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Iran Bans Imports of Chevrolets

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has banned the import of Chevrolet cars, a week after Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei criticized imports of U.S. autos and asked the government to support domestic production. The Mehr news agency quoted an unnamed official in the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Trade as saying on Tuesday that an order of 200 Chevrolet cars, worth \$7 million, should be cancelled. Chevrolets are made by General Motors.

UK Minister Postpones Iran Visit

LONDON (Dispatches) -- Business Secretary Sajid Javid has postponed a major trade visit to Iran to focus on the future of Britain's steel industry, a spokesman from the business department said on Tuesday. "Given the Business Secretary's focus on the steel industry, he has decided to postpone his trip to Iran," the spokesman said. "He remains committed to exploring the opportunities for trade and investment with this emerging market and an alternative date will be arranged in due course."

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In Quest of Genuine Islam

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"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)

This is how the Almighty Creator introduces to mankind His Last and Greatest Messenger, entrusted with the universal message of Islam for the benefit of all humanity in order to enable them to promote peace, fraternity, and social justice in the transient life of the mortal world, and to achieve the bliss of paradise in afterlife.

Today, on the eve of 27th Rajab, the Day of Mab'ath or Resurgence, when the 40-year old Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), whom the pagan Arabs knew as Sadeq (Truthful) and Amin (Trustworthy), had his formal investiture by Archangel Gabriel at Cave Hera on Jabal an-Noor (Mountain of Light) with the revelation of Surah Alaq, while Satan moaned in despair and no other human being was in sight, except the ten-year Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS) who used to bring food and water for his meditating cousin, there are points worth pondering upon for proper cognizance of the ethereal teachings of Islam and the liberating mission of the Messenger that was foretold by all prophets of yore, including Moses and Jesus.

As modern day Muslims, we ought to take stock our own selves, especially of our faith, to determine whether we really adhere to the letter and spirit of the holy Qur'an and the genuine Sunnah and Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), or are unwittingly following the hypocrites that claimed to be his political heirs and polluted the pristine message of Islam with discord, violence, brutality, bloodshed and terrorism.

"I was sent to complete the best of morals", had said the Seal of Messengers and during his 23-year prophetic mission he strove to build the model of the ideal state of social justice in the face of the most severe plots against him by the ever rebellious Israelites and the pagan Arabs, who at times jointly, imposed wars upon him.

The Arabs and the Israelites would have succeeded in killing the Prophet and wiping out Islam, if God Almighty had not protected him through his valiant cousin, who risking his life volunteered to sleep on his elder cousin's bed in order to enable him to leave Mecca undetected, and who later in Medina almost single-handedly defeated the blood-thirsty hordes whenever they imposed an armed encounter upon the fledgling Muslim state.

No wonder, in order to keep alive the torch of humanitarian values of Islam and the best of morals, Allah commanded the Most Excellent Exemplar to proclaim his cousin, and now son-in-law, the Leader of the Pious, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS) as vicegerent at the memorable gathering of Ghadeer-Khom on 18th Zilhijjah 10 AH. Since the Prophet was God-sent and not chosen by the Arabs, his vicegerent or rightful caliph was also divinely-designated, rather than being elected by the neo Muslim Arabs who had spent the greater part of their life in idolatry and sins.

It is an undeniable fact of history that as time passed, the most avowed enemies of the Prophet, that is, the vanquished Israelites and the defeated pagan Arabs became Muslims – without faith entering their hearts. Unfortunately, these two groups, in spite of their apparent hypocrisy and their sinister pre-Islamic record, began to be revered as Salaf or progenitors by the ignorant latter day Muslims whom the Godless Omayyads and the Abbasids kept away from the enlightened path of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt, whose unsullied purity God Almighty Himself has vouchsafed in the holy Qur'an (33:33).

These facts warrant us to study the life and mission of the Mercy unto the creation from the proper perspective that is, through the words and statements of his Ahl al-Bayt, rather than the dubious chronicles compiled during the Omayyad and Abbasid caliphates, or the so-called hadith literature that needs to be scientifically scrutinized.

And this is absolutely necessary in our days when the Godless Takfir terrorists, created and funded by the heretical Wahhabi cult and armed by the Zionist-US nexus, are tarnishing the image of Islam through their savage and cannibalistic behaviour.

Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), like his predecessors, the prophets of the past, neither left the Ummah in the dark nor told his companions to elect one of them as his caliph. The seditious gathering of Saqifa Ban Sa'da is thus a blot on Islam and contrary to the commandments of God.

Imam Ali (AS), as the person most nearest and dearest to the Prophet, and regarding whom the Prophet had said that he embodies the characteristics of the prophets of the past, like Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, says in Sermon 161 of Nahj al-Balagha:

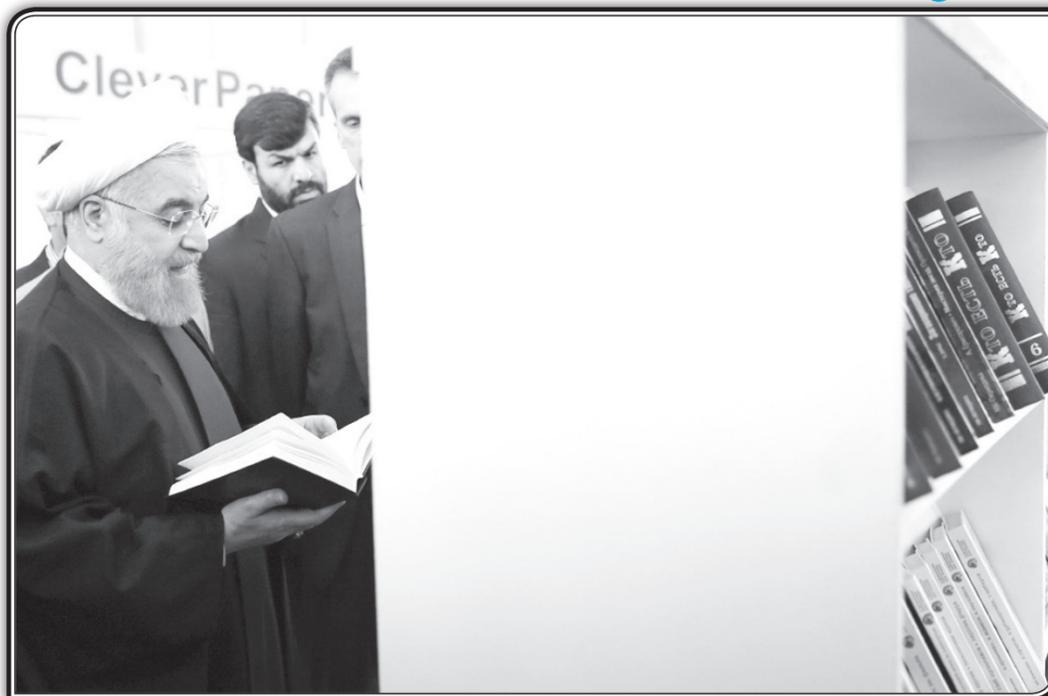
"Allah deputed the Prophet with a sparkling light, a clear argument, an open path and a guiding book. His tribe is the best tribe and his lineal tree the best lineal tree whose branches are in good proportion and fruits hanging (in plenty). His birth-place was Mecca, and the place of his immigration Taybah (Medina), from where his name rose high and his voice spread far and wide. Allah sent him with a sufficing plea, a convincing discourse and a rectifying announcement. Through him Allah disclosed the ways that had been forsaken, and destroyed the innovations that had been introduced. Through him He explained the detailed commands."

The Imam has also left us valuable guidelines in order to save us from the pitfalls of Takfirism and terrorism, as is evident by the following passages:

"Look towards the members of the Prophet's family. Adhere to their direction. Follow their footsteps because they would never let you out of guidance, and never throw you into destruction. If they sit down, you sit down, and if they rise up you rise up. Do not go ahead of them, as you would thereby go astray and do not lag behind of them as you would thereby be ruined." (Sermon 97)

"Where are you being taken astray and how are you groping while you have among you the offspring of the Prophet? They are the Reins of Right, Ensigns of Faith and Tongues of truth. Accord to them the same good position as you accord to the Qur'an, and come to them (for quenching the thirst of guidance) as the thirsty camels approach the water spring." (Sermon 86)

President Rouhani: Certain Sides Seek to Sabotage Nuclear Deal



President Rouhani views a book during a tour of the International Tehran Book Fair, May 3, 2016.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday praised Iran's nuclear agreement with the P5+1 countries, saying it had resulted in a win-win outcome, and ended up benefiting as many as 188 countries.

