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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Blair ‘Legacy’ Award: Diabolical & Absurd

By: Kayhan Int’l Staff Writer

At a time when delay of justice is injustice, war criminals like Tony Blair and George W. Bush continue to use their powers, connections and money to avoid international justice.

Worse, former UK prime minister and Iraq War architect Tony Blair is so good in avoiding justice that he has even used his former adviser and current director of Save the Children John Forsyth to grant him the organization’s prestigious Global Legacy Award!

The man, who in 2003 joined U.S. president George W. Bush to kill and maim hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians, and is currently a key focus of international inquiries, received the award on Wednesday in New York for his supposed role in “protecting children from harm” in Africa!

The decision is so controversial that it has already unleashed international criticism: The personnel of Save the Children say the diabolical and absurd decision is inappropriate and a betrayal to the organization’s principles and values.

A petition with over 90,000 signatures so far has also denounced the award as morally reprehensible. The petition calls on Save the Children to revoke the award because “Blair is the cause of the deaths of countless children in the Middle East with damning allegations relating to his role as Middle East envoy and business dealings with autocratic rulers in the region”.

At any rate, international awards cannot, and shouldn’t, determine the innocence of those responsible for an illegal war that led to the destruction of Iraq, enormous loss of lives, and continuing turmoil in the Middle East.

People like Blair and Bush should never be given the chance to escape justice, because their invasion was based on false grounds and spawned terrorism across the globe with terrifying consequences. Likewise, their costly war of deceit played a significant role in the collapse of the American banking system and the global economy.

This while according to several international commissions and independent inquiries, the invasion lacked legitimacy under international law. They say there was insufficient legitimacy for the invasion, and despite warning, the U.S. and the UK attacked Iraq on the pretext of possessing weapons of mass destruction. More than one million Iraqis were killed and injured while no WMD was ever discovered.

They say, peace if possible, but justice at any rate. So instead of awarding these war criminals, international charity organizations like Save the Children should join international efforts to hold to account those responsible for leading the world into this unnecessary mess.

They should also help facilitate a judicial process that could ultimately result in Tony Blair and George W. Bush being indicted for war crimes and crimes committed against humanity in Iraq.

Three Members of Security Forces Martyred

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Three members of Iranian security forces were killed by unknown gunmen in the southeastern Sistan-Baluchestan province on Wednesday.

They were shot dead by unidentified armed men, said the governor of the provincial town of Zahak where the incident took place.

Local security authorities are investigating the case, Jamshid Rakhshani further told Fars News Agency. No person or group has claimed responsibility for the deadly attack yet.

The Sistan-Baluchestan province has been the scene of a number of terrorist attacks in recent years.

On February 6, Jaish-ul-Adl terrorists kidnapped five Iranian border guards in the provincial Jakigour region and took them to the Pakistani territory.

In a message on April 6, Iran’s Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said efforts by security and diplomatic bodies as well as locals had borne fruit and four of the abductees were freed and reunited with their families.

On October 25, 2013, Jaish-ul-Adl killed 14 Iranian border guards and wounded six others in a border region near the city of Saravan in the Sistan-Baluchestan province.

In February 2013, Iran and Pakistan signed a security agreement under which both countries are required to cooperate in preventing and combating organized crime, fighting terrorism and countering the activities that pose a threat to the national security of either country.

Iran has repeatedly called on Pakistan to comply with the terms of the agreement.

IRGC Chief:

Takfiri Groups Created to Confront Iran



IRGC commander Major General Muhammad Ali Jafari addresses a gathering of volunteer Basij forces.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **IRGC commander Major General Muhammad Ali Jafari said on Wednesday the enemies created the ISIL terrorist group to confront the Islamic Revolution, but the plot backfired and extended Iran’s influence in other countries.**

“The enemy created the ISIL to counter the wave of the Islamic

Revolution and Islamic movements,” the head of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said in a conference in the southern city of Kerman.

But there is now rising enthusiasm for the Islamic Revolution among the people of Iraq and Syria, Jafari added.

Iran has played a key role in the

fight against ISIL, assisting both Iraq and Syria to confront extremists from expanding their reach to vital political and religious places in the two countries.

General Jafari also touched on the rising influence of the Islamic Revolution in the world, saying Iran has succeeded to spread the spirit of resistance among world nations.

“Without the ideology of resistance in Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, it is not clear what the fate of those countries would have been... Yemen’s revolution would have not gained victory without (resistance),” noted the commander.

