

# Condolences on the Martyrdom Anniversary of Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS)

## U.S. Anti-Terrorism Claims Not Genuine

TEHRAN (Press TV) – Iran on Wednesday censured the United States for its double standards on terrorism, saying there are paradoxes in Washington's behavior on this ominous phenomenon. "The behavior of U.S. officials in confronting terrorism is not...genuine, and unfortunately is full of contradiction," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said at her weekly press conference on Wednesday. Washington's backing for countries providing terrorist groups with financial and political support and intelligence is obvious to everyone, she added.

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## Imam Sadeq (AS) – the Manifestation of Truth

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"O you who have faith! Be wary of Allah, and be with the Truthful (Sadeqeen)." (Holy Qur'an 9:119)

The commandment of the Creator is crystal clear. He exhorts us to be conscious of His Omnipresence and to follow the path of the truthful.

It is in the innate nature of human beings to seek the truth and to follow the truthful, except for those who have sold their souls to the Satan and as per the dictates of the devil, are determined to distort the truth.

"Truthful", as defined by God and in the lexicon of His Revealed Word, the Holy Qur'an, is a term exclusively reserved for a person or a group who never ever speak a wrong word (let alone lies), neither side for a single moment with anyone with even a speck of untruth, nor show the slightest tendency towards a cause devoid of truth.

The Arabic word for "Truthful" (in its singular form) is "Sadeq". It is the famous epithet of the Messenger of Mercy, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), whom God had entrusted the truth of Islam in order to deliver humanity from the darkness of ignorance, the darkness of arrogance, the darkness of oppression, the darkness of atheism, the darkness of polytheism, and all other forms of untruth that darken minds, hearts, and souls.

He diligently discharged his duties in the face of heavy odds to the extent that the pagan Arabs, who had opposed his message of truth and resorted to armed plots against him, saw no other choice but to pay lip service to Islam and claim to be his companions.

Was anyone from among his Sahaba worthy to carry on the mission of the Last Prophet after him?

The answer is simple. It is a big "NO". The fact is that, none of the Sahaba, however hard and sincere they strove to be truthful on embracing the truth of Islam, were, unlike the "Sadeq", products of the untruth of the days of ignorance, including idolatry and indulgence in sins – from which the representatives of God ought to be free.

Thus, as per God's commandment the person who never said anything by himself, but it was revelation revealed (Surah Najm) pronounced the Hadith Thaqaalayn (the Two Precious Things he was leaving behind as means of salvation – the Holy Qur'an and his progeny the Ahl al-Bayt). He then proclaimed as his divinely-designated vicegerent, to a huge gathering of Muslims at Ghadeer-Khom, his cousin and son-in-law, the immaculate Imam Ali ibn Taleb (AS), regarding whom a famous hadith says: "Ali is with the Truth and Truth is with Ali."

With the issue of Imamate of the Sadeqeen (Truthful) sealed by the Seal of Prophets, it was but natural for the emergence of another popularly known Sadeq from the offspring of the First Sadeq.

The advent of Shawwal 25 every year reminds us of the pivotal role of the Second Sadeq of the House of Divine Revelation in reviving the Sunnah, Seerah and Shari'ah of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) in its pure and pristine form, after it had been tainted by the forces of darkness which had usurped the political right of leadership of the Ahl al-Bayt by setting up the caliphate of untruth.

Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) needs no introduction. Born in 83 AH on the 17th of Rabi al-Awwal, exactly the 136th birth anniversary of his ancestor the Prophet, his life was cut short at the age of 65 in 148 AH, due to a fatal dose of poison given on the orders of Mansour Dawaniqi, the 2nd self-styled caliph of the usurper Abbasid regime.

A boy of twelve years when his grandfather, Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS) – the son and successor of the Martyr of Karbala, Imam Husain – left the world in 95 AH, the divine trust of Imamate was entrusted to him in 114 AH on the martyrdom of his father, Imam Muhammad Baqer (AS), when at the age of 31 he was in the prime of manhood. For the next 34 years he relentless strove in the manner of the Prophet to enlighten the Ummah in those crucial days when the forces of untruth – the Omayyads and the Abbasids – were battling with each for power of the Islamic state that belonged to neither of them.

His period of Imamate could be roughly divided equally between the two tyrannical regimes, and as the Prophet's 6th Infallible Successor and heir to the divine legacy of the Holy Qur'an, he fully utilized the crucial years of infighting to take the famous academy of Medina to its greatest height.

