**Heads of Iran-allied militant groups meet in Tehran; discuss Gaza ‘political situation’**

Leaders of the Iran-led, so-called “axis of resistance”, including Hamas’s Ismail Haniyeh, discussed the war in Gaza during a meeting in Tehran on the sidelines of President Ebrahim Raisi’s funeral, state media reported on Thursday.

The “axis of resistance” brings together Iran’s regional allies in the fight against Israel, including the Palestinian movement Hamas, Lebanon’s Hezbollah, Yemen’s Houthis and Iraqi Shia armed groups.

The leaders of these movements met on Wednesday after attending ceremonies organised in Tehran to pay tribute to Raisi, who died on Sunday in a helicopter crash in northwest Iran.

The meeting was attended by Haniyeh, the head of Hamas’s Qatar-based political bureau, as well as Hezbollah deputy Naim Qassem and Houthi spokesperson Mohammed Abdulsalam.

Resistance front

They discussed “the latest political, social and military situation in Gaza and the Al-Aqsa Flood operation and the role of the resistance front,” state broadcaster IRIB reported.

The meeting reportedly stressed “the continuation of jihad and struggle until the complete victory of the Palestinian resistance in Gaza with the participation of all resistance groups and fronts in the region”, IRIB said.

Iran’s Fars news agency said representatives of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Iraqi groups were also present at the meeting.