Rouhani Hails Cuban Nation’s Resistance Against US, Global Arrogance

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“Iranian people considers Cuban nation a combatant and resistant nation, as it were not for your resistance, the US exerted dominance not only on Cuba but also Latin America,” President Rouhani said during the meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, on the sidelines of the 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit on Friday.

He reiterated that Iran and Cuba are paying for their resistance and insistence on independence against the US excessive demands, and said, “They will leave behind the calamities and arrogant powers have no option but to surrender to the Iranian and Cuban nations.”

President Rouhani pointed to Iran-Cuba relations, and said, “Iran and Cuba have always had warm and friendly relations and their stances on regional and global policies were close to each other.”

Cuban president, for his part, said that Havana has always favored warm and cordial relations with Iran.

He also hailed Rouhani's speech during the 18th NAM Summit as extremely firm and straightforward, and said, “Today you (President Rouhani) explained the US excessive policies well”.

Cuba has always condemned the US antagonistic policies against Iran, Diaz-Canel said, adding that the US exit from the JCPOA is denounced by Cuba.

Describing Iran-Cuba ties as historic and strong, he said that the two countries' economic and trade exchanges should increase in all fields.

The 18th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the NAM with the participation of the heads of 60 countries, including President Rouhani, kicked off in Baku, Azerbaijan on Friday.

The NAM is a forum of 120 developing world states that are not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc. After the United Nations, it is the largest grouping of states worldwide.

President Rouhani arrived in Baku on Thursday to attend the 18th NAM Summit, President Rouhani was invited to the NAM summit meeting by Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev.

At the NAM Baku Summit, the Republic of Azerbaijan will take over the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement for the next 3 years.