

## Raisi's role was to bring diplomacy into the service of the field



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Under the government of the late President Ebrahim Raisi, the path of the resistance movement was paved. The presidency of Dr. Ebrahim Raisi had a significant impact on highlighting the achievements of the struggle against Israel, particularly in operations such as Al-Aqsa Storm and the True promise. Although he did not directly participate in these actions, his political support facilitated the weakening and eventual defeat of Israel. Raisi's role was to bring diplomacy into the service of the field. Unlike the previous administration, Raisi's government aligned diplomacy with the resistance efforts, moving in complete accordance with the principles of the leadership. He had no divergence from the Supreme Leader's guidance and was committed to realizing the overarching policies of the system and the directives of the Supreme Leader, Avatollah Khamenei. During Raisi's administration, all ministries strived to fulfill the Leader's demands, creating unity and coherence across the country, which was a testament to his vision and an achievement of his government. Without this perspective, we would not have reached the success of Al-Aqsa Storm. When fighting in the field, if diplomacy does not support you, you face defeat from the outset. We are not pursuing territorial conquest but rather aim to emphasize

justice in thoughts and ideologies. Until now, the ideal world was portrayed as that defined by the West and America. However, we intend to convey that an ideal world is one where justice prevails.

When the Islamic Republic supported Syria, the world accused us of backing a dictatorial regime. We believed that, as in all countries, the people of Syria should decide their internal matters. We have never interfered in the internal affairs of any country. Addressing this accusation was challenging because the primary concern of the Islamic Republic was not supporting a specific government but strengthening the resistance axis. Our analysis indicated that Israel sought instability in Syria to harm the resistance axis, which includes Hezbollah and Hamas. This was our perspective, but some Arab leaders could not comprehend the issue correctly.

It took considerable time for both the world and regional countries to realize how correct and principled the Islamic Republic's resistance policies were. Following the Al-Aqsa Storm operation, the perception of the Islamic world towards the Islamic Republic of Iran changed. Those who previously claimed that the Islamic Republic aimed to create a Shia Crescent recognized Iran's support for Hamas, predominantly Sunni, understanding the depth of Iran's strategy. Thus, we have engaged with and continue to interact with the Sunni community. Time has proven that the Islamic Republic has acted rightly in its regional policies. Even some Syrians, whose homes were destroyed, admitted their mistake in listening to the Wahhabis, who did not come to help them but aimed to dismantle the resistance axis, using them as tools for their objectives. Currently, a large segment of the Syrian population has come to this realization.

Now, the Islamic Republic of Iran holds a superior position in the Islamic world, particularly after the True promise operation. Some in the Islamic world tried to portray Iran as hiding behind proxy forces, using them as shields. However, the True promise operation revealed to them that Iran has clear principles and red lines. We do not seek war, but if Israel attempts to breach our territorial borders, it will face a strong response. The True promise operation brought dignity and authority to the Islamic Republic. Authority is not only military power; Arab and Islamic nations, following the True promise, understood that the Islamic Republic of Iran genuinely stands for justice worldwide. Iran has become a model for nations; while governments follow their own paths, the people see us as a symbol of pride and stand with us. This is the change brought about by the True promise.

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