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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

CIA's 1986 Plan for Syria

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

A new document published in the Western media suggests what we have known for years that the CIA began plotting to overthrow the Syrian government since at least 1985 and that the current war has nothing to do with so-called "democracy" and "freedom".

The declassified memorandum offers different possible scenarios that could lead to the ouster of President Bashar Assad's late father Hafiz Assad and other dramatic changes in Syria. It is under the same plan that decades later the CIA in yet another declassified memorandum is urging the White House officials to arm the so-called Free Syrian Army in 2012 to give them a chance to overthrow President Bashar Assad as well. This was before the terrorist group of ISIL broke away from Al-Qaeda, and before the refugee situation that led to a mass exodus from the Middle East.

In August of 2011, President Obama called on President Assad to "step aside" for the good of the Syrian people. Over the next several months, Obama repeated that call for Assad's ouster. Now, the memorandum published this week reveals the plan supported by most of the intelligence community to overthrow the Syrian dictator and make good the president's words had existed since at least 1986!

This is not surprising. It's long been known that then-CIA Director David Petraeus recommended a program to secretly arm and train "moderate" terrorists in 2012 to topple the Syrian government. But the new CIA memorandum is revealing that senior CIA officials were actually pushing a multi-tiered plan to engineer government's ouster much longer before that. Former American officials involved in the discussions have already confirmed that to the Western media outlets as well.

They say an "ops plan" that included all the elements they believed were necessary to remove Bashar Assad. They also say the White House and CIA leaders "had made it clear from the beginning that the goal of our task force was to find ways to remove President Assad from office." They had come up with 50 options to facilitate that. Their ops plan laid them out in black and white. And the political leadership gave them the go-ahead to implement it.

Meaning, the ongoing chaos and bloodshed in the war-torn country has nothing to do with freedom and democracy and everything to do with the United States and its colonial designs for the Middle East and North Africa. Into the argument, this should help us understand who is really responsible for the current humanitarian catastrophe in Syria and the rest of the Muslim world.

The "moderate" terrorists and their principle backers have never shown the slightest interest in peace and humanitarian assistance. They are the ones that should be targeted by the international civil society, not Damascus and its Iranian-Russian allies which are fighting terror and trying to stabilize the war-torn country.

The uncomfortable truth is that there can be no peaceful solution to the crisis under these awful circumstances. The U.S.-backed war is the main culprit for the perils of sectarian polarization. In recent days this has been reinforced by the U.S. decision to send even more troops to Syria and by the Saudi-led camp – Israel, Turkey, Jordan, Qatar and the Arab Emirates - which has ratcheted up the rhetoric against Iran plus the ongoing violent turn across the terror-held areas.

On that score, it's a wild card war without end. The dig-in parties will continue to place Damascus in their gun sights, pitting Sunnis against Shias, or Kurds against Christians - today, tomorrow, and for as far as the eye can see. They will continue to provide cash, weapons and assistance to their terror proxies. They won't stop the proxy war short of total destruction of Syria. After all, the new declassified memorandum makes it absolutely clear that's been the plan since at least 1986!

President Rouhani:

Zionists Trying to Coax Arab States Into Alliance

TEHRAN (Press TV) – Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has warned about the occupying regime of Israel's efforts to forge allies among Arab countries of the region.

Addressing the 6th International Conference in Support of the Palestinian Intifada (Uprising) here, the president raised the alarm over the Tel Aviv regime's attempts to normalize relations with certain Arab countries of the region.

"The occupying regime, in an attempt to normalize its situation, has for the first time referred to certain Arab countries as its allies against the resistance front, instead of describing them as its enemies," he said.

The Tel Aviv regime "claims that most of the Arab countries are not the enemies of Zionism or opposed to occupation anymore, but that they share the same phobia

President Visits Khuzestan Amid Blackouts



President Rouhani greets power transmission workers in Ahvaz during a visit to Khuzestan province, Feb. 23, 2017.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Bidding to ease public anger over a mounting environmental crisis, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Thursday visited an oil-rich southwestern province that has been crippled by sandstorms and power blackouts.

Residents of Khuzestan province have long struggled with high levels of dust because of desertification, but the problems worsened this month when severe rains washed the fine particles into power transmission

equipment. That caused several days of electricity blackouts last week in Ahvaz, the provincial capital and home to more than 1 million people.

Schools and government agencies in much of the province were closed temporarily, and water supplies were disrupted, forcing residents to buy jerrycans of water to drink.

