

# Condolences on the Martyrdom of Imam Ja'far Sadeq (AS)

## China Mulls \$3bn Fishery Investment in Iran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- China has joined South Korea to announce that it is planning to invest \$3 billion in Iran's fisheries.

Hassan Salehi, the head of Iran Fisheries Organization, said China's decision to make the investment had been communicated to him through the country's deputy agriculture minister during a recent visit to Tehran. Salehi added that the priority points for the discussed investment are Iran's southern island of Qeshm as well as the southern port city of Bandar Abbas.

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## Iran to Treble Gas Exports to Armenia

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran says it plans to increase its exports of natural gas to Armenia from the present volume of 1 million cubic meters per day (mcm/d) to 3 mcm/d within the next few years.

Petroleum Minister Bijan Zangeneh said the rise will take place before 2019, adding the planned increase follows a request by Armenia. Iran has already increased exports to Armenia to 3.5 mcm/d on temporary basis.

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## Martyrdom of the 6th Infallible Imam

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"We have figured everything in a Manifest Imam." (Holy Qur'an)

These are the words of Almighty God, Who created Adam and Eve as the first pair of human beings, spread their progeny all over Planet Earth, raised Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) as the Last and Greatest of Messengers on Rajab 27 with the universal message of Islam for the guidance of mankind, and 23 years later on 18th Zilhijja 10 AH, commanded him to declare his cousin, Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS) as vicegerent and the First of the 12 Infallible Imams at the historic gathering of Hajj pilgrims on the plain of Ghadeer-Khom.

A famous hadith from the Seal of Messengers says the Earth will never be without a "Hujjat-Allah" or Argumentation of God on its surface. It means to say that in every age and era, the presence of an Infallible Successor of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) is essential for the benefit of mankind.

Today we are living in the age of the Greater Occultation (Ghaibat al-Kubra) of the Last of the Twelve Divinely-designated Heirs of the Mercy unto the whole creation, as a form of trial and tribulation to test our faith, or lack of it, or its degrees. The Omnipresent Lord has made sure that the Imam of the Age is physically present and ubiquitous, even though our eyes may not see him. He will reappear and become visible to us as "Mahdi al-Qa'em" during the end times, to fulfill his mission to eradicate all vestiges of corruption and oppression by establishing the global government of peace, prosperity and justice.

May God hasten his advent and end the grave crisis in which the world is embroiled, so as to deliver us from the cannibalistic Takfiri terrorists masquerading as Muslims to tarnish the image of Islam, on the orders of their heretical Wahhabi creators, the devilish Zionists and the satanic powers, such as the US, which misuse science and technology to build dangerous atomic arsenals. Amen

In the meantime, since we are on the threshold of the 25th of Shawwal, the anniversary of the martyrdom of the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), let us offer our condolences to the Imam of the Age, by focusing on some of the aspects of the 34-year mission of the person who revived for the benefit of humanity the genuine "Sunnah" and "Seerah" of the Messenger of Allah which a string of self-styled caliphs had been trying to distort, if not blot out, ever since the caliphate or political rule of the Muslim realm was usurped from the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS).

Imam Sadeq (AS), at whose feet some 4,000 scholars used to assemble at his famous academy of Medina, to learn different branches of knowledge and wisdom, including natural sciences like physics, chemistry, astronomy, and the like, in addition to hadith, exegesis of the holy Qur'an, jurisprudence, theology, etc., lived in a crucial era when the tyrannical Omayyad regime was on the way out, and the equally oppressive Abbasid regime was seizing power.

As a result, the 6th Imam, though subjected to intermittent bouts of imprisonment by the Omayyad Hisham bin Abdul-Malik and the Abbasids Abbas as-Saffah and Mansour Dawaniqi, had the time to teach the seekers of facts and realities that the earth is spherical, it revolves around the sun, the air contains oxygen, the water has hydrogen, and mysteries of the rays of light, besides expounding to them the proper cognizance of Almighty Allah, the concept of Divine Justice, the correct manner of prayer and supplication, and the wisdom of reward and punishment on the Day of Resurrection.

At the same time, he advised those in political authority to cater to the needs of the people, be kind to the masses, do not oppress them, behave in good manner, desist from embezzlement and stealing from the public treasury, and to avoid listening to mischief-mongers whose main intention is to wreck the life of others.

A vivid example in this regard, is the 6th Imam's letter to Abdullah an-Najashi, who was the governor of Ahvaz and Fars in southwestern and southern Iran. The letter given to a person who lacked the means to pay the heavy taxes levied by the regime, read: "In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. Behave leniently towards your brother; may Allah be lenient with you too!"

When Najashi took the letter, he kissed it, read it, and not only exempted the bearer from paying the heavy tax of ten thousand dirhams, but granted him several other facilities.

This and other examples of public welfare, coupled with the imparting of the genuine teachings of Islam as well as grooming in science and technology - one of whose exemplary products was Jaber ibn Hayyan the Father of Chemistry - were viewed with horror by Mansour Dawaniqi, who knew that the rightful successor of the Prophet was Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), and once people became aware of this reality they will most surely turn away from the Abbasids. He also knew how the Abbasid propagandists had deceived the Muslim masses by raising the slogan of restoration of the rights of the Ahl al-Bayt during the campaign to overthrow the Omayyads.

Although, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) had no intention of taking over the political rule of the Islamic realm and had, without opening it, burned the letter of offer of the caliphate by the general Abu Salama, since the Imamate is God-given authority and it is Divine Will that only the 12th and Last Infallible Imam will rise as Qa'em al-Mahdi in the end times to establish the global government of justice, Mansour left no stone unturned to undermine Imam Sadeq (AS), including the futile bid to use pseudo scholars, such as Abu Hanifa to debate with the Rightful Imam, in whom God has enshrined all knowledge.