At one time, 4,000 scholars sat at the feet of the Sadeq of the Age to learn religious and rational sciences. These included the Father of Chemistry, Jaber Ibn Hayyan (Geber to medieval Europe), the Master of Rhetoric, Hisham ibn al-Hakam, the Theologian Aban ibn Thaghlab, the Jurist Abu Hanifa, and etc.

The Imam of Truthful, however, was not left undisturbed by the forces of untruth. If during the Omayyad era he had to endure the martyrdom of his uncle, Zayd ibn Ali, and first cousin Yahya ibn Zayd; with the coming to power of the equally oppressive Abbasids he had to suffer the martyrdom of his second cousins Mohammad Nafse-Zakiyah, and Ibrahim.

In addition, Mansour, who martyred many male members of the line of Imam Hasan Mujtaba (AS) – burying most of them alive – committed the treason of calling the Shi'ites or devoted followers of the Ahl al-Bayt as "Rafidhoun" (rejecters of the caliphate), and coined a new term "Ahl as-Sunna wa'l-Jama'ah" for those who had no idea of what the real Sunnah and Seerah, or practice and behaviour of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) was. No such sect had ever existed before in Islamic history.

Yet Imam Sadeq (AS) spared no efforts to spread the true teachings of the Prophet in the society at a time when pseudo jurists on the payroll of the regime were resorting to "qiyas" (guesswork) on the bases of spurious hadith.

Eventually, Mansour martyred through poisoning the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, little knowing that it is God's Will to keep the torch of divine guidance glowing forever, until the advent of the Prophet's 12th and Last Successor, Imam Mahdi (AS), to establish the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice.

Today, the blessed tomb of Imam Sadeq (AS) in Medina has been destroyed by the Wahhabi cult, but the faithful continue to salute it from near and far, while promoting throughout the world the immortal legacy of the Imam of the Truthful.

## President Rouhani: Regional Countries Looking at Iran for Help

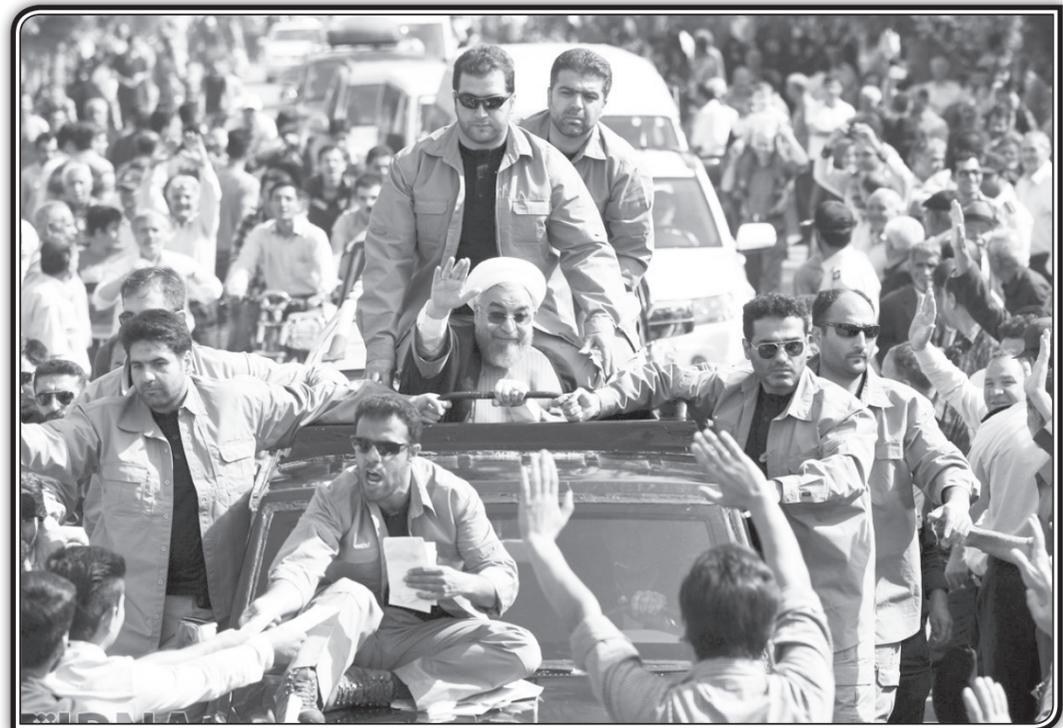
TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday lashed out at Israel after the Zionist regime resumed pounding the besieged Gaza Strip, saying Tel Aviv is a murderous regime.

