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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Refugee Plight in Calais

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

After violent clashes over the weekend between refugees, migrants and police in the "Jungle" refugee camp in Calais, France, clearing of the camp is finally underway.

This is while the United Nations has warned that it is worried for the children. Similarly, rights groups and children's advocates warn that the UK and French governments' treatment of unaccompanied minors at the camp is "inappropriate," with children as young as eight expected to "herd" themselves alone to large warehouses, where they will then be sorted and transported to reception centres throughout France.

Many of those children are eligible for resettlement in the UK, yet are being ignored by the government and remain in limbo. With no support offered to them during the clearing process, the main concern is that children are likely to fall through the cracks. And we all know how France and the UK have a poor track record on this issue.

The argument is that at a time when countries such as Iran are home to millions of refugees from Afghanistan, how come France and Britain are unable to house just about 6,000 refugees? This is specially important, as these countries keep telling us that they are at the forefront of protecting human rights and refugee rights, but when it comes to action they both fail to do their homework, which is tragic.

At a time when United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees praises Tehran's continued support for millions of Afghan refugees residing in Iran, Amnesty International says selfish wealthy nations are still shirking their responsibilities on refugees.

In its annual report, the human rights body says just 10 countries are sheltering 56 percent of the world's refugees and they are among the poorest nations. It goes on to state that the richest countries in the world, who can absorb many more refugees, are doing close to nothing.

According to Amnesty International, the top refugee hosting countries are Iran, Pakistan, Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, Kenya, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chad. What Amnesty forgets to mention in its report, however, is that the wealthy Arab monarchs in the Persian Gulf have also done close to nothing to host any Syrian refugees. Here, the Saudis make no secret about not welcoming refugees, even though they are a primary instigator of the wars that are forcing people to flee their homelands.

The point is, across the world, many observers blame the policies of Western powers and their regional vassals on a surge in terrorism and war in the Middle East and North Africa that have forced people to flee their homes. This has been particularly the case for several years in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, where the refugee crisis has been a predictable outcome.

It is time for the Western governments to realise that their "humanitarian" interventions have only destabilised the heartlands of the Muslim world. Thanks to their regime change fantasies, the ongoing colonial wars of aggression and deceit have only turned many regional states into top refugee-makers; and that's just one of the reasons so many people are heading to the West.

The troubling part of this tragedy is that the United States and its allies refuse to take any responsibility for the current mess, much less end the disastrous wars. On the contrary, they say the bogus War on Terror must go on. If that is the case, which obviously is, there will be more refugees. Nobody should be surprised when that happens.

FM Zarif: Ceasefire in Syria a Priority for Iran

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif says Iran attaches great importance to the enforcement of a lasting ceasefire in Syria and dispatch of humanitarian aid to its war-stricken people.

"A ceasefire and the dispatch of humanitarian relief have always been among our priorities in Syria and we are ready for any cooperation in this regard," Zarif said in a meeting with European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides here on Monday.

The Iranian foreign minister further called for global action on the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Yemen. Stylianides, for his part, said Iran plays a key and positive role in regional and international developments. He also commended the Islamic Republic's efforts to send humanitarian aid to war-hit Syria.

On Monday, Zarif and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry were voted as the winners of this year's Chatham House Prize for their role in the conclusion of a nuclear agreement between Iran and the six world countries in 2015.

Chatham House members voted this year for Zarif and Kerry in recognition of their crucial roles, throughout 2015, in successfully negotiating the landmark nuclear agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), between Iran and the P5+1, the organization said.

The JCPOA was signed between Iran and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia – plus Germany on July 14, 2015.

Zarif and Kerry succeeded in overcoming enormous technical complexity and entrenched domestic opposition

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Presidency Head Izetbegovic in Tehran:

Iran, Bosnia Agree to Expand Relations



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, center right, and visiting chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Izetbegović are seen during the signing of documents for cooperation in Tehran, Oct. 25, 2016.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran and Bosnia and Herzegovina on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the promotion of business cooperation and mutual investment.

The document was signed by the countries' officials in the presence of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and the visiting chairman of the presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bakir Izetbegović, during a ceremony here.

It envisages the expansion of co-operation among the countries' enterprises and industrial parks.

The Bosnian statesman arrived in the Iranian capital earlier in the day at the head of a high-ranking political, economic, and cultural delegation on a four-day visit.

