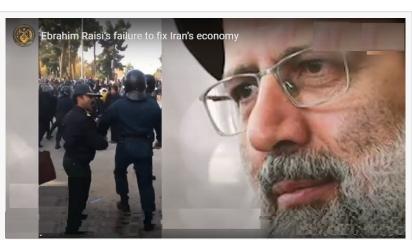


## (Video) Raisi's preposterous claims about Iran's economy

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PARIS, FRANCE, September 1, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>People's</u> <u>Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI /</u> <u>MEK)</u> reported that a year after his appointment as regime president in Iran, Ebrahim Raisi held a press conference on Monday, August 29, that was riddled with a series of lies and preposterous claims.

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State media have time and again reported about the Raisi administration's unparalleled currency printing practices. On July 17, the state-run E'temad Online daily ran a piece titled "Unprecedented record of money printing and increasing government debt" and specifically said that "during the first nine months of Raisi's tenure the budget

deficit increased by 2.3 trillion rials."

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The regime's "Daily Economic News" website also wrote "1.3 trillion rials in new currency has been distributed and the volume of currency in circulation has increased by 18 percent during Raisi's first nine months in office," describing this as an "unprecedented."

The end result of this "unprecedented" money printing by Raisi is the unbridled escalation of inflation and skyrocketing prices of basic goods. However, Raisi is claiming that "inflation has decreased thanks to our administration's measures and has reached around 35 percent!"

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Even the regime's own highlycontrolled state media are acknowledging that "the country's inflation rate reached 52.2 percent, meaning in comparison to August of 2021, Iranian families must spend 52.2 percent more for their basic goods and services," according to the state-run IMNA news agency on August 27.



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The semi-official ISNA news agency reported that inflation reached 54 percent in July, and Khabar Online reported on July 17: "Inflation in June passed 52 percent and registered an unprecedented record in the country's economy."

One of Raisi's more absurd lies during his press conference was about Iran's ongoing severe water shortage crisis. While people in hundreds of cities, towns, and villages across the country have been lacking running for weeks now, Raisi literally claimed the exact opposite.

"Today, we are hearing reports of water being provided in Ahvaz, and resolving the water

shortage dilemma in Yazd, Isfahan, Hamadan and other areas is on this administration's agenda," he said.

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"The water shortage in Khuzestan province has evolved into a challenge and a crisis," said Ghasem Saedi, a member of the regime's Majlis (parliament).

The governor of Kerman said his province "is facing a major challenge in the severe shortage of drinking and irrigation water. The deputy chief of the Water and Sewage Department in Razavi Khorasan province reported that 32 cities and 900 villages in this province are facing severe water shortages.

The state-run Emtedad website is reporting that "conditions in Hamedan are beyond a crisis" and "all of Hamedan has been without water for an ongoing period."



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Therefore, the question before is why did Raisi resort to such obvious lies?

The reason is nothing but the utter failure of the Iranian regime Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei specifically appointing Raisi as the mullahs' president.

Khamenei sought to have Raisi provide "populist" pledges during his first days and weeks in office in order to somewhat calm Iran's already restive society.

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There is also the undeniable reality that more people from all walks of life in Iran are chanting "Death to Raisi!" in their daily protests.

It goes without saying that, Ebrahim Raisi's outlandish lies will only add fuel to the Iranian nation's fire as they continue to bear the toll of backbreaking inflation, skyrocketing prices, and now severe water shortages, poverty, addiction, and unprecedented daily execution.

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