

**Iranian Missiles Can Target Aircraft Carriers**

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- A senior member of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) warned on Friday that the Iranian military had the ability to target aircraft carriers using supersonic missiles.

"We can easily target hostile aircraft carriers with our supersonic missiles and we have advanced technology that would leave our enemies in awe," Brig. Gen. Hussein Salami, the IRGC deputy commander, said during a speech carried by the official news agency IRNA.

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**Larijani to Visit Regional Countries**

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani is to start a tour of regional countries this weekend, Fars News Agency reported on Friday.

Larijani's trip, which starts on December 21, will include visits to Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. According to Lebanese sources, Larijani is expected to hold meetings with high-profile Lebanese officials, including Prime Minister Tammam Salam, Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, and senior Hezbollah officials. Iran enjoys friendly relations with Lebanon, Iraq and Syria.

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## Peace of Islam Vs. the Terrorim of Jahiliyya

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

"In the Prophet of Allah there is certainly for you the Excellent Exemplar, for those who look forward to Allah and the Last Day, and remember Allah greatly." (Holy Qur'an 33:21)

"We have not sent you but as Mercy unto the creation." (Holy Qur'an 21:107)

This is how the Almighty Creator introduces to mankind His Last and Greatest Messenger who was sent to institutionalize and universalize the message of peace, submission to none but God (monotheism), and the healthy way of life – all of which in Arabic means "Islam".

Today on the eve of the departure from the mortal world of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), let us cast a glance at his immortal legacy and how it has been preserved by the true believers, in spite of the fact that some have tried to pervert it – ironically in the name of Islam.

He used to say: "I have been sent to complete the best of morals".

The orphan of Abdullah and Amenah who was born in the monotheist Hashemite clan of the Quraysh, descended from Prophet Ishmael, the firstborn of Prophet Abraham, spared no efforts to enlighten mankind with the highest morals.

As the perfect picture of humanitarian values, during his 23-year mission he united under the fraternal banner of Islam the fratricidal tribes of Arabia, preached universal brotherhood by attracting Abyssinians, Persians, and Romans (e.g. Bilal, Salman, Sohaib), and invited heads of the supposedly civilized world nations to shun state terrorism by returning to the path of God.

Prophesied by all prophets of the past, including Moses in the Torah and Jesus in the Evangel, in order to ensure the evergreen purity of his message of peace that abhors violence, the Seal of Prophets emphasized time and again on the famous Hadith Thaqaalayn, reiterating in crystal clear words:

"I am leaving behind among you the Thaqaalayn (Two Weighty Things); the Book of God (Qur'an) and my progeny, the Ahl al-Bayt. Hold fast to them and you will never go astray, since the two will never separate from each other, even when they return to me at the Pool (of Kowthar on Resurrection Day)."

Did all his companions obey the letter and spirit of his words?

The sad fact is they did not, otherwise the peace of Islamic faith that was perfected at the memorable gathering of Ghadeer-Khom on 18th Zilhijja 10 AH – exactly two months and ten days before he passed away – would not have been perverted by the violence of the scandalous meeting of Saqifa Bani Sa'da.

This could be called the first open deviation from Islam and the ethereal teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), whose words were ignored by a group of power-hungry companions, whose sole intention in choosing a caliph after a fistfight among themselves, was to deprive Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), the foremost member of the Ahl al-Bayt, of his divinely-decreed right to lead the ummah in peace.

The result has been catastrophe, whose painful consequences we are suffering to this day in the form of terrorism by devilish elements masquerading as Muslims, while being totally devoid of not just the spirit of Islam but of any humanitarian value.

As a matter of fact, no sooner was the Prophet laid to rest by his grieving household, the first act of terrorism occurred in Medina, when a roguish group of so-called Muslims stormed the house of his Immaculate Daughter, and flung the burning door upon her.

As a result, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA) eventually attained martyrdom, but not before delivering her famous sermon in front of the rulers that expounded the egalitarian principles of Islam and exposed the regime in its true Jahiliyya colours.

Time and space do not allow me to dwell in detail on the state terrorism of the regimes that followed and left a permanent scar on the body politic of Islam.

Since the 28th of Safar also happens to be the martyrdom anniversary of the Prophet's elder grandson, Imam Hasan (AS), whose masterful stroke of a peace treaty unmasked the hypocrisy of the terrorists disguised as Muslims, it will suffice to say: How did a hardcore heathen like Mu'awiyah rise to power in Syria and why did the Muslims – except for the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt and their loyal companions – obeyed the Godless rule of the Omayyads?

