

Congratulations on the Blessed Birthday of Hazrat Zainab (SA)

Leader: Imports Crippling Iran's Economy

TEHRAN (Kayhan Int'l) - Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Monday warned of the threat of imports and smuggled goods to the Iranian economy. "The pressure of imports is crippling the country. Regarding the amount of the smuggled goods, there is talk of very odd numbers. Nevertheless, it's not logically justified to open the door to the flood of imports under the pretext of checking smuggling and receiving customs proceeds," the Leader told officials. "See to it that the products of talented, faithful, capable and occasionally genius youths of the country are not overtaken by imports."

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Report: Australian FM Due in Tehran in April

SYDNEY (Dispatches) -- Julie Bishop is to become the first senior Australian government figure to visit Iran in more than a decade and only the second senior Western leader over that same period, when she travels to Tehran in April. The trip is being viewed as a potential game-changer in the fight against ISIL, but it could also help unlock lucrative economic opportunities for Australia - reviving a once booming trade in education, wheat, meat, and other areas, Australian media reported. "It is understood the rare visit by a senior U.S.-aligned government figure has received the enthusiastic backing of the White House," the report said.

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Sage by Connation

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"Knowledge guards you while you have to guard wealth. Wealth decreases by spending while knowledge increases by spending."

The above words are that of the One and Only Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb, the divinely-designated vicegerent of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

This excellent piece of advice which beautifully outlines the indispensable nature of knowledge as more worthy than wealth, is mentioned in the famous book Nahj al-Balagha. It was given to Kumail ibn Ziyad (recipient of the famous supplication "Du'a Kumayl") by the person whom the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger had hailed as "Gateway of the City of Knowledge."

The Prophet and his Ahl al-Bayt are knowledge personified. They are repositories of God-given knowledge. The Noblest Lady of all times, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA) was the embodiment of celestial knowledge, and so were the Infallible Imams of her progeny.

Today, the 5th of Jamadi al-Awwal affords us the opportunity to dwell on another Immaculate Personage of this Blessed Household who was personification of a higher realm of knowledge that is not acquired through books or taught by teachers.

It is the birth anniversary of a lady, who was hailed as the Unschooling Scholar.

She was none other than Hazrat Zainab (SA), the Heroine of Karbala, who carried the mission of her martyred brother to the enemy's camp, in order to make Islam triumphant.

Although not among the 14 Infallibles (ma'soumin), in the strict sense of the word, the granddaughter of the Prophet had reached such a higher status of cognition of God that she was immune from any ignorance and fallibility, as is borne out by her dynamic characteristics.

She was considered next only to her Impeccable Mother, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), in terms of all excellent merits including possessing knowledge with certitude. It is actually one's own ignorance to raise such an issue in view of the fact that no less a personality than her nephew Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS) says about her:

"Ante be-handillah, 'alematun ghaira mu'allema, wa fahmatun ghaira mufahema (You are by the grace of God, a scholar unschooled by anyone and a sage by connation)"

The 4th Imam, in praise of her eloquent sermons in Kufa and Damascus when the noble prisoners were brought before the Omayyad rulers, said the realities and finer points of God-given intelligence and knowledge that his aunt demonstrated is not easy to grasp by even the most erudite scholars.

It would be repetitive to say that on her birth in 6 AH in Medina, she was named by the Prophet as "Zainab" on God's command conveyed through Archangel Gabriel, or that her grandfather foretold his daughter and son-in-law about her great sufferings to nurse back to life the sapling of Islam.

Her flawless genealogy is crystal clear to all. Her parents, Imam Ali (AS) and Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), need no introduction. If Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) was her maternal grandfather, her paternal grandfather was that protector of infant Islam, the Prophet's beloved uncle and guardian, Hazrat Abu Taleb (AS). If her maternal grandmother was the Mother of all true Believers (Umm al-Momineen) Hazrat Khadija (SA) - the Maleekat al-Arab who had spent all her fabulous wealth for Islam - her paternal grandmother was Fatema bint Asad (SA), the lady who had brought up the orphaned Prophet as her own son.

The merits of Hazrat Zainab (SA), who gave her two youthful sons Aun and Muhammad as sacrifices for the cause of Islam at Karbala, do not end here, in view of the fact that her brothers are Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS), the Leaders of the Youth of Paradise. Moreover, she was married to her first cousin Abdullah (AS), who was brought up by the Prophet following the death of his father, Ja'far at-Tayyar (AS) - the first migrant in Islam whose famous expounding of monotheism and the merits of Prophet Jesus (AS) and the Virgin Mary (SA) in the court of King Negus (Najashi) of Abyssinia (modern day Ethiopia) when the polytheists of Mecca pursued him there is recorded in golden letters.

Here I intend to mention some of the epithets of this Immaculate Lady for the defence of whose golden-domed shrine in Damascus from the attacks of the Takfiri terrorists, the followers of the Ahl al-Bayt have assembled in the Syrian capital.

