

Dr Raisi in a meeting with the participants of the Khorsheed Media Festival:

Westerners' claims about women's rights just a tool



Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, in a meeting with the participants of the Khorsheed Media Festival said, «I know that during this festival there have been very good discussions for the promotion of the work of independent and free media in the participating countries in order to increase knowledge, raise awareness and create hope».

The President considered the holding of this meeting as an opportunity to achieve greater convergence, cooperation and consensus among the participating women in the future and added, «The formation of a secretariat and the periodic holding of this meeting can definitely lead to synergy, consensus and cooperation for all countries and independent, free, useful and effective media».

Dr Raisi stated that humans are always looking for the best role model for themselves and the best role model for us Muslims is the beloved Messenger of Islam as the manifestation of all the goodness of the world, and stated, «H.H. Muhammad Mustafa (PBUH) played an effective role in reviving the character and rights of women and honouring and respecting the dignity of women in his life and behaviour is very prominent and praiseworthy». Pointing out that paying attention to the tradition of the Prophet and the teachings of the Prophet in respecting the personality of women has been and still is the attention of the leaders of the Islamic Revolution, the President clarified, «Women in the Islamic Revolution played a very prominent role in standing against the oppressive regime, during the Sacred Defence period, in construction and in various scientific, cultural, social, political and sports fields».

Dr Raisi stated that today's Western claims about supporting women's rights are only for the purpose of using women as a tool, not paying attention to the real status and identity of women, and pointed out, «The Islamic Republic of Iran's view of women is not derived from the instrumental view of the Westerners, nor is it derived from the point of view of those who believe that women should stay at home. The Islamic Republic of Iran believes in the





third view and model, which believes that women together with men can be the source of important works in society and play a fundamental and central role in the family and be effective in the field of social issues».

The President added, «Today, Westerners use the issue of defending women's rights only as a tool to put pressure on independent countries, and in fact, they are not in Favor of women's rights and human rights, because there is a long list of violations of human and women's rights in Western societies».

Stating that today we are in the position of claiming human rights and the West is in the position of the defendant, Dr Raisi said, «Westerners must answer why they violate the rights of human beings and women. Westerners have ignored the rights of the Palestinian nation for 70 years and the result of their -20year presence in a country like Afghanistan has been nothing but killing and destruction and leaving more than 35 thousand disabled children».

The President went on to state that today the Westerners, especially the United States, with their media empire, are seeking to create perceptions in human societies for the benefit of their own desires and goals, and clarified, «By giving the media under their control the right twist the reality, they state the facts in a distorted form, suppress accurate and real news and seek to promote modern ignorance among the nations».

Dr Raisi continued by pointing out that today's war is a war of narratives and emphasised the effort to transmit true news and enlightenment in the human society against the fake and fabricated narratives of the western media empire.

The President continued to list censorship and accusations among the ways of the western media empire against independent and free thoughts and added, «Today and in a situation where the westerners do not want people to have the power to reason, think and analyse, the people who have pens play a very important role in explaining the facts to nations».

Dr Raisi said, «For many years, many so-called



peace agreements were written in the Palestinian land with the support of the Westerners, and all of them were violated before the eyes of the world without any results for the oppressed Palestinian people».

The President said, «We definitely support the oppressed Palestinian journalist Shirin Abu Aqla, who died in the blood to defend the oppressed. We support the Muslim woman who was unjustly martyred in a court in Germany for wearing a hijab, and we will definitely support all independent and free-thinking women who are concerned about human rights».

The President described expressing and narrating the crimes and anti-human acts of Westerners under the title of human rights as one of the other duties of free-thinking and independent media activists and stated, «Today, Westerners are insulting the most sacred holy book and calling the name of freedom of speech in this disgraceful act, while such actions are against the freedom of speech, thought and humanity». In the end, the President expressed hope that this meeting will be effective in the interaction and common thinking of independent media activists for correct and hopeful news in different societies.

