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Viewpoint

International Qods Day

By Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

On Friday, July 25, millions of people will march in cities and towns across the globe to mark the International Qods Day. On this special day, millions of Muslims will once again show adherence to the ideals of the late Imam Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Revolution, express solidarity with the people of Palestine, and protest against the great oppression of modern times.

The International Qods Day is of high significance in many respects, for the most part, in view of the ongoing developments in Iraq and Syria, predominantly the unjustified Israeli war on Gaza.

It is an open secret now that the chief policy of the so-called superpowers and occupiers as regards the Palestinian cause is to bring it down from the high point of international affairs, particularly from those involving Muslims. Part of the plot is to stir violence, chaos and insecurity in the Middle East, and involve the regional states in prolonged and significant events such as the terrorism surge in Iraq, the war on Syria, or conflicts between Shia and Sunni communities.

These conflicts are designed to help Tel Aviv and its allies to eliminate or dissociate the problem of Palestine from diplomatic affairs, give them the chance to continue to suppress the Palestinian resistance, and provide security guarantees for the illegal entity of Israel.

Nevertheless, because of the annual International Qods Day, the subject matter of Palestine has managed to remain on top of the agenda for Muslims and go even beyond the boundaries of Islam, becoming an international phenomenon and the zenith of international developments.

The Zionist regime is determined to water down the new Intifadha (uprising) in occupied Palestine as well as the spiritual-political support of Islam for the Palestinians by means of adopting the new conspiracy of normalizing ties with the Arab League and the Islamic states.

However, the international protests on Friday once more will force the new conspiracy into retreat - which has been clearly orchestrated to further suppress the Palestinian uprising and unity.

Qods had a special place in the heart and soul of the late Imam Khomeini. The late Imam's initiative to name the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadhan as the International Qods Day played a decisive role in winning international support and consensus for the Palestinians and their legitimate cause.

It is indeed the global symbol and pinnacle of support for the ideals of the Palestinian people. The internationally recognized day is equally the ultimate cry of Muslims and freedom-lovers across the globe against the ongoing injustice and culture of occupation in international relations.

In sum, the Qods Day rallies will once again heighten the resolve of the Palestinians to continue their struggle; isolate the Zionist entity and its chief supporter the United States; give hope to the new Palestinian unity government; stop the ongoing Israeli war crimes in Gaza; promote the culture of resistance against any sort of occupation among Muslim nations; draw the attention of certain Arab/Islamic states towards the dangers of normalization of ties with Israel; and internationalize solidarity with the people of Palestine and their genuine quest for freedom and self-determination.

Judiciary Chief: Nuclear Progress a Redline

TEHRAN (Fars) -- Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli Larijani said on Wednesday Iranian scientists should be free to continue progress and advancement in the field of nuclear technology, describing it as a redline which should be regarded in any nuclear deal between Iran and the six world pow-

"The country's redlines are its interests which should be taken into account in nuclear negotiations, meaning that the Iranian youths should be able to make unlimited progress and advancement in the area of civilian nuclear technology and there shouldn't be any impediment to the country's utilization of its peaceful nuclear capabilities," Amoli Larijani said, addressing high-ranking judiciary officials.

Elsewhere, Amoli Larijani condemned crimes committed by the Zionist regime against the Palestinians. "This is the modern barbarism that the injured people in the hospitals are targeted and then they (the Israelis)

claim that they have come under attack from those hospitals."

He lashed out at the western and Arab countries and the international bodies for keeping silent toward the massacre of the Palestinian people, and said, "They seem to be blind to these horrendous crimes and support thom."

Iran Stresses Support for Palestinians



MPs are seen checking the results of a voting in parliament.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Six Iranian parliamentarians plan to travel to the Gaza Strip to show their solidarity with the Palestinians who are under attack from air, sea and land by the occupying regime of Israel, an MP said on Wednesday.

Hassan Kamran, a member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, said they will begin the 10-day visit in the near future.

He said they plan to visit victims of the Israeli invasion and explore ways to dispatch humanitarian aid to the war-torn enclave.

He said consultations with the foreign ministry are now underway to set an exact date for the trip.

Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani said the recent developments in the occupied Palestinian territories showed that the resistance movement is capable of countering Israeli aggression.

"The resistance proved to be a

lively and growing movement," Larinaji said in an address to a parliament commission.

The speaker said the Zionist regime thought it was able to thwart operations of the resistant groups with its much-publicized Iron Dome missile system, but after the recent attacks by the resistance forces, its illusion was shattered.

