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Kayhan Putin: Iran Punished Aggressor With Tact, Rationality



A banner depicting the mythical Persian hero Arash the archer firing a missile from his bow, with text in Persian reading 'I will not abandon my homeland,' hangs on a suspended pedestrian bridge crossing in central Tehran on April 15, 2024.

TEHRAN -- Russian President Vladimir Putin says Iran's "tactful and wise" response to Israeli aggression on its consulate in Syria was the best way to punish the aggressor.

"What the Islamic Republic of Iran did in response to what happened criminally and in the light of the inaction of the Security Council, was the best way to punish the aggressor and represented the tactfulness and rationality of Iran's politicians," Putin said in a phone conversation with President Ebrahim Raisi.

The Russian president said the Zionist regime's "terrorist act" against the Iranian consulate in Damascus was against all international standards and rules.

He also strongly criticized the United States and certain Western countries for creating tension in the region. "We believe that the Islamic Republic of Iran is one of the main pillars of stability and security in the region."

"We firmly declare that we will respond to any action against Iran's interests with greater force and broader and more painful than the previous response," President Raisi said in the phone call.

The Iranian president also said Tehran's response to the Zionist regime was within the framework of international law, saying Israel's terrorist act was a clear violation of international law and a serious

international institutions, including the United Nations and the Security Council, in dealing with the aggressive action of the Zionist regime in attacking the Iranian region," Raisi said.

consulate in Syria caused the Islamic Republic of Iran to exercise its right to self-defense."

Raisi further thanked Moscow for its "principled and constructive" stance against the Israeli aggression in Damascus.

He appreciated the diplomatic efforts of the Russian government to thwart the conspiracies of the United States and certain Western countries in the UN Security Council.

"To those countries that have adopted double standards in the face of the crimes of the Zionist regime and express concerns about escalating tensions in the region, we advise them to rather stop supporting the Zionists genocide and crimes against the oppressed Palestinian people to preserve peace and stability in the



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Islamic Jihad: Zionist Regime Has Lost Deterrence

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) -- The Palestinian Islamic Jihad resistance movement says the occupying regime of Israel has lost its deterrence against Iran as evidenced by the Islamic Republic's unprecedented drone and missile strike in the occupied territories.

"Israel's deterrence in the face of Iran has ended," Islamic Jihad's deputy chief Mohammad al-Hindi said in an interview with Lebanon's Al Mayadeen.

Al-Hindi said Iran's retaliatory attack served as a preliminary warning to the Israeli occupation.

"The balance of power is changing; America has its own problems and challenges, and Israel does not have the support or capabilities to assert dominance in the region," al-Hindi said.

"There are new rules of engagement today," he added.

The Palestinian official also criticized the complicity of the West in Israel's atrocities in Gaza, signaling the need for "reassessments" in the new geopolitical landscape of the region.

Addressing the issue of captives held by Hamas in Gaza, al-Hindi emphasized the resistance's leverage in negotia-

Western Regimes **Bewildered by Operation**

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

True Promise

The US and the few West European regimes obstinately supporting the racist-/terrorist Zionist entity, its genocide in Gaza, its war on Lebanon, its frequent air strikes on Syria, and its murderous violation of the diplomatic immunity of Iran's consulate in Damascus, are clearly bewildered by Operation True Promise" which preceded by scores of decoy drones to drain the enemies' fire power, targeted the selected military bases without hitting any industrial installation and civilian centre, or killing any Israeli usurper.

They are scratching their heads to figure out how precisely the Islamic Republic planned its vow of vengeance that reduced the so-called iron dome to a mere tin-shed and humiliated not just the illegal Zionist entity but also its blind backers, who from their occupation bases in Iraq, Syria and from client Jordan, were kept busy trying to down the decoy drones with at least 1.5 billion dollars of projectiles while Iran's missiles slipped through.

It is obvious the CENTCOM terrorists and their British comrades-in-crimes in the Red Sea, whose indiscriminate bombing to death of Yemeni civilians over the past two-and-a-half months has failed to safeguard navigation for Israel, are looking like a bunch of fools.

This is among the reasons, the US regime, while urging its Zionist pals not to escalate the situation vis-a-vis the Islamic Republic, has resorted to its outdated policy of imposing more of its extraterritorial sanctions on Iran – history's much sanctioned country which has gone from strength-to-strength over the past 45 years.

Flabbergasted Washington and the wiselings in London have unwittingly placed Benjamin Netanyahu in the position of Shylock the rancorous Jew of William Shakespeare's play: "The Merchant of Venice"

Official Calls on IAEA to Live Up to Commitments

TEHRAN - The head of the **Atomic Energy Organization of Iran** (AEOI) said Wednesday the country will not accept any nuclear activity that would negatively affect cooperation between the AEOI and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

"Engagement with, and supervision by the IAEA are ongoing, and IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi is to travel to Iran in the future " said Muhammad Eslami

nuclear deal) and the other related months and to the UN Security to the Safeguards Agreement," he explained.

