Holy

Qur'an

who believe that they

should keep up prayer

and spend out of what We have given them se-

cretly and openly before

the coming of the day in

which there shall be no

bartering nor mutual

The Holy Qur'an (14.31)

PRAYER TIMINGS

17:32

05:45

07:14

befriending.

Noon (Zohr)

Evening(Maghreb)

Sunrise "Tomorrow"

Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

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Viewpoint

### Trump's Racism Exposes to Its Roots the Usurped Land of US

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

It is often said North America, especially the US, is a usurped land under occupation of the racist white-skinned Anglo-Saxons, who resorted to genocide to exterminate the native Amerindians (the so-called redskins) in order to seize their vast lands and then enslaved hundreds of thousands of black people kidnapped off the coasts of West Africa to lay the foundations of a flourishing economy and industry, without feeling indebted to the sweat and blood of their victims.

Even the White House, the apex of political power in the US, was built entirely by black labour at the turn of the 19th century so that the white men could continue to commit with comfort the most horrible crimes against humanity.

As the Anglo-Saxons expanded south and westwards to seize extensive swathes of Mexico, new waves of immigrants arrived in tens of thousands from China. The settlers of European origin, unwilling to share the resources and riches of the New World, forced the Chinese to work in mines and to lay the railway network. They made the hardworking and skillful Chinese suffer racial discrimination at every level of society by stirring up fears in the ordinary American of the "yellow peril" and finally passed the Chinese Exclusion Act in the early 20th century to bar them any eligibility for citizenship.

Fast forward to the Donald Trump era and the new period of racism in the usurped land called the United States of America – after skipping the periodic massacres of the Chinese, such as the Rock Springs and Snake River incidents, and the transportation to China of tens of thousands of tons of bones dug up from mass graves.

On Thursday, during an official meeting, when the US president insulted the black-skinned people and their countries of origin as "shitholes", he not only betrayed his low, immoral and ill-begotten racist background, but removed the fig leaf covering the diplomatically-deceitful discriminatory policies of the previous administrations.

So obscene were his words that several countries as well as the UN took strong objections to his vile and vulgar language, which according to Senator Dick Durbin, who attended the meeting on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) "shitholes" was the "exact word used by President Trump, not just once, but repeatedly."

The shameless Trump, whether he is mentally unstable, as psychiatrists say, or deliberately acts like a dotard, again resorted to preposterous lies to deny he ever used such a word, little knowing that the cat was out of the bag.

No sane person in the world believes Trump's denials, and as a shocked Durbin said: "I cannot imagine a moment where a president sunk to that depth."

The UN human rights office said the comments, were "shocking and shameful" and "racist."

The question arises; "For how long do the American people and the world have to tolerate such a megalomaniac, who among a spate of quixotic decisions, threatens North Korea with nuclear bombs, violates the 7-nation nuclear accord on Iran's peaceful atomic energy projects by imposing more of his illegal sanctions, calls for building a wall between Mexico and the Mexican territories under US occupation, and declares the occupied Islamic holy city of Bayt al-Moqaddas as capital of the illegal Zionist entity?

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The sooner this madman is brought to justice, the better, but no one expects the flawed justice system of the usurped land of US to mete out justice to Trump, because of the undeniable fact that the whole system in Washington stinks.

As said earlier, the US is a usurped land – like Israel that has no right to exist on the soil of Palestine – and usurpers have no sense of morals or self-dignity.

This warrants the free world to be on constant guard against the satanic nature of Uncle Sam, as the Islamic Republic of Iran very

# Blasts Hamper Efforts to End Iranian Tanker Fire



This handout picture taken and released on Jan. 12, 2018 shows a Chinese offshore supply ship spraying foam on the burning oil tanker Shanchi off the coast of eastern China.

TOKYO (Dispatches) -- A stricken Iranian oil tanker continued exploding on Friday, hampering rescue efforts, Chinese state media reported, as Japan's Coast Guard said the ship drifted away from the Chinese coast and into Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

The ship, which has been ablaze for almost a week since it collided with another vessel on Saturday night in the East China Sea, was about 286 km (178 miles) northwest of Sokkozaki on the island of Amami Oshima as of 0700 GMT on Friday, the Japan Coast Guard said in a statement.

The vessel is drifting to the southwest at a speed of 2.2 km (1.4 miles) per hour, the Coast Guard said.

Amami Oshima is one of the northern islands in the Ryukyu islands chain that includes Okinawa.

There have been continuous explosions onboard the ship, China's official Xinhua news agency said late on Friday, citing the Ministry of Transport.

The tanker Sanchi, owned by Iran's top oil shipping operator National Iranian Tanker Co, was carrying almost 1 million barrels of condensate, an ultra-light, highly flammable crude oil, to South Korea.

It collided with the freighter CF

Crystal that was carrying grain from the United States about 160 nautical miles (184 km) off China's coast near Shanghai.

The Coast Guard has sent patrol boats and aircraft to monitor the situation, said a spokesman for the Japan Coast Guard's 10th region based in Kagoshima.

Fourteen ships are carrying out emergency response work, including one from Japan and two from South Korea, the transport ministry said in a statement released late on Friday.

