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# My Message to the New World

By Iranian President-elect Masoud Pezeshkian



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TEHRAN – On May 19, 2024, the untimely passing of President Ebrahim Raisi – a deeply respected and dedicated public servant – in a tragic helicopter crash precipitated early elections in Iran, marking a pivotal moment in our nation's history.

Amidst war and turbulence in our region, Iran's political system demonstrated remarkable stability by conducting elections in a competitive, peaceful, and orderly manner, dispelling insinuations made by some "Iran experts" in certain governments. This stability, and the dignified manner in which the elections were conducted, underscore the discernment of our Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, and the dedication of our people to democratic transition of power even in the face of adversity.

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I ran for office on a platform of reform, fostering national unity, and constructive engagement with the world, ultimately earning the trust of my compatriots at the ballot box, including those young women and men dissatisfied with the overall state of affairs. I deeply value

their trust and am fully committed to cultivating consensus, both domestically and internationally, to uphold the promises I made during my campaign.

I wish to emphasize that my administration will be guided by the commitment to preserving Iran's national dignity and international stature under all circumstances. Iran's foreign policy is founded on the principles of "dignity, wisdom, and prudence", with the formulation and execution of this state-policy being the responsibility of the president and the government. I intend to leverage all authority granted to my office to pursue this overarching objective. ▶ Page 2

## Iran's support for Palestine to continue until 'liberation of Al-Quds': Pezeshkian

TEHRAN – In a letter to the Head of Hamas' political bureau Ismail Haniyeh, Iran's President-elect Masoud Pezeshkian thanked the Palestinian leader for his earlier felicitations, declaring that his country will continue to back Palestine until its liberation from Zionist occupiers.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran, adhering to principles and lofty goals of the Islamic Revolution and within the framework of the ideals of the late Imam Khomeini as well as guidelines by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, considers it as its human and Islamic duty to support the Palestinian nation and its struggle against the occupation and apartheid of the Zionist regime", the president-elect said in a Wednesday message. He also vowed "comprehensive support for the oppressed people of Palestine until all their aspirations and rights are realized and Al-Quds is liberated."

The message came in response to a letter by Haniyeh, who had congratulated Pezeshkian on his victory in Iran's snap presidential election. The Hamas chief had told the president-elect that the people of Palestine have trust in Iran's ability to help with the "unity of the Islamic Ummah."

Pezeshkian also sent a letter to Hezbollah's Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah this week, announcing that Iran is resolute in its support for Resistance forces in the region.

## Iranian commander reaffirms 'strategic support' for Resistance groups

TEHRAN – A senior Iranian military official has emphasized Iran's unwavering commitment to supporting regional Resistance movements in their struggle against Israel.

Brigadier General Esmail Qa'ani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), articulated this stance during his visit to Resistance fronts in the region on Thursday.

During his tour, General Qa'ani met with senior Resistance leaders and officials, reiterating Iran's strategic and enduring policy of support, particularly towards Palestine and the resilient population of Gaza. He emphasized that this policy is unanimously endorsed by all sectors of Iran's Islamic establishment and enjoys widespread backing from the Iranian populace.

The Resistance leaders expressed their gratitude to the Islamic Republic for its comprehensive support.

This visit follows a previous meeting in Tehran last May, where Qa'ani and top Resistance officials discussed the current political, social, and military conditions in the Gaza Strip. The region has been under severe Israeli military aggression since October, following a retaliatory operation by Gaza's Resistance groups, known as al-Aqsa Storm. ▶ Page 3

## Iran presents five proposals at Green Development Forum

TEHRAN – Hasan Akbari, the deputy head of the Department of Environment, presented five proposals for the preservation of biodiversity at the Green Development Forum of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) which was held in Qingdao, China, from July 8 to 9.

"Iran is open to exchange experiences and expertise with member states of the SCO in management of protected areas and the restoration of endangered species through bilateral or multilateral cooperation," IRNA quoted Akbari as saying.

The second proposal entails each member state focusing on a specific challenge regarding the protection of biodiversity, such as the restoration of endangered species, invasive species control, and fire management. ▶ Page 7



## Iran-Russia cooperation will continue to grow: Putin

TEHRAN – Russia's willingness to promote mutual cooperation with Iran is unwavering, declared Russian President Vladimir Putin during a meeting with Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf on the sidelines of the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum.

"We seek to further expand bilateral relations between Moscow and Tehran in various spheres, and our cooperation will continue to grow," the Russian president said in St. Petersburg on Thursday. ▶ Page 3

## Send-off held for Iranian Paris-bound athletes

TEHRAN – Sports officials and families came together on Thursday to send off a group of the Iranian athletes that will compete in the 2024 Olympic Games.

A send-off event was held at the Olympic Hotel's Abgineh Hall.

Sports minister Kioumars Hashemi and head of Iran's National Olympic Committee Mahmoud Khosravi Vafa attended the event.

Iran's 40-athlete team (29 male, 11 female) are ready to compete in 13 different sports in Paris.

Neda Shahsavari and Mahdi Olfati have been chosen to carry Iran's flag at the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

The 2024 Olympic Games will be held from July 26 to Aug. 11 in Paris. A total of 10,500 athletes from around the world are expected to compete in 329 events across 32 sports.