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Viewpoint

## Ayatollah Khamenei Was Right!

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has been right to say that the ongoing dispute with Iran over its nuclear program has been politicized and used as a convenient tool at the hands of the West to put pressure on the Islamic Republic, slow down its scientific/technological progress, and contain its influence across the region and beyond.

According to Ayatollah Khamenei, even if Iran and the P5+1 (the United States, Britain, Russia, China, France and Germany) manage to clinch an accord, the West will still pursue its anti-Iran policy, and come up with other excuses such as "human rights" to antagonize Tehran.

Ayatollah Khamenei has also been right to say that he is not so optimistic about the talks: "I am not optimistic about these talks, but with God's blessings, we shall not lose anything in these talks either. This experience will enhance our nation's mental capacity. If the talks succeed, so much the better. And if they don't, that should mean that the country is standing on its own feet. We should not trust an enemy who keeps smiling and says it is willing to talk but at the same time tells us all options are on the table."

Ironically, after two days of new round of technical talks in Vienna, chief US nuclear negotiator Wendy Sherman suggested that if the two sides reach a nuclear deal, Iran would get significant relief from financial, trade and oil sanctions that are related to its nuclear program. "However, the sanctions relief will not include issues related to human rights in Iran or support for terrorism."

The US hypocrisy has gone even further: The Congress has given threats by Democrats and Republicans to institute new sanctions if the nuclear deal isn't to their "liking" by November 24! Other significant hurdles remain as well. For the US, they include selling an agreement to its closest regional partners like Israel and Arab monarchies - the very same partners that Sherman says: "Want to see the nuclear talks fail."

To complicate matters, the International Atomic Energy Agency continues to issue reports on Iran's nuclear program, in the words of the Russian Foreign Ministry, "that are a politicized compilation of well-known facts to undermine international efforts to defuse tensions over the issue."

As the whole world knows by now, the IAEA reports are upon the US political pressure. That's why they have provided some doubts about Iran nuclear projects, which have never been proved.

Based on those imbalanced IAEA reports, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has passed resolutions, upon the US pressure, and step by step imposed new rounds of sanctions against Iran. Those resolutions from international legal aspect are not justifiable, since there is no document available about Iranian infringement of non-proliferation treaty to support them. The UNSC decisions on imposing sanctions were taken based on doubts, not facts. So they are illegal.

Based on NPT there is also no legal bar for having nuclear fuel cycle. The World has acknowledged this right for Iran the first time in Istanbul on April 2012. While the Iranian right of having nuclear fuel cycle is acknowledged by P5+1, there is no logic for extension of the sanctions. The P5+1 should take some commitments for removing the sanctions. The West should also take more receptive attitude toward the Iranian nuclear energy program.

The West knows Israel is not signatory of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It means Israel is not committed to this internationally binding treaty, which is a threat to the world peace and security by itself. While Israel has threatened Iran militarily many times, no sanction has been imposed on it by UNSC.

International realities are changing. It is very timely for the US and Europe to fully acknowledge the Iranian right of nuclear industry. If they can accept that NPT is the basic law on nuclear, and they go through it, the win-win approach could be expected.

In any case, the Iranian nation continues to face double standards in their rights. And as long as this is the case, Ayatollah Khamenei is right not to be so optimistic about the talks: "What our officials started will continue. We will not renege. I have no opposition. But I will say again. There is no use. It will not lead anywhere."

# Iran: Zionists Spreading Seditious in Egypt



Iran's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marziyeh Afkham talks to reporters during a news conference in Tehran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has condemned violence in the Sinai Peninsula that left dozens of Egyptian security personnel dead on Friday, saying the occupying regime of Israel is benefiting from insecurity in the volatile region that weakens the government in Cairo.

On Friday, security sources said two attacks in the Sinai region killed 33 security personnel, in some of the worst anti-state vio-

lence since President Muhammad Mursi was overthrown last year.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marziyeh Afkham expressed her hope that Cairo would prevent the Zionist regime from "spreading sedition" among the Egyptian population, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported on Saturday.

When the Egyptian army ousted Mursi from power in July 2013,

Tehran criticized the move, drawing a hostile response from Cairo.

Under Mursi, ties between the two countries seemed to improve, with the then Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad becoming the first Iranian chief executive to visit Egypt in more than three decades. He called for a strategic alliance with Egypt and offered Cairo a loan to ease a deepening economic crisis.

The Holy Qur'an

Allah has promised to the believing men and the believing women gardens, beneath which rivers flow, to abide in them, and goodly dwellings in gardens of perpetual abode; and best of all is Allah's goodly pleasure; that is the grand achievement.

