

# Congratulations on the Blessed Birthday of Hazrat Fatema az-Zahra (SA)

## Saudi Officials Urged to Stop Senseless Words

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The Iranian foreign ministry deplored the “baseless and useless” allegations raised in a joint statement by Riyadh and Cairo at the end of the Saudi crown prince’s visit to Egypt claiming that Tehran interferes in the affairs of the regional states. “It is regrettable to see that the political and diplomatic meetings between the officials of certain countries in our region have turned into a scene to raise baseless allegations against other regional states instead of resolving the problems and getting rid of the current situation of attrition,” Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qassemi said on Wednesday.

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## Iran, Russia Discuss Superjets, Trade in Local Currencies

MOSCOW (Press TV) – Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak says Moscow and Tehran have discussed deliveries of Sukhoi Superjet 100 passenger planes to Iran amid uncertainties about deals with Boeing and Airbus. “We discussed the possibility of Sukhoi Superjet 100 purchase by our Iranian partners and outlined a plan of how this can be put into practice,” Russian media quoted him as saying in Moscow. He made the remarks after a joint commission meeting of the two countries’ officials, stating that the two sides also agreed on supplies of Russian-made vehicles, such as KAMAZ and UAZ buses and trucks, to Iran.

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## Birthday of the Epitome of Feminine Virtues

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***“We are the Hoiqaj-Allah (Proofs, Argumentation of God) over mankind, while our ancestress Fatema is Hoiqat-Allah (Proof/Argumentation of God) over us.”*** Every occasion has a cause and every celebration of that occasion has to have a sound basis.

We are celebrating “Mother’s Day” and “Women’s Week” in the Islamic Republic of Iran as well as in countries and societies where feminine qualities and motherhood are viewed from the standpoint of virtue with respect attached to the womankind as the basic builders of sound and healthy societies.

In sharp contrast to the decadent western and other irreligious cultures where women are considered carnal and commercial commodities, and days allotted to them, such as the so-called International Women’s Day that is marked on March 8 every year with farcical fanfare and without any sound basis or a paragon-par excellence of virtue for ladies to mold their life upon, Islam has designated a lofty position for the daughters of Eve.

In view of its emphasis on morally-upright ladies from the beginning of creation, such as Sarah the wife of Prophet Abraham, Asiya the virtuous God-fearing wife of the tyrant Pharaoh, Mary the mother of Prophet Jesus, and Prophet Muhammad’s (SAWA) loyal wife of 25-long years Khadija “Omm al- Momineen” (Mother of all True Believers), Islam has designated the Lady of Paradise, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), as ***“Seyyeda an-nisa al-alameen, min al-awwaleen wa’l-akhireen”*** (Noblest lady of the universe, from the beginning till the end), in order to serve as the exemplary daughter, the ideal wife, the model mother, and perfect teacher for the society.

How can mortals pen the merits of the Immaculate Daughter of the Almighty’s Last and Greatest Messenger, the Impeccable Wife of the Commander of all the True Believers, the Infallible Mother of the Leaders of the Youth of Paradise, and the Exceptional Teacher of all those girls and women eager to achieve feminine virtue as they strive towards the proximity of the Loving Creator of the universe! No, the merits of the Lady who, along with her father, husband and sons, was created as a shaft of ethereal light by God, Who after due trial before granting her physical form in lineal descent from Adam and Eve, found her to be the pinnacle of faith, patience, virtue, gratitude, and wisdom, cannot even be enumerated by the celestial angels.

No wonder, according to her illustrious descendant, Imam Ja’far as-Sadeq (AS), God Almighty has said: ***“I have blessed her with more bounty than all of the Prophets, and have extracted from her Light Imams who will rise by My order and will guide the people towards Me, and I will make them caliphs (vicegerents) upon My (Planet) Earth...”***

The ***“Tuffahat al-Firdaws”*** (Apple of Paradise), Hazrat Fatema az-Zahra (SA), was conceived of the Heavenly Fruit that God granted Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) to eat during his ***Me’raj*** (ascension) to the highest points in the heavens and back again to Planet Earth in a fraction of a single night. (It is thus clear that the ***Me’raj*** was a physical journey transcending time and space, and certainly not a dream or spiritual ecstasy experienced by the Prophet, as the weak of faith conjecture.)

Thus, in view of these facts, the “Mercy unto the creation” whom God Willed should not have any surviving son and instead granted him the Radiant Zahra as ***“Kowthar”*** or the “Perennial Spring of Abundant Munificence”, through whom his progeny will continue till the end of the world, demonstrated to Muslims the worth of the Dignified Daughter to serve as the lasting practical example for all virtuous women.

The virtues of Hazrat Fatema (SA) are therefore not solely related to Paradise in afterlife or the Day of Judgment on when she will intercede in the Divine Court for the forgiveness of multitudes of the faithful who had erred, but ubiquitous in in the transient world, since she is the pivotal figure of the blessed group whom God calls ***“Ahl al-Bayt”*** in the holy Qur’an, and whose blessings cover all aspects of our life and faith.