Rouhani also warned against the existing instability across the Middle East, including Takfiri ISIL's crimes in Iraq, and noted, "The Syrian people have lost their homes and the murderers (have now) targeted the oppressed Palestinians and Gazans with their bombs and missile fire."

"Today in Iraq, the oppressed people are put to the sword of murderers who, unfortunately, claim deviously to (be promoting) Islam, but in practice they are mercenaries of the Zionists and have made millions of Iraqis, including Kurds, Sunnis and Shias homeless," said Rouhani addressing the gathering of people in the northwestern Iranian city of Ardebil.

"Today the people of Iraq, Syria and Palestine are turning their eyes to the brave Iranian nation for assistance. Therefore, we should maintain our unity and solidarity," Rouhani pointed out.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Rouhani pointed to the partial suspension of the U.S.-led sanctions against Iran after Tehran signed an interim nuclear deal with the Sextet of world



President Rouhani waves as his motorcade is stuck among the crowd on his provincial visit to Ardebil.

powers in November 2013 and noted, "More steps should be taken for the lifting of the sanctions."

Rouhani reaffirmed Iran's determination to maintain friendly interaction with the global community, but noted that the Iranian nation will

stand firmly against any government seeking to impinge on its rights.

The president also pledged that his administration will both preserve the nation's nuclear rights and bring back welfare to the lives of the Iranian people.

Israeli warplanes pounded Gaza Wednesday as furious mourners buried the wife and child of Hamas's top military commander, clamoring for revenge as eight days of calm exploded into bloodshed.

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## Science Minister Loses Vote of Confidence

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's parliament Wednesday voted to sack the science minister for wanting to recruit people accused of involvement in the 2009 post-election sedition.

Reza Faraji Dana, whose responsibilities included Iran's universities, was sacked after a censure motion went against him.

The motion was backed by 145 of the 270 lawmakers present, out of a total of 290, while 110 supported Faraji Dana. The other 15 abstained. President Hassan Rouhani defend-

ed his minister and urged MPs to have greater confidence in him.

"I really wish I could be there in parliament, next to the polite and knowledgeable minister ... and support this serving scientist," Rouhani said in a speech ahead of the vote on a provincial tour in northwestern Iran.

Reformers and moderates had tried in the past few days to defend Faraji Dana's record in office, accusing critics of wanting to weaken the government.

Lawmakers say he nominated as senior department officials people who took part in the seditious movement that challenged the re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009 and plunged the country into worst riots since the Islamic Revolution.

Faraji Dana was also accused of allowing students to return to university after having been expelled "for moral and political reasons" and tolerating student publications that question Islamic teachings.

He is the first minister in the cur-

rent government to be the subject of a censure motion.

He was Rouhani's third choice as minister for science, research and technology after parliament rejected the first two nominees.

MP Ali Reza Zakani told the house that Dana brought back "incompetent elements to universities and gave permission to student publications that promote separatism, sedition and riots".

He also accused Dana of re-hiring (Continued on Page 7)

## Deputy FM Raps Egypt for Delaying Gaza Aid

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Amir Abdollahian, lashed out on Wednesday at Egypt for delaying its humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

"Egypt has not issued a permit for Iranian planes carrying aid to Gaza despite the fact that it is now a long time Tehran has asked for this," Abdollahian told Iran's Fars News Agency.

Regarding injured Palestinian children that need medical care, the dep-

uty foreign minister said, "We expect Egypt to urgently fulfill its duties in this regard." Abdollahian met last week with his Egyptian counterpart in Tehran to discuss the Gaza situation and ways to deliver aid.

Three weeks ago, Iran had criticized Egypt for delaying permits needed to deliver aid to Gaza and to transport wounded women and children out of the area for medical treatment.

Egypt's government, at odds with Hamas that runs Gaza, has added

its own border closure to an Israeli blockade of the narrow strip of territory, making some exceptions for humanitarian or other cases. It rejected the allegations of unnecessary delay.

"This is unacceptable. We hope Egypt will live up to its Arab, Islamic and humanitarian responsibilities against Zionist crimes in Gaza," Abdollahian said at the time.

Rafah was closed for security reasons on Wednesday as the war between the occupying regime of Israel

and Palestinian resistance groups in Gaza reignited.

An official source from the Egyptian side of the crossing told the Egyptian newspaper Al-Youm al-Sabaa in a report on Wednesday that the Rafah Gaza border crossing was closed from the Palestinian side because of the fear of being hit from Israeli bombardment, stopping traffic.

Around 527 people crossed through the crossing between Egypt and Gaza on Tuesday, the Egyptian state news agency MENA reported.