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Viewpoint

## The Islamic Revolution's Dynamic Durability

By: S. Nawabzadeh

As Islamic Iran entered its 40th glorious year on Sunday, February 11, its scores of millions supporters once again jubilantly took to the streets of the capital and all over the country, to celebrate the victory of the Revolution which in 1979 changed global equations by ending for good domestic tyranny and American hegemony.

As predicted by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution a few days earlier, this year millions more took part in the spectacular nationwide rallies to show to the world the Iranian people's unflinching support for not just the country's right to possess modern technology, including upgrading of missiles and satellites, but also backing for the struggle of the oppressed nations, such as Palestinians, Lebanese, Syrians, Iraqis, Bahrainis, Hijazis, Yemenis, Afghans and others, to rid themselves from the terrorism of the Zionists, the Takfiris, the Americans, and the Arab reactionaries.

In 1979, the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), had clearly foreseen the worldwide impact of the Iranian people's grassroots movement when he aptly said: "Our Revolution was burst of light".

Today his worthy successor, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, continues to stand like a colossus, defeating every intricate plot that the devilish mind of the Great Satan could think.

This was fully evident throughout Iran in yesterday's record-breaking rallies, when amidst bonfires of the US and Zionist flags, interspersed with vociferous chants of God's Majesty (Allah-o Akbar) and amusing caricatures of the quixotic Donald Trump, people from all walks of life reaffirmed their allegiance to the divine system of the Islamic Republic.

Yes, Iran has the divine system of government, known as Popular Religious Governance, since Imam Khomeini did not like the dubious term "democracy", which, whether in its ancient Greek concept or modern Machiavellian meaning does not reflect the Muslim people's natural monotheist, spiritualist, and virtue-oriented aspirations.

To be more precise, it is based on the path of the Prophets of God, culminating in the universal message of Islam entrusted to the Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), who on God's express commandment proclaimed Imam Ali (AS) as Vicegerent by entrusting him the "Wilayat al-Mutlaqa" or Absolute Divinely-Decreed Authority. On this principle of Perfection of Faith, in the absence of the Awaited Saviour of mankind, the 12th Infallible Imam, the concept of "Wilayat-e Faqih" ensures the durability of Islamic Rule, to which Imam Husain (AS) granted eternity by drinking the elixir of immortal martyrdom in Karbala on the epic day of Ashura.

That explains for its invincibility and its defeating of the intricate American plots over the past 39 years to the extent that as the impact of the Islamic Revolution grows every day in the region and beyond, US influence has continued to drastically diminish throughout the Muslim World.

This means why Washington is worried about the imminent end of the illegal Zionist entity, and why in sheer desperation it is funding thugs, traitors and terrorists to try to, at least tarnish the image of the Islamic Republic, in a bid to mislead the growing number of non-Iranians around the world who are impressed by Islamic Iran.

This is proof of the fact that the Islamic Revolution continues its march to enlighten and awaken people in other countries, despite the plots of Global Arrogance, Zionism, and Wahhabism.

God Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

"Had you spent all that is in the earth, you could not have united their hearts, but Allah united them together. Indeed He is All-Mighty, All-Wise." (8:63)

# Rouhani: Iran Ready to Protect Security in Region



President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif arrive for a press conference with foreign ambassadors in Tehran on Feb. 10, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has said that countries are mistaken if they think bombing their neighbors can lead to desirable results.

The president, speaking at a news conference with foreign ambassadors, said Iran is "prepared for the security of the region" and called on the cooperation of "all other countries".

"If one country thinks it can achieve the desired results by increasing terrorism, interfering in the affairs of other countries, or by bombing neighboring countries - it is mistaken," he said.

"A military solution, foreign intervention and the transfer of destructive weapons into the area are not the solution to the problems

in the region," Rouhani added.

Rouhani added that Iran is ready, more than ever before, to protect security in the region, calling on other countries to cooperate. "Today we created a triple, quadruple and quintuple cooperation in the region, and we see these relations contribute to the area," he said.

He also said Iran enjoys high security and rich energy resources, adding that the country welcomes foreign investment in various sectors, including oil, gas and petrochemicals.

The president also said the United States would make a "big strategic mistake" if it decided to pull out of the 2015 multilateral agreement on Tehran's nuclear program.

Rouhani said Washington's

withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) would be the "U.S.' biggest folly in its political relations with the world and particularly with our region".

