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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

US Creating Crisis in Muslim World

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Be it covertly or overtly, the United States has always been hell-bent on creating crisis and havoc in the Muslim world in an attempt to offset its socio-economic and political affairs, and stoke sectarian sedition in the region.

A clear proof could be the ongoing killing spree in Iraq by the US-made terrorist group called ISIL – the self-styled Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Interestingly, this is also the very same terrorist group that US President Barack Obama has used as an excuse to sneak his troops back into Iraq under the pretext of 'humanitarian' intervention!

However, while touring the West Asia-North African region, the US officials always support the Arab officialdom and try to deliberately add fuel to trivial ethnic and ideological differences. Almost without any exception they also refer to Iran as "the biggest threat to Arab security."

It is evident that all these accusations, although baseless, should be taken very seriously since they translate into the irrefutable fact that the US administration has every intension to create crisis under their long-term strategies and objectives.

It is true that Washington has failed to fulfill its stated objectives in the so-called global war on terror, but that doesn't mean they will stop short of pursuing their main goal: Sowing discord and distrust, and if possible war among the countries of the region.

Despite the new US escalation or the so-called humanitarian intervention, the emergence of ISIL and the plan to create an all-out war in the Muslim world, especially in Syria and Iraq, is still high on the agenda of the US regime. It seeks distrust, instability and war between Muslims, but the question is whether they can succeed in getting the expected results?

There is also some kind of self-acknowledgement that the more the US insists on its illegal demands in the region the less positive results it will ever get. However, this only tends to be the case on condition that there is Islamic unity and resolve.

The good news is that many US politicians have already acknowledged that their new round of escalation in Iraq, like all other wars, is a war of words and that they will fail to win it. So yes, one day we will certainly see the last of US troops in the Persian Gulf as well.

Iran Confident of Its Defense Capabilities



Head of aerospace force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh.

Kayhan Int'l Political Desk

TEHRAN – A senior Iranian military commander on Wednesday dismissed threats by the occupying regime of Israel against the Islamic Republic, saying the Zionist regime would regret any aggression.

"Zionist officials have repeatedly made threats against Iran but they know well that the payback for any attack on Iran and our response would be so massive that even its thought would haunt them (Israeli leaders) to death," Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh said.

Hajizadeh is the head of the aerospace force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. He said, "The Zionist regime might be thinking of an aggression against Iran but after weighing the very serious consequences of the Islamic Republic's response, it would definitely realize that such a decision is a crude one," he said.

Hajizadeh touched on many weaknesses of the occupying regime as well as its inability to initiate a military action against Iran, saying "we are however ready (to

confront) a surprise attack even though its chances are one-hundredth".

The occupying regime of Israel has openly threatened Iran with military strikes, citing the country's nuclear energy program as geared toward non-civilian purposes.

The Islamic Republic however has warned the Zionist regime of dire consequences of such a decision.

In recent years, Iran has made great achievements in its defense sector and attained self-sufficiency in producing essential military equipment and systems.

Iran has also conducted several military drills to enhance the defense capabilities of its armed forces and to test modern military tactics and equipment.

The Islamic Republic has repeatedly said that its military poses no threat to other countries, reiterating that its defense doctrine is based on deterrence.

Hajizadeh said Iran's capabilities have realized in a massive scale in many areas.

"We are now able to cut our um-

bilical cord from the outsiders and by applying the Leader's prudence, cross the bounds of sanctions and take away any chance of maneuvering from the enemy."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif said Iran will not allow enemies to launch an act of aggression against the country's territory.

Visiting different sectors of the Iranian defense industries, Zarif praised various achievements made by the Islamic Republic in the defense sector over the past few years.

"(Our) defense achievements will not allow any country to be tempted to penetrate into Iran's borders," Zarif said.

"Every Iranian takes pride in the country's progress ... and scientific and technical capabilities. Our defense industry has made vast and considerable achievements for not only the defense of the country but also the development of various other industries as well," he added.

The Holy Qur'an

It is not (fit) for the Prophet and those who believe that they should ask forgiveness for the polytheists, even though they should be near relatives, after it has become clear to them that they are inmates of the flaming fire.

