests in creating discord, spreading terrorism, hatred, and domination.

"This is while the interests of Islamic countries are in real cooperation and interaction with each other."

## Iranians Bid Tearful Farewell to Security Heroes



The pictures show Ayatollah Khamenei praying over the coffins of the seven military advisors martyred in an Israeli strike in Syria and people attending the funeral in Tehran.

TEHRAN -- Thousands of people chanted against the occupying regime of Israel and the United States on Friday at a funeral for seven military advisors martyred in an Israeli strike in Syria.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei led prayers over the bodies of the seven members of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) during a ceremony attended by top military brass in Tehran on Thursday.

Friday's ceremony coincided with the annual Quds Day commemorations, when Iran and other countries stage marches in support of the Palestinians.

Iran has said among the martyrs were two brigadier generals from the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s foreign operations arm, the Quds Force, Muhammad Hadi Haji Rahimi and Muhammad Reza Zahedi.

Zadehi, 63, had held a succession of commands in an IRGC career spanning more than 40 years, and was the most important Iranian soldier martyred the U.S. assassinated General Qassem Soleimani, who headed the Quds Force, in a missile strike at Baghdad airport in 2020.

The coffins of the seven were placed on the trailers of two trucks in one of the largest squares in Tehran.

Mourners held Iranian and Palestinian flags, as well as those from the Lebanese Hezbollah group. "Death to Israel!" and "Death to America!" they chanted.

Pictures of the martyrs were displayed on the trucks, accompanied by the slogan "Martyrs on the road to Al-Quds".

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has said the Zionist regime "will be punished" for

the assassinations.

One placard on Friday echoed Ayatollah Khamenei's pledge to strike back after the Damascus strike: "We will make them regret this crime," it said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said on Wednesday the Damascus strike was a "desperate" effort by the occupying regime of Israel that "will not save them from defeat" in Gaza.

Monday's attack in Damascus was the fifth raid on Syria in a week.

The number of attacks has intensified since the Gaza war between Israel and Hamas began.

"It is quite clear that America has been one of the principal actors in the war continuing," Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said in a statement published on Friday.

After Friday's funeral ceremony in Tehran, Gen. Zahedi was to be buried in his home city of Isfahan in central Iran.

## Russia, Iran Working on Final Version of Comprehensive Treaty

MOSCOW (Dispatches) -- Director of the Russian Foreign Ministry's Second Asia Department Zamir Kabulov has said that Tehran and Moscow are working on the final version of a comprehensive new treaty, which they are close to signing.

The treaty, which is being prepared on the orders of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, aims to establish a long-term strategic partnership, Russia Today reported.

While Kabulov did not provide a specific timeline for the signing of the agreement, he mentioned that the project had reached a high level of readiness at the beginning of the year but was delayed due to revisions by the Iranian side.

The two countries have been actively supporting each other on the international stage, and their cooperation has extended to various fields, including trade, energy, and education.

During a meeting in Moscow in December 2023, Putin and Raisi discussed bilateral ties, global challenges, and cooperation in depth, spending five hours on these topics.

Putin emphasized that Moscow and Tehran were cooperating across all aspects of their

bilateral relations.

On Thursday, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Akbar Ahmadian met and held talks with top security officials from Russia and China in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Ahmadian, who had traveled to Astana at the head of a high-ranking delegation to participate in the meeting of secretaries of the Security Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), met and held talks with Russian Secretary of the Security Council Nikolai Patrushev and Minister of Public Security of the People's Republic of China Wang Xiaohong on Thursday.

Expressing sympathy for the martyrdom of a number of Iranian advisers in Syria, Patrushev strongly condemned the Israeli attack on the consular section of the Iranian embassy in Damascus.

The two sides discussed mutual issues of interest such as the joint fight against terrorism, the contribution of the two countries' national security councils to accelerate various projects in progress, including the North-South Corridor, assisting the Syrian government to further consolidate its sovereignty over

its territory, and other issues of mutual, regional and international interest.

Also, in a meeting with Wang, the two sides discussed ways to better implement the 25-year strategic document between the two countries.

Describing the ties between Iran and China as strategic with common goals, aspirations, and threats, Xiaohong emphasized strengthening the two countries' cooperation in the bilateral regional and international arenas, especially the more efficient use of the SCO's capacities.

The Holy Qur'an



And verily We shall cause you to abide in the land, and succeed them. This for such as fear the Time when they shall stand before My tribunal, such as fear the punishment denounced.

The Holy Qur'an (14-14)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:07
Evening (Maghreb)	18:49
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:43
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:17

## Zionist Regime Withdraws Ambassadors in Fear of Iran's Retaliation

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- The Israeli regime has withdrawn its ambassadors and evacuated embassies in multiple countries amid fears of an Iranian retaliation for a terrorist strike against the Islamic Republic's diplomatic mission in Syria.

The Yedioth Ahronoth daily newspaper said the embassies include those in Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and Turkey among other countries.

Israeli journalist and military commentator Itay Blumental shared in a post on X, that "as part of the assessments for an Iranian response, we published this evening: the alert level in Israeli embassies around the world has been raised to the maximum level".

"A number of missions in several countries were evacuated after a situation assessment by the Shin Bet and the ministry of foreign affairs. Some of the Israeli representatives abroad were moved to alternate locations and were also asked not to attend public events at this time."

Israel's news portal Ynet said authorities had given instructions to strengthen security measures at Israeli embassies around the world following the airstrike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus.

"We ask you to continue to take preventive measures and pay more attention during routine operations," a statement sent to Israeli diplomats read.

On Wednesday, the Israeli military announced that it had boosted its air defense and called up reservists as fears of a retaliation rise in Tel Aviv.

## Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

### 26th day

“اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ سَعْيِي فِيهِ مَشْكُورًا، وَذَنْبِي فِيهِ مَجْفُورًا، وَعَمَلِي فِيهِ مَقْبُولًا، وَعَيْبِي فِيهِ مَسْتُورًا، يَا أَسْمَعَ السَّمْعِينَ.”

"O Allah, let my good efforts in this month be fruitful and my sins pardoned and my actions accepted and my defects concealed. O the Most Hearing."