The Sanchi had a crew of 32 sailors at the time of the collision. The body of a mariner suspected to be from the ship was recovered on Monday and sent to Shanghai for identification. The rest of the crew,

which included 30 Iranians and two Bangladeshis, remains missing. Twelve Iranian rescue workers had

been brought to Shanghai to help and would join rescue work soon, Lu Kang, a spokesman from China's foreign ministry, told a regular briefing.

A spokesperson from National Iranian Tanker Company said that there remained "hope" that they would find some survivors.

"Since the vessel's engine room is not directly affected by the fire and is about (46 feet) underwater, there is still hope," spokesman Mohsen Bahrami said. "We are persistently working to put out the fire and rescue possible survivors."

The brother of one of the missing sailors, Mahmoud Abuli Ghasemabad, also said that he and his family were holding out hope.

"I ask countries that are in that region and can offer any assistance to help us deal with this situation as soon as possible," Ghasemabadi

### Moderate Quakes Shake Western Iran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- A series of moderate earthquakes struck near the Iran-Iraq border and other areas of Iran on Thursday, most of them occurring in the same region hit by a major quake in November that killed over 530 people.

Four people suffered minor injuries from the latest quakes and little damage was reported, Iranian state television said.

Seven of the quakes struck near the Iraqi city of Mandali, 120 kilometers northeast of the Iraqi capital. Mandali is right on the border between the two nations.

An eighth quake hit near Mehran in western Iran, about 90 kilometers southeast of Mandali in the sparsely populated Zagros Mountains that divide Iran and Iran

All the earthquakes that were centered around the Iran-Iraq border struck within an hour of each other in the early morning of Thursday.

Six had a preliminary magnitude of at least 5, it said, while two registered at magnitude 4. Scientists consider earthquakes of magnitude 5 as moderate.

People rushed into the streets as the temblors hit. In Baghdad and Iraq's Kurdish region in the north, people said they felt the quakes and aftershocks.

All the earthquakes struck at a depth of 10 kilometers, a shallow level that can cause more ground shaking and potential damage, particularly in places without strict building codes. Earthquakes at magnitude 5 can cause considerable damage.

In November, a 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck the border region, killing more than 530 people and injuring thousands in Iran alone. In Iraq, nine people were killed and 550 were injured, all in the country's northern Kurdish region, according to the United Nations.

The November earthquake hit hardest in the Kurdish town of Sarpol-e Zahab in the western Iranian province of Kermanshah, about 80 kilometers from the sites of the latest quakes.

Many buildings collapsed or sustained major damage in the November quake. While the Iranian government has offered loans for rebuilding homes that

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## Syrian Official Praises Iran for Foiling Plot

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mekdad praised the Islamic Republic of Iran for being able to thwart a recent U.S.-Israeli-Saudi plot against the country.

The Islamic Republic recently succeeded in foiling a plot orchestrated by the U.S. and the Zionist regime of Israel, Mekdad said on Thursday, according to SANA news agency.

The Saudi regime provided funding for the plot, he added.

Last month, peaceful protests over rising prices and economic problems broke out in some Iranian cities, but the gatherings turned violent after a number of opportunists, some of them armed, vandalized public property and launched attacks on police stations and government buildings.

The Syrian official furthered criticized the UN for holding an emergency Security Council meeting on the protests under U.S. pressures.

Mekdad said the United Nations should rather hold such meetings on African-Americans who are getting killed every day across the U.S. during anti-Trump rallies.

Iranian security officials say they have hard evidence that the protests were directed from abroad.

Officials say many rioters arrested in the unrest have

been trained by the terrorist Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) or had links with Takfiri groups.

Since the outbreak of protests, several major Western outlets have used pictures of demonstrations in the U.S., France, or United Kingdom organized by MKO in place of images of the entirely unaffiliated protesters some 6,000 miles away.

Casually throwing around MKO images to represent protests in Iran is the worst combination of insulting, misleading and sloppy.

MKO has virtually zero support in Iran and is widely loathed for working with Israeli intelligence and fighting alongside the Iraqi army in Iran's decade-long war against Saddam in the 1980s. The MKO has also carried out numerous terrorist bombings in Iran, and was even officially listed by the U.S. State Department as a foreign terrorist organization for 16 years, until it was removed by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2012, after a years-long lobbying effort by anti-Iran forces within the U.S.

The idea that the terrorist group is an "Iranian opposition" is a Western media fiction, immensely insulting to Iranians. But the group's rallies outside Iranian embassies provide great visual fodder for dishonest editors in need of high-quality "Iran protest" images without dissecting the on-the-ground political reality in Iran.

## Qatari Envoy Stresses Need to Bolster Iran Ties TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The two officials met here to Qatari ambassador underlined

Senior advisor to the Iranian parliament speaker Hussein Amir-Abdollahian and Qatari Ambassador to Tehran Ali bin Hamad Al Sulaiti on Thursday underlined the need to broaden bilateral relations in different fields.

explore avenues for bolstering and reinvigorating mutual cooperation, especially in the parliamentary field, Fars news agency reported.

Amir-Abdollahian pointed to

reported.

Amir-Abdollahian pointed to the significance that Iran attaches to relations with Qatar, while the

the positive role Tehran can play in establishing peace, security and stability in the region, as well as in fighting terrorism. Sulaiti said boosting relations

Sulaiti said boosting relations between Tehran and Doha is of great importance to both countries.