Rouhani said during the ceremony that, ever since Bosnia's independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1992, Iran and Bosnia have maintained favora-

ble bilateral relations.

He said there was peaceful coexistence among Muslims, Serbs, and Croats in the European country, which could function as a proper basis for peace and security there.

Rouhani referred to Islam as the religion of mercy, which he said invited the people of the world toward such coexistence, saying, "The promotion of moderate Islam can serve as a major cultural basis for European Muslims, including those of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

A joint commission to be held in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo in December is to examine and finalize the list of the areas of cooperation between the two countries, the Iranian chief executive said.

Leader's Aide Velayati:

Takfiri Commanders Linked to Intel Agencies

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- A senior advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khomeini said on Tuesday top commanders of Takfiri terrorist groups in the region have ties with regional and international intelligence and security agencies.

"Most of the ringleaders of Takfiri terrorist groups including Al-Qaeda, Daesh, Al-Nusra Front (currently known as Jabhat Fateh al-Sham militant group) and others are affiliated with the regional and international intelligence and security services," Ali Akbar Velayati said.

He added that former U.S. secretary of state and current presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, has even confessed that the Daesh terrorist

group has been created by the United States.

The senior Iranian official stressed the importance of publicizing the secret goals behind the creation of extremist and Takfiri groups.

"Public opinion must know that deviant terrorist groups are a foreign conspiracy implemented in cooperation with some reactionary elements in the region against Muslim states," Velayati said.

The senior Leader's advisor is in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, and participated in the 9th session of the Supreme Council of the World Assembly of Islamic Awakening on Saturday and Sunday.

He said the presence of Iraqi government officials in the forum conveyed a clear message to the West and reactionary countries in the region such as Saudi Arabia that the Iraqi government and nation regard Iran as a friend and ally supporting them.

Speaking to reporters in Baghdad on Friday, Velayati said supporting legitimate regional governments and oppressed people including the Syrians and Iraqis is an unchanging policy of the Islamic Republic.

He added that Iran's support for regional countries and nations, either within an advisory or political framework, is provided at the request of their governments and heralds future victories as well as the defeat of terrorists and their supporters in the region.

The Holy Qur'an

He it is Who makes you travel by land and sea; until when you are in the ships, and they sail on with them in a pleasant breeze, and they rejoice, a violent wind overtakes them and the billows surge in on them from all sides, and they become certain that they are encompassed about, they pray to Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience:

The Holy Qur'an (10:22)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:48
Evening (Maghreb)	17:34
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:57
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:21

Tehran Condemns Terrorist Bombing in Pakistan

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran on Tuesday condemned a terrorist attack on a police college in the Pakistani city of Quetta and expressed its readiness to help the country fight terrorist groups.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has always stressed the importance of cooperation in the fight against terrorist groups and expresses its readiness to help the Pakistani government in this regard," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassem said.

He urged all countries to engage in a fundamental and serious campaign against the ominous phenomenon of terrorism.

The Iranian spokesperson also offered his condolences to the

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Press Digest

Suspicious Moves

KAYHAN: The United States has begun its second phase in the Mosul offensive. It is now pretty much coordinated with ISIL, transferring them to Kirkuk with the goal to launch sporadic attacks on civilian targets. It has also given the green light to Turkey to attack various targets in Nineva province. The ultimate goal is to slow down the ongoing liberation of Mosul from ISIL. The battle will determine the fate of Iraq once the terrorist group is evicted.

Job Creation

VATAN EMROOZ: The government claims it has created 2.4 million jobs. However, as per the latest report by the National Statistics Centre, between 2013-15, only 811,000 new jobs were created across the country, which is much lower than what the government claims. As per the same report, some three million job seekers are yet to find work, while the number of those with jobs stands at around 24 million.

Strategic Alliance

SIASAT ROOZ: Russia is an strategic ally of Iran in security, political and economic domains. Russia is fighting terrorist groups in alliance with Iran and Syria. Some Western governments are making every effort to make this alliance turn into a destructive rivalry. The problem is, the Iranian and Russian leaders are in the know. They will never allow this plan see the light of day.

Petrol Consumption

AFTAB: Petrol consumption has gone up by 3.9 percent this year Oil minister says as of next year there will be no petrol imports. For this to happen, the government has not allocated any budget for petrol imports in its fiscal budget plan. The point is, petrol consumption has gone down by 5 million litres per day, which means the country can now produce its own petrol without the need for import.