The Holy Qur'an (9.72)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:48
Evening (Maghreb)	17:34
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:56
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:20

Iran and Egypt cut formal diplomatic relations in 1980 after Tehran was angered by Egypt's admission of the deposed Shah of Iran and Egypt's recognition of Israel.

The violence prompted Egypt to declare a three-month state of emergency in parts of North Sinai, where the violence took place, the state news agency reported.

"Emergency law is announced in the areas specified -- to the east from the hill of Rafah through to the line of the international border, until al-Oga and West from West Arish through the sea coast and until the international borders in Rafah," Egyptian news reported.

## Woman Hanged for Murder

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iranian woman Reyhaneh Jabbari was executed Saturday morning inside a prison near the capital Tehran after she was convicted of murdering a man in a criminal case seven years ago.

Reyhaneh was hanged in the early hours of Saturday after being found guilty of killing Morteza Abdolali Sarbandi in July 2007.

Tehran's public prosecutor issued a statement, confirming the execution and noted that Jabbari had preplanned the murder and purchased the knife to kill Sarbandi two days prior to the incident.

The 26-year-old woman has confessed to the murder claiming that she had stabbed the man to death to defend herself against attempted rape, but her claims were rejected based on further investigations and crime scene evidence.

Jabbari's execution was halted earlier this month in order to give her lawyer more time to convince the victim's family to pardon her.

Under Islamic law, a convicted murderer is put to death if the victim's family demands execution.

## Germany-Iran Trade Surges 30%

BERLIN (IRNA/Press TV) -- A German trade official pointed to a surge of German exports to Iran amid diplomatic efforts to end western sanctions on Tehran's nuclear program.

Speaking in Berlin, a managing member of the Hamburg-based German-Iran Chamber of Commerce, Michael Tockuss said German exports to Iran have risen by more than 30% this year.

Top exports include industrial machines, chemicals, food and electronics, he added.

Tockuss pointed out Iran's economy had a "huge potential" once the western sanctions are lifted.

He acknowledged the anti-Iran embargo had also damaged German companies as it made trading more difficult.

That notwithstanding, Tockuss said, Germany was not fearing U.S. and other European competition in the Iranian market, as Iranians like the good quality of German products.

Tockuss hailed Iran's "very serious efforts" to diversify its exports.

Referring to ongoing negotiations between Iran and six world powers aimed at resolving the nuclear impasse, Tockuss warned that imposing pressure on one side could not solve the problem.

He stressed Iran as a regional power had to be integrated in the regional security architecture.

Tockuss urged also Iran to be aware of its security responsibilities when it comes to the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Iran's leading auto manufacturer, Iran Khodro Company (IKCO), plans to use the technical expertise of German and French experts in the industry, an Iranian official said.

"Currently, a German group with 35 years of experience in auto industry is visiting different sections of IKCO to start cooperation as consultant," said IKCO Chief Executive Officer Hashem Yekkeh-Zare.

"Based on plans, a French group active in auto industry will also travel to Iran in the next two or three months," he added.

The official said the French group is not linked to French car manufacturers and comprises prominent experts in the industry, adding that the team will also provide consulting services to the IKCO after visiting different sections of the company.

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## Press Digest

### Untrue Allegations

RESALAT: Former IAEA officials say the West lied about WMDs in Iraq. The consequence was a bloody war in which hundreds of thousands were killed and wounded. Now the very same cabal is lying about Iran and its civilian nuclear program. The international community is duty-bound to stop a repeat of Iraqi scenario in Iran.

### Autarchic World

AFTAB: The West has become a bully. It is now a world in which the West is bent on dictating its policies to others. This will only lead to further chaos and instability. What is happening in the world is a direct consequence of Western dictatorship in which other nations have no say.

### Dodgy Partners

ABRAR: The West and the IAEA are trying to sabotage the ongoing nuclear talks with Iran. They have every intention to politicize the nuclear dossier with little intention for a final resolution. The IAEA's dodgy reports have helped the West create a bogeyman of Iran's nuclear program. They are also trying to prolong the talks in order to serve their own agenda and derail the process.

### Price Factors

DONYAYE EQTESAD: There are simple reasons why oil prices are going down across the globe. Saudi Arabia is doing everything to sideline Russia and other regional producers like Iran by selling crude at knockdown prices. Another reason for the plunge in oil prices is exports from Iraq and Syria by terrorist groups who have several oil fields and refineries under their control. With the help of Turkey and other regional states they are selling cheap oil to Europe.