

A photograph showing President Ebrahim Raisi of Iran on the left, wearing a black turban and a dark robe, and UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the right, wearing a dark suit and a red patterned tie. They are standing in front of a blue background with the United Nations logo. Raisi is gesturing with his right hand towards Guterres.

# H.E. President Raisi Upon Returning **from** **the New York Visit**

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Clarifying positions and securing the values and interests of the Islamic Republic of Iran were the two main objectives of traveling to New York and participating in the UN General Assembly.

The President stated, “In the meetings held during the trip to New York while explaining the positions and efforts to secure the values and interests of the country, we explained to the parties that the Islamic Republic, relying on its

achievements and emphasizing its values, seeks to develop cooperation with all countries in the world”.

Speaking on Thursday evening upon his arrival in our country after returning from a busy 4-day trip to New York, President Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi explained the results and achievements of this trip, stating that participation in the United Nations General Assembly is an opportunity to expand communication and clarify the positions of the Is-

lamic Republic of Iran, and said, “In the meetings and programs we had during this trip, two important and central issues of clarifying the positions and securing the values and interests of Islamic Iran were taken into consideration”.

Referring to the holding of 20 meetings with the media, elites, and politicians during this trip, Dr. Raisi said, “In the meetings we had with the heads of states, politicians, and elites, one of the important issues



of our concern is the development of Iran's commercial and economic relations with other countries and regional and extra-regional organizations".

The President stated, "In these meetings, considering the successes that the Islamic Republic of Iran has been able to achieve in the field of foreign policy in the recent period, such as developing relations with neighbors and membership in regional and extra-regional coalitions, releasing the country's blocked funds and other issues, the number of successes of the Islamic

Republic in the field of foreign policy is considered".

President Raisi continued, "In various meetings, we announced the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communicate and work with different countries of the world and international organizations".

The President noted, "Considering the great victories of the Iranian nation in various fields, especially in last year's issues and overcoming the conspiracies and neutralizing the combined war that the enemy had launched against the Iranian nation, the voice of the Iranian nation this time was more direct than ever".

Dr. Raisi continued, "This clear voice reached the ears of different countries and the world, that today the Islamic Republic is more determined than ever by insisting on its rightful positions in various fields such as the nuclear issue, such as the great works in science and technology that have taken place in Iran".

In another part of his speech, the President said, "The important issue that I must mention here is that in the meeting we had with the elites and media executives, we felt that the image they present of Iran is not the real image and this is a problem that the image shown of Iran should be the real image. Here, the duty of the media and officials is to present the true image of the Islamic Republic of Iran to others so that they do not fall into miscalculation".

Dr. Raisi added, "The root of wrong decisions in the West towards the country is these miscalculations and wrong images that they receive from the Islamic Republic of Iran".

The President stressed, "Today, it is our duty to be able to explain these developments and present the real image of the Islamic Republic to the world".

In response to a question about whether this trip has brought souvenirs for the Iranian nation, Dr Raisi said, "In this trip, with good follow-up by our friends in the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism, the Iranian Representative Office in New York and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, thank God, a part of the precious heritage of the Iranian nation, that is, a number of Achaemenid period tablets that had remained in the hands of the Americans for 84 years in the Oriental Studies Centre of the University of Chicago, returned to the country".

Stating that 84 years ago, it was agreed that these tablets should be provided to this center for three years, the President clarified, "The first question is why these tablets should be provided to them. Of course, the scientists who worked on these tablets were Iranian, who studied them for more than 10 years, but after the prescribed three years, these tablets did not return to Iran, and thanks to Allah, with the follow-up, these tablets, which number more than 3,500 tablets, will return to the country and be delivered to the museums of the Islamic Republic". Dr. Raisi pointed out, "The Americans should have fulfilled their commitment to return these tablets more than 80 years ago, which they refused, but during this trip, 3,500 tablets were returned, and I hope that the rest of these tablets will also return to the country as soon as possible with the follow-up of the country's officials".