Only proper answers to these questions, through reflection on the Prophet's sayings in praise of Imam Hasan (AS) – as well as Imam Husain (AS) – will ensure the perpetual peace that the message of Islam preaches for all humanity, in contrast to the violence and terrorism of those who call themselves Salafis or followers of the fratricidal heathens of Arabia that had paid lip service to Islam without faith entering their hearts.

## U.S. Blocks Release of Iran Coup Study



The CIA has admitted role in the 1953 ouster of Iran's popularly elected prime minister, Muhammad Mossadegh.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The Obama administration is stalling the release of a key report detailing U.S. covert action in Iran, according to sources in the State Department's Office of the Historian.

In 1953, the CIA orchestrated a coup d'etat against the democratically-elected government of Iranian Premier Muhammad Mossadegh, installing Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi.

It's no secret that the CIA did it, and the U.S. has admitted it time and again, but the State Department

has announced it is once again delaying the release of its study on the coup.

The coup was carried out primarily for the benefit of British oil interests, as Mossadegh was planning nationalization. Legally speaking, the State Department was only supposed to keep the history secret for 30 years.

It's hard to imagine anything in the history of the coup is unknown, let alone that it could do any further harm to U.S.-Iranian relations after decades of acrimony. Still, the lure of secrecy seems to be winning out among officials, as usual.

State Department historian Stephen Randolph informed the bureau's committee on historical diplomatic documentation in September that the repeated and highly unusual delay had to do with administration fears that it would negatively impact diplomacy with Iran, according to recently published minutes of the meeting.

Richard Immerman, chairman of

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## Iran to Hold Massive Naval Drills

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran will hold widespread naval drills extending to the Gulf of Aden in December, its navy chief said on Thursday, asking foreign forces to "leave the area" to avoid incidents.

The week-long exercises — the first on this scale since the election of President Hassan Rouhani in June last year — are set to start on December 25 and take place between the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Aden, Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari was quoted as saying by the official IRNA news agency.

"The ballistic capacity of Iran will be on display during exercises including missile launches," Sayyari said.

He said military maneuvers would also take place in the southeastern provinces of Hormozgan and Sistan-Baluchistan.

Sayyari called on foreign forces to leave the drill zone for the duration of the exercises.

The maneuvers will pose "no danger to foreign forces in the Persian Gulf", he added, in an apparent reference to the U.S. Fifth Fleet, which is stationed in Bahrain.

Iran's navy has boosted its international presence over the past few years, in particular to help guard commercial vessels in the Gulf of Aden against pirate attacks.

Tehran's last major military drills were held in May 2013, a month before Rouhani was elected.

The new drill, codenamed "Muhammad Rasolallah", will involve the army, navy, air force, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the volunteer Basij force, Army Brig. Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi told reporters.

"New weapons and tactics will

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## Tehran: New UN Rights Report 'Political'

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran on Friday dismissed a UN resolution on alleged human rights abuses in the Islamic Republic, saying UN mechanisms have turned into a political tool in the hands of the West.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Marzieh Afkham, condemned any use of resolutions for political gains.

Iran dismisses the approval and content of such resolutions, Afkham said, adding "it is regrettable that the UN's human rights mechanisms and tools are abused by certain Western countries", some of which blatantly violate human rights themselves.

On Thursday, the UN General Assembly approved a resolution criticizing the human rights situation in Iran.

Afkham said the resolution was adopted based on biased and unreliable sources, adding that Iran has already responded to the allegations in the resolution based on well-founded evidence.

The Iranian official said that the anti-Iran resolution was passed at a time when the occupying regime of Israel's crimes along with growing

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## IAEA: Iran Complying With Commitments

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- Iran has continued to meet its commitments under an interim nuclear agreement with six world powers, a confidential United Nations nuclear agency report showed on Friday.

The monthly update by the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran was not enriching uranium above a fissile concentration of five percent. It also said Iran had not made "any further advances" to its activities at two enrichment facilities and a heavy water reactor under construction.

Under last year's accord between Iran and the United States, France, Germany, Russia, China and Britain, the Islamic Republic halted its most sensitive nuclear activity and took other steps in exchange for some easing of economic sanctions.

It was negotiated to buy time for talks on a final settlement of a 12-year dispute over Iran's nuclear program.

France and Britain claimed on Thursday that Iran had not demonstrated sufficient flexibility in the nuclear talks. The remarks, at the United Nations, came just after the completion of another inconclusive round of negotiations in Geneva this week.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi however said he had "very useful and helpful" nuclear negotiations with major powers in Geneva.

Araqchi, speaking to reporters at the end of all-day closed-door talks, said there was an agreement to continue nuclear talks "next month" at a venue to be decided.

"We had very intense negotiations. It was very useful and helpful," Araqchi said, without giving details.

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