***“Indeed, Allah desires to keep away uncleanness from you Ahl al-Bayt, and preserve you thoroughly purified.”*** – (33:33)

Time and space do not permit me to go into details of this ***ayah*** or ***ayah 61 of Surah Aal-e Imran***, on the revelation of which the Prophet took his daughter as the only female, along with her husband and two sons – and no one else besides – for the unique challenge of Mubahela with the Christians of Najran that marked the resounding triumph of Islam.

No doubt, the Redeemer of mankind, who will reappear in the end times as Imam Mahdi al-Qae’m to establish the global government of peace, prosperity and justice, will be the direct descendant of Hazrat Fatema az-Zahra (SA).

***“Peace upon you O Daughter of him who is the Best of all creation; Peace upon you O wife of the Wali of Allah and the Best of creation after the Messenger of Allah; Peace upon you O Mother of Hasan and Husain, the Leaders of the Youth of Paradise.”***

## Iran’s Missile Production Tripled Despite Enemy Pressure



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TEHRAN (Dispatches) – All enemy attempts to blunt the progress of Iran’s defense capabilities have only backfired, a senior commander says adding that the country has managed to triple its missile production thanks to the firm support at home.

Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the aerospace division of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), said on Wednesday all the attempts by enemies to put limits on Iran’s defense power and engage in confrontation with the country have only had an adverse effect.

“Today, despite the hostilities and

the measures taken by the global arrogance and enemies, [the number of] those defending the development of the defense [sector] in the country has increased, and that the government, the parliament and everyone else stand united regarding the missile issue, particularly the ground-to-ground missiles,” he added.

Thanks to the support of all statesmen, “our [missile] products have increased three-fold compared to the past,” he added.

Hajizadeh further criticized Washington’s double standards in dealing with Iran’s conventional missile program, saying the U.S.,

indifferent to its own rules, has been boosting its atomic arsenal on a daily basis, but wants Iran not to have its own missiles.

The global arrogance “has set up a front against us,” but it cannot do anything, he concluded.

The general said the enemies for expanding their military stockpiles, while they brand Iran’s defense missiles as weapons of mass destruction.

He finally cautioned against the enemy’s plot to disrupt the national unity in Iran.

In comments in October 2017, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei

categorically rejected the idea of negotiations on Iran’s defense power, stressing that the country will press ahead with the plans to boost its might and build up its defense capabilities.

“As we have announced several times in the past and announce it once again, the country’s defense capabilities and power are not subject to negotiations and bargaining,” Ayatollah Khamenei said in a graduation ceremony of Army cadets at the time.

Additionally on Wednesday, Brigadier General Hossein Salami, the IRGC’s second-in-command, said Iran’s missile power was “non-negotiable and unstoppable,” stressing that “no country has the ability to exert control over Iran’s defense power.”

The IRGC commander also emphasized that all Iranians have joined hands to stand against “any intervention or illogical remarks by countries such as the U.S. and its European allies.”

He further urged hostile powers to “accept the reality of Iran’s emergence as a power with logic and credibility in the field of deterrence.”

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian visited Tehran on Monday and held talks with senior Iranian officials on different topics, among them Iran’s ballistic missile program.

After the meetings, Le Drian claimed that there was “still a lot of work to do” on Iran’s missile program.

Iranian foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeted on Monday, “U.S. & Europeans should stop pouring hundreds of billions of dollars of weapons into our region instead of questioning Iran’s missiles. Not restricted by UNSC, but necessary to deter repeat of our people’s suffering when Saddam—with western support—showered us with missiles.”

## ‘Zionist Regime in No Position to Call Iran Threat’

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iranian President Hassan Rouhani says the Zionist regime is in no position to call Iran a threat to the Middle East, stressing the development of the country’s missile program is aimed at safeguarding peace and security.

“Those who have over the past 70 years created tension, launched wars and caused destruction in the region and have committed genocide and caused [the] Sabra and Shatila [massacre] are in no position to portray Iran as a threat,” Rouhani said during a cabinet session on Wednesday.

“Iran is no threat to anyone. Iran is [the pillar] of stability and security for

the entire region. But of course it will strongly defend its rights,” he added.

The Iranian president made the remarks a day after Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claimed that Iran was responsible for “darkness descending” on the Middle East and said the occupying regime faced threats from the Islamic Republic.

In a hawkish address to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in Washington on Tuesday, Netanyahu also alleged that Iran was increasing its influence in the Middle East and sought to dominate regional countries.

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## Putin: Any Attack on Russia to Spell Catastrophe for Mankind

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned that any bid to “destroy” Russia will trigger a response from Moscow that spells “catastrophe for mankind.”

Putin made the remarks in an interview with the Russian state television on Wednesday, saying his country would retaliate attacks against its sovereignty in kind.

“If someone makes a decision to destroy Russia, then we have a legitimate right to respond,” he asserted. “Yes, it will mean a global catastrophe for mankind, for the entire world. But as a citizen of

Russia and the head of the Russian state I would ask: What is such a world for, if there were no Russia?”

The Russian leader made clear that Russia would never use nuclear weapons against other countries unless it becomes under attack by such weapons.

“The decision to use nuclear weapons can only be made if our early warning system not only detects a missile launch but clearly forecasts its flight path and the time when warheads reach the Russian territory,” said Putin.

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