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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Hamas Says No to Extension of Gaza Blockade

By Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Despite the so-called "unilateral ceasefire extension", the criminal regime of Israel continues the carnage of the besieged city of Strip with air and artillery strikes.

The government of Hamas has rejected Israel's unilateral ceasefire, saying that no ceasefire would be valid without a withdrawal of invasion forces. Hamas also argues that the partial pause isn't stopping the Israeli attacks on civilians, and ultimately, they don't want these brief pauses, but a settlement of the war that ends years of Israeli blockade and occupation.

It's an echo of the recent comments made by Supreme Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, who has said that armed resistance by Palestinians is the only way to confront the Zionist regime of Israel.

Ayatollah Khamenei says, "Tel Aviv's unimaginable crimes show the innate reality of Israel, whose only cure is annihilation. Of course until then, Palestinians' resolute, armed resistance and its expansion to the West Bank is the only way to confront this savage regime. We believe that the West Bank should also be armed like Gaza and those who are interested in Palestine's destiny should act in this regard."

The Leader stated that the annihilation of Israel does not mean the massacre of Jews, though: "Through a referendum, the people living and belonging in the region would select their desired government."

Ayatollah Khamenei's latest remarks carry with them a number of important messages that would need a closer look:

The first message is that Iran has a rational, fair and humane plan that could help resolve the Palestinian conflict once and for all. Just as importantly, the most pressing need for the Muslim world and the Islamic states is to return to their roots i.e., the path of the righteous and Islamic governance. But this can only be the case if they can fully exploit all their geopolitical advantages and resources while remaining resilient and unified.

The second message is that it is because of the Islamic Revolution that Iran is now a front-runner in the fight against Zionist violence and impunity. Also the nation takes pride in the fact that it is standing firm against Zionist/Western aggression, occupation and discrimination.

The third message is that it is as a consequence of discord in the Muslim world that the Palestinian people are now suffering immensely under Zionist occupation. More to the point, the Zionist aggressors, backed by the Western states and media propaganda, continue to harass and kill Palestinians or steal their lands under the "watchful" eyes of the United Nations. The criminal regime of Israel has destroyed a nation and the so-called supporters of human rights in the West are not doing anything about it.

The fourth message is that in the wake of the ongoing carnage and genocide in the Gaza Strip, only through armed resistance will it be possible for the Palestinians to secure their freedom and rid themselves of occupation. To this end, all Palestinians, particularly those in the West Bank, have no option but to take arms if they want to liberate their lands and build their nation state.

Despite the baseless allegations of Western media outlets, the Islamic Republic of Iran has no intention to use military warfare to wipe out the Zionist regime. Quite the opposite, it has come up with a rational, fair, just and humane plan in the form of referendum that could help peacefully and permanently resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. That was the final message of Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

But until then, seeing that Israel has resumed its disproportionate pounding of the Gaza Strip amid the so-called "unilateral ceasefire", it is indeed evident that armed resistance is the only choice for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to repel the Zionist aggressor and rid themselves of decades of occupation and humiliation.

Norway Expelling Iranian Students

LONDON (Dispatches) -- Academics from Norway's top technical university have expressed concern after almost a dozen post-graduate science students from Iran had their residence permits cancelled because of U.S.-led sanctions.

"When I first heard about this, I just couldn't believe it," says 27-year-old Hamideh Kaffash who was about to start a PhD in material engineering at the prestigious Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

She's one of 10 Iranian post-graduates who have received letters from the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration in recent months in-

forming them that they must leave the country.

The letters say that Norway's Police and Security Service has ruled that their studies could result in the transfer of sensitive technology which could help Iran develop its nuclear industry.

The security services say this would put Norway in breach of sanctions in place against Iran over its nuclear program.

But Hamideh says her specialty has nothing to do with the nuclear industry.

"I'm working on a project to reducing Co2 emission in ferromanganese production," she says. "It's

a project which will benefit the environment and is now being applied in Iran."

The immigration ruling affects three post-graduate students at NTNU, including Hamideh, and the university has lodged an appeal on their behalf.

The seven other post-grads who've been affected, and who are studying at other universities, have also challenged the decision.

Hamideh and her friends have also been campaigning to get the decision reversed.

They've set up a Facebook page, organized an online petition and held protests on university campus-

es across the country, attended by both students and lecturers.

"We think the Department of Immigration decision is baseless and wrong," says Jostein Mardalen, head of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at NTNU.

"The topic of my students' project is to reduce CO2 emissions and other pollutants," he told BBC Persian.

"This is environmentally-friendly work and has nothing to do with WMD or atomic energy or anything like that."

The Norwegian police security service has declined to comment on the 10 post-graduate cases, but in a

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Deputy FM:

Iran Will Not Let Zionists Continue Aggression



Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hussein Amir-Abdollahian

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Tehran will prevent the occupying regime of Israel from continuing its aggression on Gaza with all means available, an Iranian Foreign Affairs Ministry official said, adding the country is waiting for permission from Cairo to transport aid into the enclave and receive wounded.

Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab Affairs Hussein Amir Abdollahian arrived in Lebanon Saturday morning and held talks with Prime Minister Tammam Salam, Speaker Nabih Berri and Foreign Affairs Minister Gebran Bassil on the first day of his two-day official visit to Beirut.

Speaking to reporters after his

meeting with Bassil, Abdollahian said Hamas had only used a mere three percent of its military capability in the 19-day conflict.

MPs to Begin Visit To Gaza

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- An Iranian parliamentary delegation plans to visit the besieged Gaza Strip on Monday, a lawmaker says.

Hassan Kamran, who leads the delegation, says the six-member team is scheduled to travel to Gaza through the Rafah border crossing.

Kamran noted that the Iranian lawmakers plan to visit the families of people affected during the Israeli strikes on Gaza.

He added that the lawmakers await visa from interest sections of Egypt in Tehran.

The parliamentary delegation includes Kamran, Muhammad Ali Pour-Mokhtar, Abdollah Ta'mini, Esmail Kowsari, Ruhollah Husseinian and Muhammad Dehqani.

Meanwhile, Iran's parliament speaker said the Zionist regime's military assault on the Gaza Strip has put the Egyptian government to a serious test.

"Hosni Mubarak's government had a poor record on supporting the Palestinian people, but during the 22-day war, it allowed limited humanitarian assistance into the Gaza Strip," Ali Larjani said.

Under ousted president Muhammad Mursi, the Rafah border crossing was reopened to humanitarian aid for Palestinians during the eight-day Israeli war on Gaza, Larjani said in an interview with Al-Alam television channel.

"The recent war is a test for the new Egyptian government. It is clear that Egypt should pave the way for the delivery of humanitarian and medical aid into Gaza via it's the Rafah border crossing," the speaker added.

He also criticized certain Muslim countries' inaction in the face of the Israeli atrocities in Gaza, saying the Palestinian people need money and arms to confront the Zionist regime and not slogans.

The Holy Qur'an

If thou dost question them, they declare (with emphasis): "We were only talking idly and in play." Say: "Was it at Allah, and His Signs, and His Messenger, that ye were mocking?"
The Holy Qur'an (9:65)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:10
Evening (Maghreb)	20:32
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:31
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:09

"We are exerting and using all available efforts and capabilities to prevent (Israel) from continuing its massacres and crimes against civilians in Gaza," Abdollahian said.

"I want to reaffirm the Islamic Republic of Iran's support of the resistance might in Palestine and resistance in the region in general. We will not allow the Zionist entity to continue its barbaric aggression on the Gaza strip or allow it to achieve its ambition."

"We believe that the Palestinian resistance in Gaza has the sufficient capabilities to continue its heroic confrontation and the resistance has only used three percent of its military capabilities since the conflict began three weeks ago," he said.

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Press Digest

Solidarity With Palestinians

RESALAT: Iran will do all in its power to help the Palestinians. Iran strongly supports the Palestinian refugees as well as unity among Muslims. We take it upon ourselves to stand by and help the oppressed Palestinian people wherever they are wholeheartedly one way or another. As always Iran will do all it can to help rebuild Gaza.

Gaza Hospitals

DONYAYE EQTESAD: Gaza's hospitals are denied a constant supply of energy, of water, of disposables, medical drugs – all the items you need to run a small hospital. They are now exposed to this constant and very large flow of the very severely injured. And they are not crippled. On the contrary they have doubled or tripled their shifts. Everyone is extremely tired and exhausted, but they don't yield.

Hamas Doctrine

AFTAB: Hamas wants an independent Palestinian state. Hamas emerged out of the failure of the PLO in securing nationhood for the Palestinian people after decades of struggle. Hamas is resisting the continuing occupation of Palestinian territories by Israel. Despite this, Hamas has a number of times expressed willingness to reach long-term ceasefire and peace agreements with Israel.

Blame Israel

ABRAR: Many Palestinians, especially young men trapped in overcrowded hovels where they have no work and little dignity will risk immediate death to defy the slow, humiliating death of occupation. We cannot blame them. They want freedom, one way or another, even that means taking arms.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

30th day

“اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ صِيَامِي فِيهِ بِالشُّكْرِ وَالْقَبُولِ عَلَى مَا تَرْضَاهُ وَ بِرِضَاهِ الرَّسُولِ مُحَمَّدٍ فَرُوعَهُ بِالْأُصُولِ، بِحَقِّ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ.”

"O Allah, perfect my faults to the stage which is acceptable to You and to Your beloved Messenger, in a way that the results of my fasts may lead me to a life of purity and righteousness, for the sake of Muhammed (s.a.w.) and his progeny."