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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

President: 'True Promise' Source of National Pride



President Raisi speaks in a televised interview broadcast live on IRIB national television on May 7, 2024.

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi has praised Iran's strikes last month on the Israeli-occupied territories in retaliation for the regime's earlier aggression on the Iranian diplomatic mission in Syria as a source of national pride.

Raisi made the statement in a televised interview broadcast live on Tuesday night while elaborating on the aspects of Operation True Promise, which Iran carried out in the late hours of April 13.

He said the operation should be discussed in various meetings and scientific, research, political and security circles.

"Operation True Promise is a source of national pride and is considered a turning point in consensus-building measures across the country, and everyone praised

this deed."

Raisi said the Zionist regime's aggression against the Iranian Embassy in Syria bespoke the occupying entity's desperation, adding that the Islamic Republic's reprisal was a punishment for the regime as promised by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

"The Zionist regime is beset by desperation and defeat. One of the manifestations of this desperation is the attack on the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Damascus; an act that contravened all international laws and regulations," he said.

"Subsequently, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution asserted that the Zionist regime would be punished and this promise was ful-

filled by our combatants."

Raisi also said the operation was a clear manifestation of the rationality of the Islamic Revolution and put on display the cooperation between the military sector, diplomacy and media.

"All sectors cooperated in this operation and proved that a strong Iran can remove the shadow of war from the country and take the military option off the table," he said.

In a multi-pronged attack, dubbed Operation True Promise, the Iranian armed forces launched dozens of drones and missiles at the occupied territories late on April 13 in response to the regime's aggression on the Iranian diplomatic premises in the Syrian capital, Damascus, on April 1.

Envoy Rejects Any Resistance Axis Role in Operation

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) -- Iran's permanent ambassador to the United Nations has roundly dismissed the Zionist regime's groundless accusations and provocative rhetoric against the Islamic Republic, stressing that no resistance group was involved in the country's legitimate missile and drone strikes against the occupied territories.

In two identical letters addressed to United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres and UN Security Council President Pedro Comissário Afonso, Amir Saeid Iravani unequivocally rejected the lies and misinformation against Iran raised by the Israeli ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, in a letter dated April 19, 2024.

"Contrary to such unfounded

claims, Iran has consistently upheld international law, adhered to the principles of the UN Charter, and complied with UN Security Council resolutions.

"Moreover, Iran has played an active role in promoting international peace and security through constructive participation in multiple spheres," Iravani said.

The Iranian diplomat highlighted that the Islamic Republic made it clear in the letters dated April 13 and 30, 2024 (S/2024/305-S/2024/349) that its extensive strikes in the late hours of April 13 were conducted directly and officially solely by Iran, and in response to the Israeli recurring military aggressions, particularly its attack on April 1 against the Iranian

diplomatic premises in the Syrian capital Damascus.

"Iran's action was necessary, legitimate, and fully in line with its inherent right to self-defense under the UN Charter. The action only targeted military objectives and was carried out carefully and with prior notification to prevent civilian harm," Iravani said.

"No resistance groups were involved in Iran's legitimate action and any assertions to the contrary are rejected," he added.

The envoy said Iran, in contrast to Israel's assertions, does not have proxies in the West Asia region, and "no individual, group, or nation operates under Iran's directive."

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Iran: Rafah Invasion Aims to Sabotage Int'l Push to Stop War

TEHRAN -- Iran has strongly condemned Israel's invasion of the densely-populated city of Rafah in southern Gaza despite international warnings that it would create a humanitarian catastrophe.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani said the move is aimed at sabotaging international efforts to stop the regime's genocidal war in Gaza.

The Iranian official made the remarks after Israeli forces seized control of the Rafah border crossing, cutting off a vital route for humanitarian aid for an estimated 1.5 million Pal-

estinians sheltering in the city bordering Egypt.

Kan'ani said Israel's invasion of the crossing shows the savagery of a rogue regime holding no commitment to any international norm and threatening international peace and security.

"This move by the Zionist regime has been made to render international efforts at the cessation of war and ending the genocide in Gaza futile and with the sole purpose of serving the individual and collective interests of the Zionists," he said.

Kan'ani reiterated that the key to peace and security in the re-

gion is the "immediate and unconditional" cessation of hostilities in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank.

He urged all international actors to mount pressure on the Israeli regime to stop the war.

Kan'ani said the responsibility for the crimes and bloodshed in Rafah lies with the Israeli regime and its main supporter, the United States.

"Iran once again calls on the international legal institutions to investigate the crimes against humanity committed by the apartheid regime and to bring its leaders to trial."