He went on to say that the recent developments in the Gaza Strip showed that any Israeli onslaught on the besieged territory would fuel insecurity throughout the occupied territories.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Larijani said that Islamic Republic is ready to provide the injured Palestinians with medical treatment.

He also said the crisis in Gaza has become an international issue and expressed hope that joint efforts by Islamic countries in this regard would ultimately lead to the liberation of the Palestinian territories.

On Tuesday, Larijani also renewed the Islamic Republic's support for the rights of the Palestinian nation.

In a meeting with Speaker of the Palestinian National Council Salim Al-Za'noon here, Larijani said that supporting the rights of the Palestinian nation and the liberation of the occupied lands are among the causes of Iran's Islamic Revolution.

"The Iranian nation has, always and under all circumstances, backed the Palestinian nation and the liberation of their land and will continue to do so," Larijani said.

He condemned the Zionist regime's recent aggression against the people of the Gaza Strip and said it falls upon all Muslim countries to throw their weight behind the Palestinian nation in their resistance against Tel Aviv.

Larijani underlined the need for constant consultations among Islamic countries on the Palestinian

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The Holy Qur'an To you they swear by Allah. In order to please you: But it is more fitting that they should please Allah and His Messenger, if they are Believers. The Holy Qur'an (9:62)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr) 13:10

Evening(Maghreb) 20:35

Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow" 04:26 Sunrise "Tomorrow" 06:06

Nuclear Talks in Early Sept.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran said on Wednesday nuclear talks with six world powers would resume in early September after both sides agreed to continue talking for four more months to try to reach a final agreement on Teheran's nuclear program.

The preliminary accord had been due to expire on Sunday but was extended with some adjustments, after the two sides failed during negotiations in Vienna to meet a self-imposed July 20 deadline for a long-term deal to end the decade-old nuclear standoff.

"The extension of talks shows this is a positive atmosphere," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Marzieh Afkham said during a weekly press conference.

She said the biggest difference between both is in enrichment capacity

Earlier, Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif made it clear that uranium enrichment activities will certainly continue inside Iran.

"Today, there is no discussion whether Iran has the right to carry out (uranium) enrichment or not. Enrichment will be taking place inside Iran," Zarif said on the national television.

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Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

26th day

"أللهُمَّ اجْعَلْ سَعْيي فيه مَشكوراً ، وَ ذَنبي فيه مَعْفُوراً ، وَ خَنبي فيه مَعْفُوراً ، وَ عَيْببي فيه مَستوراً ، وَ عَيْببي فيه مَستوراً ، يا أسمَعَ السّامعينَ".

"O Allah, let my good efforts in this month be fruitful and my sins pardoned and my actions accepted and my defects concealed. O the Most Hearing."

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

27th day

'' أللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقني فيه فَضْلَ لَيلَةِ القَدرِ، وَ صَيِّرْ أُمُورِي فيه مِنَ العُسرِ إلى اليُسرِ، وَ اقَبَلْ مَعاذيري وَ حُطَّ عَنِّي الذَّنب وَ الوِزْرَ، يا رَوُفاً بِعِبادِهِ الصّالحينَ".

"O Allah, let me make a greater effort of Nawafils (recommended prayers) in this month. Grant me through Your kindness to do good deeds which save me on the Judgement Day. Guide me to the best means which lead me towards You. O One Who doesn't get bored from the insistence of the supplicants."

Press Digest

Illegal Entity

QODS: Few people are aware of the role Britain played in creating the ongoing mess in Palestine. It was a long time ago when Britain was an Empire and not a vassal, but the echoes of history never fade away. It was not by accident, but by design that the British decided to create a new entity called Israel.

Dodgy War

DONYAYE EQTESAD: Pro-Israel organizations are importing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to Europe and that is exactly what they have been doing for years. In Europe, portraying the conflict as a war between ?survivors of the Holocaust? and ?Islamic terrorists? seems a sure way to mobilize public opinion in favor of Israel. Identifying the Palestinians with ?Islamic terrorism? is an obvious Israeli policy goal.

Peace Blunder

KHORASAN: While the U.S. offers to broker a deal between Israel and Palestine, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu states categorically that Israel will never give up the West Bank. This is an integral part of Palestine, and a future, free Palestinian state. The U.S. wishes to broker negotiations between two entities for which there can be no negotiation.

Collective Punishment

ASRE EQTESADI: Under collective punishment, a warring party cannot respond to an attack by waging war on the attacker?s community, as is clearly happening in Gaza. The clearest proof that collective punishment is being used is that a 1,000 Gaza homes have been destroyed and the majority of the casualties are civilians. This is pure evil.