The Holy Qur'an (9.113)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:08
Evening (Maghreb)	20:08
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:56
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:27

Saudi-Iran Ties Taking Normal Course

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iranian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham says relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia are on a natural course, expressing hope for the promotion of ties between the two Middle East powers.

"In general, Iran's relations with the regional countries including Saudi Arabia are taking their normal course," Afkham said.

She pointed to the Iranian foreign ministry's plans to promote ties with Saudi Arabia. "Naturally, as Iran's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia takes office, there are some plans so that we may have a new assessment of diplomatic activities."

In late June, Iran's foreign ministry announced the appointment of Hussein Sadeqi as Tehran's new ambassador to Riyadh.

"We are optimistic that a new climate will prevail regarding (ties with) Saudi Arabia within the framework of relations with other regional countries," Afkham pointed out.

On Sunday, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal voiced his country's readiness to improve and expand bilateral relations with Iran.

The two key Middle East players are divided on a number of regional issues such as the situation in Syria and Bahrain.

Tehran has always been critical of Riyadh's support for the heavy-handed crackdown of the Bahraini regime on peaceful protesters.

Riyadh also supports militants fighting the Syrian government, while Iran stresses the importance of resolving the crisis in Syria through political approaches.

Press Digest

Palestinian Plight

AFTAB: Palestinians can have no hope of justice from any U.S.-brokered agreement; the Israeli lobby in the U.S. is too strong. But the growing hatred of Israel by academics, entertainers and others, and the boycotting of Israeli products by ever-increasing numbers of people the world over, will bring positive results for Palestinians, as these actions did a generation ago for South Africans.

American Arrogance

SHARQ: One view of U.S. policing is that it shares, with occupying U.S. forces abroad, the joint project of protecting the ruling class interests of a white supremacist global order. Bringing the opposition onto the streets reveals policing and militarism's shared interests; but people, especially people of color, have had cop problems long before the ongoing protests in Ferguson.

ABRAR: Coming together of old rivals and enemies in opposition to

War on Syria

Isis is happening in Iraq, but not yet in Syria where the U.S., Europeans, Turks, Saudis and Qataris continue with their old bankrupt policy. This is to get rid of or least weaken President Bashar al-Assad by backing ISIL and other terrorist groups. Unfortunately, ISIL dominates the Syrian opposition and that domination grows greater by the day.

U.S. Concealing Ties With Anti-Iran Group

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The U.S. government has launched rare legal efforts to avoid the potential exposure of its dealings with a U.S.-based anti-Iran group that has been embroiled in a defamation lawsuit.

The so-called United Against Nuclear Iran, a non-governmental lobbying group that has been campaigning against Iran's peaceful nuclear activities, has recently come under spotlight for its access to secret U.S. government files, The New York Times reported.

The allegation of the group's access to such files was raised in the course of a defamation lawsuit filed by Greek Businessman Victor Restis against the anti-Iran group. United Against Nuclear Iran previously accused Restis' firm of doing business with Iran in violation of the illegal U.S. sanctions on the country.

"The group has undertaken several such 'name and shame' campaigns against companies around the world," according to the report. In turn, Restis has drawn billionaire "Thomas S. Kaplan into the case, asking a federal judge to order him to turn over documents that he (Restis) suspects are related to the case."

In late July, the U.S. government moved to temporarily block the files of the anti-Iran group, "including its emails and donor lists," in a highly unusual move that virtually confirmed the allegation that the group has access to U.S. government files.

"It is not clear how the group obtained the documents," the report said, adding that U.S. Justice Department lawyers are now "quietly" seeking to mediate a settlement in the defamation lawsuit that has been filed against the anti-Iran group.

"The Justice Department is concerned enough about their (the documents') release that government lawyers are quietly mediating settlement talks to try to end the lawsuit," the report read.

Restis' lawyers say the Justice Department's "unexpected involvement raises questions about the relationship between the American government and United Against Nuclear Iran."

The U.S. and some of their allies have accused Iran of pursuing non-civilian objectives in its nuclear energy program. Iran rejects the allegations, and has been involved in negotiations with the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany over its peaceful nuclear activities.

The U.S. and the European Union (EU) have imposed unilateral sanctions on the Islamic Republic over the allegation, seeking to block foreign companies from doing legitimate business with Iran.