The Holy Qur'an

And they swear by Allah that they are most surely of you, and they are not of you, but they are a people who are afraid (of you).

The Holy Qur'an (9.56)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:01
Evening (Maghreb)	19:18
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:04
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:28

FM: West Pleaded Iran Not to Hit Hard

TEHRAN -- Iran's foreign minister said here Wednesday the West asked the Islamic Republic to exercise restraint and lower the intensity of its retaliation before Iran's daring strikes last month on the Israeli-occupied territories in response to the regime's deadly attack on the Iranian diplomatic mission in Syria.

"Ahead of the operation, the request of the Westerners was that if you want to respond, do not hit hard and reduce the intensity of the operation," Hussein Amir-Abdollahian told reporters after a cabinet meeting.

"Ever since it was decided to conduct Operation True Promise, intensive contacts by the Westerners and the U.S.'s allies in Europe were established with Iran, and their first request was for Iran to exercise restraint and to not respond, to which we firmly stated that the response will definitely be given to the Israeli regime," he said.

Stressing that the Islamic Republic decided by itself as to when and how carry out the operation, Amir-Abdollahian said, "We did not allow any decisions to be made under pressure from others, but we told the Western and American side that the root cause is in the Gaza crisis that should be resolved and they should focus on that issue."

The top diplomat said Iran had issued a prior notice for the United States and the regional countries where Washington has bases about the Islamic Republic's retaliatory strikes on Israel.

"Two days before the operation, we announced to the American side and the countries where the U.S. has bases that our targets are not the neighbors or American bases but the Israeli regime," Amir-Abdollahian said.

"In the notice, we warned that if the U.S. takes action against Iran's interests, our response against the U.S. bases in the region will be immediate and decisive."

The minister said the regional countries hosting the U.S. bases were cautioned by the Islamic Republic that "our relations are based on brotherhood but if the U.S. makes the slightest

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The Barbaric Zionist Bid to Reduce Rafah to Rubble

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The illegal Zionist entity thirsting for more innocent blood has sent its tanks rolling into Rafah after sealing its crossing into Egypt's Sinai, while the US regime on whose secret orders the latest bloodbath has started feigns that it has paused arms shipment to Israel and is trying for a truce.

Nothing could be far from truth from forces that continue to harp on the myth of the holocaust and try to deceive the unsuspecting people by commemorating yet again this year in Poland's Auschwitz an imaginary thing that never occurred in mid-20th century Europe.

This year, however, the devilish assemblage at Auschwitz where no traces of any alleged gas chambers have ever been found was disrupted and the Israeli flag torn to pieces by conscientious protestors from various parts of Europe waiving the Palestinian flag and calling for liberation of Palestine from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea.

The butcher Benjamin Netanyahu is not at all concerned of the peaceful protests that have spread all over North America and West Europe, with determination to end once and for all the West's blind support for Israel's terrorism.

He is too busy sucking the innocent blood of Palestinian children in Gaza and sadistically strives to reduce Rafah, along with its million plus refugees, into rubble.

He also does not care of the likely death of the hundred-odd so-called Israeli citizens that have sought refuge with the Palestinian liberation movements in Gaza since the heroic Operation Al-Aqsa, if he presses on with his barbaric bombing.

All the child-killer craves is that his name should earn lasting notoriety since he knows that his eventual destination is the eternal fire of Hell.

Genocidal Joe (US President Biden) and his bloodthirsty Secretary of State, the Zionist criminal Antony Blinken, also think on the same lines.

They think they are little bit clever than Netanyahu and will succeed in their deceptive efforts to completely ensnare the rulers of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain in the devilish net as accomplices against of the soon-to-be vanished Israel against the Palestinian people and Islam's third holiest site, the al-Aqsa Mosque.

What is, however, surprising is the indifference of the Egyptian military forces who have become silent spectators to the worsening genocide in Gaza.

The Egyptian Muslim people who recently discovered and dispatched to the Eternal Inferno a murderous Mossad spy in Alexandria, are wondering where is the spirit of Martyr Suleiman Khater to confront the Zionist mass murderers, who in continuation of their holocaust in Gaza are yearning to mercilessly bomb to death hundreds of thousands of children.

In such a pathetic situation, the only deterrents for Israel's planned carnage in Gaza are the unceasing efforts of the forces of Resistance based in Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and lately Bahrain, to constantly pound targets deep inside Occupied Palestine.

It is time the Axis of Resistance intensified its attacks on the illegal entity before it commits more horrendous crimes against humanity.