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In the Name of the Most High  
**Viewpoint**

## Syria Shatters Myth of Invincibility of US-Zionist Weaponry

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The rules of the "war games" have definitely changed in the skies of Levant with the recent downing of an American-built supersonic multirole F-16 fighter plane of the Zionist air force by Syria's anti-aircraft batteries to repel the latest unprovoked Israeli air raid near Damascus.

After days of dodging queries and giving misleading answers, such as engine fault, the illegal Zionist entity finally admitted that its supposedly invincible aircraft had taken a direct hit from Syrian air defenses and reduced to rubble.

Syria said it had hit more than one aircraft, and whether or not Israel admits the debacle, it means the myth of Zionist superiority in the skies, coupled with the power of the "beautiful weapons" which the US supplies, is a thing of the past.

It was the first downing of an Israeli aircraft since 1982, and as Damascus has said in an official statement: Any violation of Syrian airspace will meet the fate of the F-16.

This is indicative of the growing self-confidence of the Syrian army to give a fitting reply to its avowed enemy, Israel, after having routed the Takfiri terrorists, whom the unholy trinity of Saudi Arabia, the US, and the Zionist entity, had created in a bid to weaken and disintegrate Syria.

The free world, including the regional people, have welcomed Damascus' downing of the F-16, which illegally crossed Lebanon's airspace to attack Syria.

Lebanon has lodged a complaint with the UN in this regard, and the country's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, has said that from now onwards Israeli aggression will not go unanswered.

The Palestinians, badly let down by Arab reactionary regimes, are jubilant at the latest developments. It gives them new confidence to confront the frequent Israeli aggressions on Gaza, and this is possible by forging closer defence ties with the legal government of Syria and the popular forces of the region, such as Hezbollah.

The US, which was shocked at the sophistication of Syrian weaponry in downing the F-16, after initial silence, has shamelessly announced support for the state terrorism of Israel.

This has further exposed the ugly face of Washington, which has no right to meddle in this part of the world.

The Americans and the Zionists are trying to blame Iran, which as the major regional power, has sent advisors to Damascus on official invitation by the government of Syria, unlike the US occupation forces in parts of terrorist-controlled Syrian territory.

The Islamic Republic, dismissing the allegation of Israel's shooting down of an Iranian drone on the borders of occupied Palestine as "too ludicrous to warrant a response," has announced, without mincing words, its full support for Syria's right to defend itself against any aggression, especially since part of the Golan Heights continues to be under Zionist occupation.

Syria has the right to upgrade its defences, and purchase state-of-the-art military technology from any supplier producing weapons that are capable of neutralizing the US-supplied weaponry of the Zionist entity.

In other words, whatever the source of Syria's new air defences, these seem to be more than a match for the US-Zionist armaments, as was proven earlier on the battlefields of Aleppo, Deir az-Zour, Palmyra and other places, where the US-trained militias suffered defeat after disastrous defeat at the hands of the Syrian army, the popular Shabiha Sunni Muslim forces, and their Lebanese Hezbollah allies.

These developments have indeed sent shivers down the spine of Washington, which has seen the inability of its patriot missile system to prevent the Yemeni missiles from zeroing on their targets in Saudi Arabia.

With the myth of invincibility of the US and Israel shattered, Insha Allah (God Willing), the day is not far when Palestine will be liberated and as the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), had predicted, the cancerous tumour called Israel will be weeded out from the map of West Asia.

# Iran, Ansarullah Discuss Political Solution for Yemen



Iranian Foreign Minister's Special Assistant for Political Affairs, Hussein Jaber Ansari (L) meets with Mohammad Abdulsalam, the spokesman for Yemen's popular Houthi Ansarullah movement in Tehran, February 12, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Senior officials of Iran and Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah movement have sat down for talks in Tehran on ways to help end the political conflict in the war-torn Arabian Peninsula state and provide humanitarian aid to its people.

Hossein Jaber Ansari, the Iranian foreign minister's special assistant for political affairs on Monday met with Mohammad Abdulsalam, the Ansarullah movement's spokesperson.

The two also explored ways of providing aid the people of Yemen, which has been under attack by Saudi Arabia and a coalition of its allies since March 2015.