Iran, he said, would not be the first to violate the landmark accord, but the country has appropriate plans should the U.S. exit the JCPOA.

U.S. President Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed that Iran's

## New Arrests Made in Connection With Spying Case

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Tehran's prosecutor says Iranian security forces have identified and arrested several people in connection with a spying case.

"These people were gathering classified information on strategic fields under the coverage of scientific and environmental projects," Abbas Jafari-Dolatabadi told reporters on Saturday.

He also said a defendant in a spying case had committed suicide in detention because of the weight of evidence against him.

Kavous Seyed-Emami was "one of the defendants in a spying case and unfortunately he committed suicide in prison since he knew that many had made confessions against him and because of his own confessions," Jafari-Dolatabadi said.

Authorities on Friday called Seyed-Emami's wife to say her husband had committed suicide in Tehran's Evin prison, his son tweeted.

An Iranian official in Tehran said more arrests were expected in connection with Seyed-Emami's organization.

"A group of those who gathered strategic intelligence and handed it over to foreigners have been identified. Some of them were arrested and some others might be arrested soon," the head of Tehran's Justice Department

Gholamhussein Esmaili told ILNA.

On Sunday, Hussein Taeb, the head of the intelligence unit of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), warned that the enemies are sponsoring new groups to spark insecurity in the region.

The Islamic Republic's "dominance over Daesh and other regional and extra-regional terrorist groups has led the enemy to consider creating new outfits to cause insecurity," he said on the sidelines of the nationwide rally to mark the 39th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution.

Taeb also noted that in recent riots in some Iranian cities, "notorious groups led by the Iranian nation's main enemies took advantage of people's rightful economic demands and tried to manipulate them through creating insecurity".

"Of course, their measures will not go unanswered and they will be slapped in the face at the right time," he told Tasnim news agency.

Last December, people in several Iranian cities held peaceful gatherings to criticize the country's economic issues. Those rallies were marred by scattered riots, which saw vandals and armed elements launch attacks on public property, mosques and police stations.

The Holy Qur'an

Or think ye that ye shall be abandoned, as though Allah did not know those among you who strive with might and main, and take none for friends and protectors except Allah, His Messenger; and the Believers? But Allah is well-acquainted with (all) that ye do.

The Holy Qur'an (9:16)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	17:42
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:32
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:58

missile program is in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231, which endorses the JCPOA.

A senior Iranian official on Saturday reiterated the Islamic Republic's "legitimate" right to use missiles for its defense, saying the country does not need permission from any state to bolster its missile program.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will not seek anybody's permission to develop its missile capabilities and will use missiles in any way and quantity it deems necessary, and this is a legitimate right of Iran," Ali Akbar Velayati, a senior adviser to the Leader, said.

## Houthi Official Discusses Yemen Developments in Tehran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif and the spokesperson for Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah Movement on Saturday held talks here to discuss efforts to end war in Yemen, Tasnim news agency reported.

During the meeting, Zarif stressed the need for an immediate stop to the war and bombing of Yemen by the Saudi-led coalition.

Given the human catastrophe in Yemen, there is a necessity for the international community to send humanitarian assistance to Yemen immediately, he was quoted as saying.

Also, Abdulsalam briefed the Iranian foreign minister the current situation and developments in Yemen. He underlined the need for what he called an urgent end to the bombardment and siege of the country.

Last week, Ali Akbar Velayati, an international adviser to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, said that Yemen war could be a "quagmire" for Saudi Arabia.

Saudi's involvement in the war in Yemen could lead to the same catastrophe that the U.S. government experienced in Vietnam, he said.

"Saudi Arabia should expect to see Yemen turn into another Vietnam for that country," Velayati said.

The Saudi-led coalition has intervened in the Yemeni conflict since March 2015 to roll back Houthi fighters and support former president Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi, who resigned and fled the country.

The Saudi war has killed over 13,500 Yemenis and displaced 3 million people, creating one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

## IRGC Closely Watching Daesh Movements: General

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says it is continuing to keep a close tap on Daesh even as the terror outfit has lost all of the territory that it once controlled.

IRGC spokesman Brigadier General Ramezan Sharif told IRNA news agency the force has obtained "a good knowledge" of the Takfiri group after a steady

monitoring of the terrorists.

Sharif said while Daesh is no more in control of territory and has no organized bureaucratic and logistical structure, it continues to promulgate its ideology and engage in subversive activities.

The general stressed that the IRGC will never allow the re-emergence of Daesh in Iran's periphery.

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