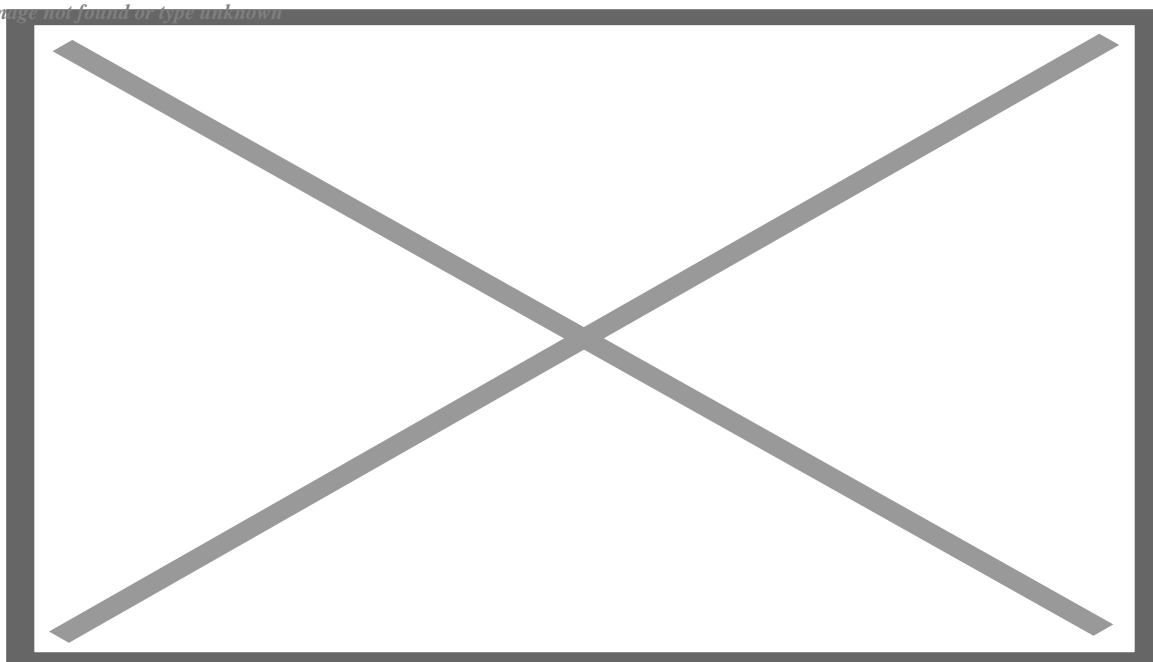


Iranian president says Tehran and Managua struggle against a common enemy

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Managua, June 14 (RHC)-- During a speech in the Nicaraguan National Assembly on Wednesday, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said that the resistance of the peoples contributes to change in the world order and to bring an end to the hegemonic projects of the United States.

"U.S. imperialism has always been against Latin American popular governments," he said, adding that "imperialism seeks to exploit the people and oppose its will."

Raisi stressed that imperialists are afraid of justice, conscience and the people, since these three pillars are contrary to their interests. In sovereign countries, "the conscience of the people, the government, and the legislative assembly is necessary to guide the fight for freedom and justice," he added.

The Iranian leader mentioned that the Empire's media dictatorship seeks to change the image of independent countries in order to sow doubts among young people and align their desires with hegemonic interests.

Therefore, the strengthening of links between independent countries is vital to protect them from imperialist conspiracies and plans. "Iran and Nicaragua share a history of struggle, resistance, and revolutions against a common enemy, a history replete with defense and respect for the people's will and vote," he said.

Raisi recalled that the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Komeini, stressed that the people's vote is the main criterion for the legitimacy of a government and that the people's power is concentrated in the Assembly.

On Tuesday night, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo welcomed Raisi and Iranian First Lady Jamileh-Sadat Alamolhoda at the Managua's Non-Aligned Square. At the ceremony, Ortega recalled that Nicaragua and Iran have "twin revolutions," which triumphed in 1979 and are twinned in a permanent struggle for the welfare of their peoples and against the Empires and their arbitrary sanctions.

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