- (1) **Siddiqat-as-Sughra** (Truthful Lady the Younger, in view of the fact that her mother's famous epithet is **Siddiqat-al-Kubra** - the Most Truthful Lady).
- (2) **Aqeelat-al-Bani Hashem** (The Wise Lady of the Hashemite Clan, as narrators including the celebrated exegete Abdullah Ibn Abbas referring to her while quoting a hadith on her authority).
- (3) **Umm al-Masa'eb** (The Mother of Grief - because of her role in Karbala and its equally tragic aftermath).
- (4) **Muwasseqa** (The Authoritative Lady).
- (5) **Fazelat-al-Kamela** (The Perfectly Virtuous Lady).
- (6) **Abeda-e Aal-e Ali** (The Pious Lady of the Alawid Family)

No wonder, in view of these matchless merits of his sister, it was the habit of Imam Husain (AS) to stand to his feet whenever Hazrat Zainab (AS) entered his presence.

President Rouhani: Sanctions Are a Sign of Modern Hegemony



President Rouhani addresses a meeting of NAM science ministers in Tehran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- President Hassan Rouhani said here on Monday that sanctions imposed by some world powers hamper scientific progress, describing it as "modern hegemony".

"Access to sciences is one of the primary rights of the world nations. The government or citizens of a country should not be deprived of knowledge under false pretexts," Rouhani told a ministerial conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) on science and technology.

"Scientific apartheid has become an instrument for imposing underdevelopment and maintaining the cycle of poverty and unemployment in developing countries," he said.

"This aggressive attitude is a clear example of scientific discrimination which can target any developing country," the president stated.

Rouhani said independent countries should unite and stand against such measures.

He further touched on sanctions imposed on Iran, saying the Iranians have faced the heaviest pressures over the past 12 years for pursuing their right to achieve modern knowledge of peaceful nuclear technology.

Rouhani said scientific and technological cooperation among NAM states will boost their prosperity and serve their ultimate goal which is

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Nuclear Talks to Resume Next Week

GENEVA (Dispatches) -- Washington and Tehran's top diplomats sat down again here Monday for talks on Iran's nuclear program as they struggled to narrow gaps ahead of a key deadline.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his Iranian counterpart Muhammad Javad Zarif were meeting at a luxury Geneva hotel for a third session in talks that began Sunday.

The Iranian minister later told reporters the next round of talks will be held on the sidelines of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva next week.

The talks are the latest in a string of meetings between the two men in a bid to forge a long-elusive nuclear deal.

There is now a heightened sense of urgency as the clock ticks down

towards a March 31 deadline to agree on a political framework for the deal. A senior State Department official said "a full schedule of meetings" was planned Monday with the participation of all the main negotiators and experts, touching on "virtually every topic".

"These meetings are steps in a long and tough process," the official said.

Zarif told Iranian media that mid-level bilateral talks had produced "good discussions but no agreements", and some differences remained.

"The fundamental gap, in my view, is psychological. Some Western countries, the United States in particular, see sanctions as an asset, a lever to exert pressure on Iran.

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Official: Russia Offers Iran Antey-2500

MOSCOW (Dispatches) -- Russia has offered Iran its latest Antey-2500 missiles, the head of Russian state defense conglomerate Rostec said on Monday according to media reports, after a deal to supply less powerful S-300 missiles was dropped under Western pressure.

Sergei Chemezov said Tehran was now considering the offer, TASS news agency reported.

Russia scrapped a contract to supply Iran with S-300 surface-to-air missiles under Western pressure in 2010, and Iran later filed a \$4-billion international arbitration suit against Russia in Geneva.

The United States and the occupying regime of Israel lobbied Russia to block the missile sale, saying it

could be used to shield Iran's nuclear facilities from possible future airstrikes.

There was no immediate response to Chemezov's comments from Iran or the United States.

"As far as Iran is concerned, we offered Antey-2500 instead of S-300. They are thinking. No decision has been made yet," Chemezov was quoted as saying.

Rostec includes state-owned arms exporting monopoly Rosoboronexport, which has the sole right to export and import arms in Russia.

The Antey-2500 was developed from the 1980s-generation S-300V system (SA-12A Gladiator and SA-12B Giant). It can engage missiles

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Snowden Documents: Zionists, UK, US Spied on Iran Officials

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) - The occupying regime of Israel's signals intelligence has cooperated with its U.S. and British counterparts to spy on Iran's senior officials, according to a document leaked this month by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden.

The memo was written in April 2013 by the head of the Iranian department at the U.S. National Security Agency's signals intelligence unit.

In January 2013, specialists from the NSA and the Zionist army's 8200 signals intelligence unit discussed the Iranian leadership in detail. For the first time, a video conference took place between Israeli, American and British experts, the latter from Britain's Government

Communications Headquarters, the GCHQ. The document refers to 8200 as ISNU, which stands for Israel Sigt National Unit.

"The respective NSA-ISNU and CCHQ-ISNU bilateral relationships had gotten to the point that each participant recognized the need for the trilateral engagement to advance this specific topic," the document states. "The trilateral relationship is limited to the topic of (word deleted) and will serve as a proof of concept of this kind of engagement."

According to the memo, the GCHQ has "long advocated that it work with NSA and the ISNU in a trilateral arrangement to prosecute

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