Although power and water service has been restored to nearly all the affected areas, Iranian social networks continue to be filled with images of

the suffering in the remote province along the Iraqi border. Bathroom sinks are shown lined with dust, which reportedly has seeped into the water supply. A thick brown sludge spills out of the kitchen taps in other photos.

The situation prompted Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei to express his concern this week, saying, "What has happened in Khuzestan province has caused heartache for any human

being."

Meteorological reports from the area said that a large dust cloud approximately 60 miles long blew in from the drought-hit marshlands of Iraq and sat over Ahvaz. Residents said the particles settled on electricity transmission lines and caused blackouts.

In fall 2013, following a rainstorm in Ahvaz, 12,000 people were admitted to hospitals and 3,000 were diagnosed with shortness of breath over 10 days, according to researchers. The World Health Organization has ranked the city as having some of the worst ambient air quality in the world.

On Thursday, Rouhani visited a water-treatment plant and pledged to open a long-promised facility that would allow gas to be stored and generate electricity instead of being flared into the skies.

Agriculture officials also announced plans to plant more than 115 square miles of trees and green cover in an effort to stem the churning of the dust storms.

IRGC Unveils New Anti-Helicopter Mines

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has unveiled a new model of anti-helicopter mines during its recent military drills that were held in the eastern and central parts of the country.

The mine named Sa'eqeh (thunderbolt) was successfully put to test during the Payambar-e-A'azam (Great Prophet) 11 drills in Taybad County of the northeastern province of Khorasan Razavi.

Sa'eqeh has been designed and manufactured by Iranian experts with the aim of enhancing deterrence against potential airborne intrusion.

The remote-controlled anti-helicopter mine, which contains several explosive projectiles, is planted on the ground to target intruding flying objects up to an altitude of 500 meters.

Following the explosion of the mine's main part, the small projectile bombs will then fly and explode in a vertical line, enabling them to destroy the target or inflict serious damage on it.

The mine does not need separate radar systems to detect the intruding flying object.

This is the third generation of Iran's domestically-manufactured anti-chopper mines after J-AHM and Sayyad models.

Sa'eqeh was tested during the final stage of Payambar-e-A'azam 11 drills on Wednesday, when the IRGC's Saber Special Forces Brigade struck mock enemy positions and vehicles.

The operation was being backed by the Corps' rocket fire units, which launched state-of-the-art and precision-guided projectiles at designated targets.

The IRGC's T-72 tank units, Boraq personnel carriers (the modified Iranian version of Russian BMP-1 fighting vehicles) and BMP-2 armored vehicles were also used in the maneuvers.

The first stage of the maneuvers similarly witnessed defensive operations using smart rockets and surgical attacks, while the Force practiced defending residential areas during simulated urban warfare in the second phase.

Iran says its military might is defensive in nature and poses no threat to any other country.

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What Works?

KAYHAN: People are suffering from the dire consequences of unemployment and inflation. They need to feel that prices of goods have gone down in real terms. What has the government done to this end? In places like Khuzestan people are still suffering from environmental problems such as air pollution and dust. They virtually have no normal life. These are the same people that suffered the most during the Iran Iraq war of the 1980s. Those responsible must realize that they have the responsibility to act.

American Issues

RESALAT: The U.S. faces numerous challenges: Global isolation and loss of its superpower status; inability to grasp the situation across the globe; domestic instability and lack of legitimacy; military threats and pressures; having to face with the same terrorists they helped to create and arm. The U.S. and allies threaten the world with military option. They know this is just a ruse and hence helpless.

Iran Commitments

AFTAB: The IAEA makes it clear that Iran has continued to implement its commitments as per the nuclear deal with the world powers. The agency is no longer worried about the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear activities. It will make sure the Americans are in the know. The Iranians have been implementing the terms of the deal since more than a year ago and the agency has no worries about it. The agreement is important to the agency and its implementation is far more crucial than ever. However, the main concern for the agency now is North Korea and nuclear security.

Tax Evasion

HAMSHAHRI: Injustice in taxation is a fact of life. This is because the tax office is yet to have a comprehensive data bank on taxpayers. This has forced the office to negotiate with tax paying companies in order to determine the amount of tax payments each year. This is not fair at all as it's not realistic and based on real income and revenues. Both the office and the taxpayers are in the know that the current taxation system is not fair and accurate.

The Holy Qur'an

Verily he who comes to his Lord as a sinner (at Judgment) for him is Hell: therein shall he neither die nor live.

The Holy Qur'an 20:75

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	18:53
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:26
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:50

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