They also discussed efforts to find

a political solution to the conflict among Yemeni political groups.

Abdulsalam had held talks Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

He presented the Iranian top diplomat with a report on the state of affairs in Yemen.

Zarif pointed to a four-step solution he had proposed earlier last week to solve the crisis, underlined the need for an urgent end to the bombardment and concomitant Saudi-imposed siege of Yemen, and facilitation of transfer to the country of direly-needed aid supplies.

Iran's peace plan calls for an immediate ceasefire, the provision of humanitarian assistance to the

war-stricken people, intra-Yemeni talks, and the formation of an inclusive government.

Saudi Arabia and its allies have been seeking to return Yemen's former Riyadh-aligned government to power. The invasion has killed some 13,600 people and pulverized much of Yemen's infrastructure.

The head of the former government Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi had resigned and fled to Riyadh after turning down Ansarullah's call to rescind the resignation and continue to negotiate power.

Ansarullah has been running the country's affairs and also defending the country against the Saudi aggression.

## Russian Envoy: Withdrawal From Iran Nuclear Deal Endangers U.S., World

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Russian Ambassador to Tehran Levon Jagaryan has warned that Washington's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and the world powers would endanger not only the U.S. but also the entire world.

"We stress that Iran has been fully committed to its undertakings. Therefore, we expect the U.S. Congress and administration to remain in compliance with the nuclear deal as their withdrawal will endanger the U.S. and the whole world, and

will lead to negative events," Jagaryan said in an interview with Iran's state TV.

He also dismissed U.S. President Donald Trump's allegations about Iran's support for terrorism, and said, "Iran itself is a victim of terrorism and we have witnessed this at the country's eastern and western borders."

"At present, Iran is fighting against terrorism along with Russia and the Syrian government forces," Jagaryan further stressed.

## France, Iran Consultations to Enhance Regional Peace, Stability

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Advisor to the Iranian parliament speaker Hussein Amir Abdullahian has stressed that Tehran and Paris can help promote regional peace and stability through talks and consultations.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran lays emphasis on the settlement of the regional crises in Syria, Yemen,

Libya and Bahrain through talks and the positive trend of Iran and France's consultations on the regional issues will help strengthen peace and stability in the region," Amir Abdullahian said in a meeting with a French delegation led by Jacques Hogart in Tehran.

He also said that abundant proper grounds for the further

expansion of ties between Tehran and Paris, expressing the hope that bilateral relations would further develop and deepen.

Senior Iranian and French officials in a meeting in Paris in November reviewed the latest international and regional developments as well as broadening of mutual co-operation.

The Holy Qur'an

(Of) Allah, Whose is whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth; and woe to the unbelievers on account of the severe chastisement.

The Holy Qur'an (14.2)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	18:03
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:28
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:53

## Leader Appoints New Imam for Tehran Friday Prayers

TEHRAN (MNA) - Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in a decree issued on Tuesday appointed Seyyed Mohammad Hassan Aboutorabifard as the interim leader (Imam) of Tehran Friday Prayers.

The first event with the leadership of Aboutorabifard will be on the upcoming Friday on February 16.

Commander:  
Vessels in  
Persian Gulf  
Obligated to Use  
Iranian-Defined  
Routes

TEHRAN (Tasnim) - In compliance with a new regulation introduced by Iran's Supreme National Security Council, all foreign vessels entering the Persian Gulf have to take the maritime routes defined by Iran, Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Navy Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi said.

In comments at a conference of maritime organizations in Tehran on Tuesday, Rear Admiral Fadavi said the Supreme National Security Council has passed a new regulation obliging all foreign ships, including American and British vessels, to take the waterway defined by Iran.

American vessels obey the Iranian rules when it comes to exercising sovereignty in the Persian Gulf, he said.

The general added that foreign vessels in the Persian Gulf do not dare to violate Iran's instructions on the waterways.

He further explained that Iran Ports and Maritime Organization has the authority to announce the decision on new maritime routes, in accordance with the administrative and international regulations.

General Fadavi also expressed the IRGC's readiness to detect and document environmental violations in the Persian Gulf through aerial and naval patrolling, as soon as the Ports and Maritime Organization and Iran's Department of Environment authorize the IRGC forces.