Mansour remembered his days as an obscure persecuted member of the larger Bani Hashem clan, whose prime member was Imam Ja'far Sadeq (AS), in those days of persecution of the Prophet's family. He was aware of his insignificant presence at the famous gathering at Abwa in 120 AH, where he had acknowledged Imam Sadeq (AS) as the Prophet's Rightful Successor, and given pledge of political allegiance to the Hasanid branch of the Prophet's family as future rulers after the Omayyads.

In 132 AH, the Abbasids seized the caliphate by deceiving the masses. In 136 Mansour succeeded his brother Abbas as-Saffah as caliph, and immediately started imprisoning, torturing and martyring the descendants of Imam Hasan Mujtaba (AS). Nafs Zakiyya was martyred in 142 AH, and his brother Ibrahim was martyred the next year. Mansour had the roof of the prison collapsed on other members of the Hasanid clan, and buried them alive under the debris, while building his new capital Baghdad.

Finally in 148 AH, the dastardly Mansour had Imam Sadeq (AS) martyred through a fatal dose of poison. He thought he could blot out genuine Islam, but failed as is clear from the prevalence of Fiqh al-Ja'fari or the School of jurisprudence of the Ahl al-Bayt, which is indeed the pure, pristine and dynamic shari'ah of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

# Americans Burn Occupying Regime of Israel's Flag



Protesters burn the occupying regime of Israel's flag outside of the Wells Fargo Center where the Democratic National Convention is being held this week.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - A flag of the occupying regime of Israel was set on fire by protesters outside the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Philadelphia as media and social media postings reported that Palestinian flags were prominently displayed by activists at the Convention amid an apparent lack of American flags.

Hillary Clinton was confirmed Tuesday as the United States' first

female presidential nominee together with vice presidential pick, Virginia Senator Tim Kaine.

Shouts of "Long live the Intifada" were heard as protesters lit the Israeli flag, while a Palestinian flag was waved nearby.

Pro-Palestinian marchers were joined up with several other groups, including Black Lives Matter protesters, in a rally that at times turned violent.

Dozens of protesters made it inside the Wells Fargo Arena where the convention was underway before law enforcement officers blocked the entrances.

The Democratic Convention has been hit with mass protests following controversy over the release of thousands of party emails by WikiLeaks which showed Democratic staffers favored Clinton over former U.S. presidential candidate

Bernie Sanders.

The controversy led to the DNC chairwoman, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, announcing that she would resign when the convention was over.

Many of the protesters Tuesday night sat in the middle of the media tent with tape over their mouths to symbolize their "silenced" voices.

"Since we arrived here, the DNC didn't care about what our votes were going to be, and they already coronated Hillary Clinton and gave her the nomination prior to us actually being able to vote," Raina Whiting, a delegate from Hawaii told The Blaze.

"It's a stance against the DNC to say that these are people who are part of your party right now who might not always be," Whiting said of the protest.

"They do not support Hillary Clinton, they will leave and they will go to a third-party voice. And if they do that, Donald Trump will most certainly become president. The DNC should really think about the voices that are being suppressed here."

At the event, Clinton officially accepted the Democratic Party's nomination for U.S. president in the 2016 election. The former secretary of state is now the first woman to win a major party's presidential ticket.

After Clinton was nominated, many Sanders supporters staged a walkout from the convention floor.

## French President Hollande: Daesh Threat Has Never Been So Severe

PARIS (Dispatches) -- French President Francois Hollande has said Daesh's threat to France and Europe has never been so severe as now, after two assailants loyal to the Takfiri group attacked a church and slit the throat of an elderly priest.

In a brief televised address, he

said the war against terrorism both abroad and at home would be long.

"In the face of this threat that has never been greater in France and Europe, the government is absolutely determined (to defeat) terrorism," Hollande said.

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## Protests at Killing of Blacks Spread to Canada

OTTAWA (Dispatches) -- Anger is building up in Canada after the death of a black man at the hands of police, prompting plans for protests by those who say police violence against the black community is not solely a U.S. problem.

Abdirahman Abdi, a 37-year-old Somali immigrant, died after police repeatedly beat him outside his

apartment building in Ottawa on Sunday morning.

Police were called in over reports of a disturbance near a coffee shop in the neighborhood of Hintonburg, located in the city's west end.

Abdi, whose neighbors said suffered an unspecified mental illness, tried to

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## Week-Long Strike at Air France Grounds Flights

PARIS (Dispatches) -- Air France cabin crew launched a week-long strike Wednesday, forcing the French national carrier to make adjustments during the height of the summer season.

Two trade unions representing Air France air hosts and hostesses delivered a notice last week to launch a strike from July 27 to August 2 after talks failed to bring a compromise on labor

accord rules, pay and promotions.

Air France estimated that 37% of its cabin crew staff will be joining the strike, but the unions put the figure at between 55% and 70%.

The UNSA-PNC and SNPNC unions, which together account for 45% of the company's flight attendant staff, are protesting a labor contract that comes into force on November 1, 2016.

Air France officials have slammed the terms and timing of the latest strike. "It is extremely disproportionate," said Air France CEO Frédéric Gagey. "A strike at this time... is extremely shocking."

The airline said most of its long-haul flights will not be affected, but the disruptions could be "more pronounced" on short- and medium-haul flights operated by Air France.

Management want to limit the extension of the agreement to 17 months, whereas unions want between three and five years.

Flights to destinations in Europe, North Africa and Occupied Palestine will be affected, as well as some routes in Asia and Africa, the company said on Monday.

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