Dubbed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the agreement was concluded between Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany in Vienna last year.

"In our region, there are one or two countries that feel losses from the JCPOA outcome," Rouhani told the opening of the 28th edition of the Tehran International Book Fair on Tuesday.

"Surely, that's the way the world

works. One-hundred-and-eighty-eight countries benefit from the JCPOA and two countries may lose. That is the world," he said.

Rouhani said, "Certain regional countries are angry about the results and achievements of the JCPOA and are after sabotage in the way of its implementation."

"The great Iranian nation which has covered this path to the final goal will continue on the remaining track with force," he added.

The president touched on a host of visits by foreign heads of states and officials to Iran following the agreement.

"Today, foreign companies and officials traveling to Iran assert that

banking channels have been opened to the country. This shows that the negotiations have benefited both sides."

Rouhani said Iran made "big achievements" from "very complicated and historically important negotiations" with world powers.

"Normally, one side makes gains and another losses in negotiations. But these talks were a win for us, the region and the world," he added.

The president assured that any "infrastructural work" by foreign companies would benefit both them and Iran.

Rouhani said foreign participation and capital flow would enable Iran to complete projects within four or

five years instead of some 40 years which they took before "and this has huge significance."

Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Monday insisted that Iran has lived up to its commitments under the JCPOA.

"Now, we expect that all the parties practically take effective steps toward the materialization of banking transactions."

Speaking at a meeting with visiting Secretary General of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs Christian Masset in Tehran, Zarif also referred to Rouhani's recent trip to France, saying the visit had led to "good results for the development of bilateral ties."

The French official, for his part, acknowledged the positive outcome of the visit.

"Iran and France's agreements in various economic areas, especially the aeronautic, railway, and automotive industry can lead to practical results in providing banking transactions with momentum and removing the current obstacles."

He also considered the Islamic Republic to be an important player in regional developments, saying, "We are always in need of consultation with Iran."

South Korea Offers \$25 Billion Loan

South Korea's President Park Geun-hye said on Tuesday that her country had prepared a package of loans worth a total of \$25 billion for the development of Iran's infrastructure projects.

President Park, who was speaking in a joint meeting of Iranian and South Korean traders here, expressed hope that

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Senior MP: Iran Has 190 Cases Ready to Sue U.S.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- A senior Iranian legislator on Tuesday called on those who have sustained losses as a result of U.S. hostile moves over the past decades to sue Washington in retaliation.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last month that Iran's assets frozen in a bank account be turned over to the American families of those killed in a 1983 bombing in Beirut and other attacks blamed on Iran.

Iran has denied any role in the attack, and the money confiscated under the U.S. court ruling belongs to the Central Bank of Iran (CBI). The assets have been blocked under U.S.

sanctions.

MP Alaeddin Boroujerdi said Iranians should sue the U.S. over losses during the 1953 coup carried out by the CIA and the years after the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"We expect all those who have suffered losses during the Mordad 29 coup and years after the Islamic Revolution to file a lawsuit so that we can give a befitting response to the recent U.S. encroachment," he said.

Boroujerdi further noted that Iranian nationals can file more than 190 cases

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European Banks Staying Out of Iran

LONDON (Dispatches) -- European companies flocking back to Iran are doing so without their favored lenders at their side.

Less than two years after BNP Paribas SA agreed to pay a record \$9 billion U.S. fine in part for dealings with Iran, many of the continent's biggest banks remain unwilling to go anywhere near Iran-related business for fear that they will run afoul of remaining U.S. sanctions on the country. That's opened the way for Chinese and Persian Gulf lenders, as well as European institutions such as Belgium's KBC Groep NV, to grab a slice of the business of funding companies' investments in

Iran.

The reluctance adds a complication for manufacturers from Airbus Group SE to PSA Group, the maker of Peugeot cars, as they seek to capitalize on growth in Iran. The funding issue has become a financial diplomacy hot-spot. In France, the government, worried that companies may lose exports, has started talks with the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control to get a commitment that banks can do business without incurring legal woes, two people with knowledge of the matter said.

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