He highlighted the resistance of the Iranian people against bullying powers, stressing that the U.S. and the occupying regime of Israel will never achieve their “malicious ob-

New Defense Achievements Unveiled

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – **The Iranian navy on Wednesday unveiled three new homegrown products, including a new radar system.**

In a special ceremony, the navy unveiled a new domestically-made SX-Band navigation radar system which has been specifically designed to prevent radio transmission disorders.

Army’s deputy commander Brigadier General Abdolrahim Mousavi, navy commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari and head of the Industrial Research and Self-Sufficiency Jihad Organization Rear Admiral Ali Gholamzade were among the high-ranking commanders taking part in the event.

The Samen Project which is the country’s first sea-based air and surface fire control system as well as the Shahid Mehrpour Project, an advanced naval simulator to train Iranian divers to come out of the Midget submarines, were also unveiled in the ceremony.

In recent years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has made great advances in its defense sector and has attained self-sufficiency in producing essential military equipment and systems.

Tehran has repeatedly assured other nations that its military might poses no threat to other countries, saying that the Islamic Republic’s defense doctrine is entirely based on deterrence.

Leader’s Aide Warns of Plot Against Islamic Sites

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- **A senior advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says all Muslim nations will stand by the Palestinian people against the Israeli regime.**

“The entire Muslim world, including the Islamic Republic of Iran, will support the Palestinians in achieving their sacred goals,” Ali Akbar Velayati told reporters.

Velayati also warned that destruction of holy sites and mosques in Muslim countries is a “plot”.

“This plot is to be carried out by Zionists and they intend to destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque, but they will not succeed and the Palestinians will stand against them,” he said.

Earlier in the day, Ayatollah Khamenei reaffirmed Iran’s support for the Palestinians in Gaza and the Israeli-occupied territories, adding the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank should be armed to defend their land, just like the Gazans.

“We are not entangled in religious divisions, and we will provide Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Palestine with the same assistance we offered to Shia Hezbollah in Lebanon,” the Leader said.

Over the past decades the occupying regime of Israel has sought to change the demographic makeup of Al-Quds by constructing illegal settlements, destroying historical sites and expelling the local Palestinian population.

Palestinians are seeking to create an independent state on the territories of the West Bank, East Al-Quds (Jerusalem), and the besieged Gaza Strip and are demanding that Israel withdraw from the occupied Palestinian territories.

The Holy Qur’an



Therefore concert your plan, and then assemble in (serried) ranks: He wins (all along) today who gains the upper hand.

The Holy Qur’an 20:65

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:52
Evening (Maghreb)	17:11
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	05:23
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	06:51

jectives” against the nation.

An aide to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Takfiri groups were created by arrogant powers to drive a wedge between Shias and Sunnis in a bid to guarantee Israel’s security.

“Takfiri groups have been formed by intelligence services of Britain, the Zionist regime and the U.S.,” Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi said.

“The arrogance seeks to create war and discord between Sunnis and Shias in the Islamic countries and to undermine Islamic Awakening in Muslim nations,” he added.

Safavi said insecurity in the region is a boon to the occupying regime of Israel, enabling Takfiri creators to boost arms sales and to maintain their military presence in the Middle East.

Another objective behind the creation of Takfiri groups, he said, is to “weaken the political and spiritual influence of Iran in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon”.

On Tuesday, Ayatollah Khamenei said the Takfiri groups serve the interests of colonial powers, calling for a “scientific” movement to stem the scourge.

Press Digest

Failed Campaign

IRAN: The West tried to bring Iran to its knees but failed. Now that Iran and the six powers have decided to meet again in the next seven months, a final deal is possible. But that deal should never forgo Iran’s nuclear rights or cross the red lines.

Unworthy Party

ETEMAAD: Nuclear negotiations showed that the U.S. is untrustworthy in a real sense of the word. How can you trust a politician who victimizes the national interests of the U.S. and other nations for the illegitimate interests of the Zionist regime? Tehran cannot trust this kind of politician.

Ineffective Pressures

DONYAYE EQTESAD: There is no doubt in the continued operation of Iran’s nuclear technology and installations. The West is of this belief that pressures and sanctions against Iran don’t yield any fruit. The centrifuges will never stop operating and people will have a better life.

Fundamental Differences

ABRAR: Uranium enrichment and removal of sanctions are two key issues in talks. There are also other issues that if not resolved could lead to a non-deal. The result of the negotiations should meet the red lines. Enrichment should continue and sanctions should be removed.

Political Framework

RESALAT: Iran is trying to reach a political understanding in the shortest period of time possible. It will then try to compile an agreement in the form of a technical and political package. Reaching a political framework for a deal is possible within weeks.