"Relations are ongoing as far as the Safeguards Agreement is concerned and the IAEA's cameras have been installed and they keep constant supervision and their information about our performance is always up to date," he added.

"At the moment, there are 120 approved inspectors who are either stationed in Iran or keep travelling to and from the country," said Eslami.

Council every six months, and the issue of compliance or non-compliance of Iran's nuclear activities with the JCPOA is the main focus of the report," Eslami said.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran rejects any nuclear activity that impairs the interaction between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency," he added.

Underlining that the Islamic Republic is committed to the 2020 strategic law concerning the JCPOA, the head of the AEOI said if the other side fails to fulfill its obligations, Iran will follow suit. (Continued on Page 7)

threat to global peace. "The destructive role of the U.S. and some western countries and the inaction and inefficiency of

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They very well know that the notorious child-killer cannot extract the 'pound of flesh' without shedding a drop of blood.

In other words, the genocidal Zionist ringleader and his gang of war criminals cannot emulate "Operation True Promise" and are bound to spill innocent blood, which will certainly accelerate the fast approaching end of Israel.

In case of any foolhardy move by the Zionist entity, Iran has pledged destructive retaliation that ought not to be compared to the mere rap on the wrist that last Sunday's Vow of Vengeance was.

All the American, British, and French navies and aircraft, along with the traitors at their beck and call in the Arab world, such as the regime ruling Jordan against the wishes of the awakened Jordanian people, will be turned into mere spectators.

They will definitely ruin whatever reputation they have, if the Islamic Republic were to rain its super projectiles on Tel Aviv, Haifa, and all over Occupied Palestine, as President Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi renewed Iran's earlier warning on Wednesday while taking salute at the march past of various regiments in Tehran on Army Day.

Iran knows that the soon-to-be-cleared cowbell called Israel is a cowardly entity led by dastardly criminals, and supported by the devilish regimes of the West, who are desperately trying to prolong the precarious existence of the illegal Zionist entity, whose very formation was, and is, against the tenets of Judaism.

"Reports announced by Grossi, the director of the IAEA's Board of Governors or the UN Security Council have two parts: one is based on the JCPOA (Iran's 2015

"The IAEA submits a report about Iran's nuclear activities to the Board of Governors every three

tions and expressed skepticism about a proposal recently presented by mediators.

"The Americans and Israelis want to retrieve the captives at the lowest possible price, but that issue is the trump card in our hands," he said.

The Islamic Jihad official said the resistance has submitted its response to the proposal insisting that the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces and a ceasefire are the pivotal components of any agreement.

The Zionist regime must be forced to "pay a price" through a potential deal as it has suffered "strategic military failures on the battleground," he noted.

"Israel is facing a real impasse and its options are limited," the official said. "It has grown to appear weaker, and its strategic importance has diminished."

TEHRAN - The foreign minister of Iran called on Japan and the other members of the Group of Seven (G7) to focus their efforts on the establishment of a lasting ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, describing the Israeli war on the Palestinian enclave as the root cause of regional crises.

In a telephone conversation, Hussein Amir-Abdollahian and his Japanese counterpart Yoko Kamikawa talked about a range of issues, including Iran's recent retaliatory operation against the Zionist regime's military targets, the necessity of an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and the significance of maritime security in the region.

The top Iranian diplomat

highlighted the necessity and scope of Iran's military action, which he said took place within the framework of legitimate defense as a warning and punitive response to the audacious attack by the Israeli regime on the Iranian embassy in Damascus.

"Iran's military action was highly precise and calculated, targeting specific military bases and intelligence facilities linked to the attack on the Iranian diplomatic premises in Damascus," Amir-Abdollahian added.

Reaffirming Iran's commitment to bolstering peace and stability in the region, Amir-Abdollahian said, "The military response against Israel's aggression was a restrained and limited operation.

However, should the Israeli regime engage in further provocative actions, Iran's response will be resolute, immediate, and at its maximum this time."

Pointing to Japan's significant role as a member of the Security Council and the Group of Seven, Amir-Abdollahian said, "The primary root cause of the crisis in the region traces back to the Gaza war. The Islamic Republic of Iran remains committed to diplomatic endeavors aimed at securing a durable ceasefire, and we expect similar efforts from Japan and the G7 member states."

The top Japanese diplomat, for her part, voiced concern about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the (Continued on Page 7)

Iran Asks Japan, G7 to Stop Israeli Atrocities