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Viewpoint

Iran's Progress in Defense Technologies Hailed



Brigadier General Hossein Salami, the second-in-command of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), speaks on the sidelines of an exhibition on the IRGC's achievements in Tehran, Iran, March 7, 2018.

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Lieutenant Commander Brigadier General Hossein Salami praised Iran's self-sufficiency in producing military hardware and said the country is at the cutting edge of modern technologies in the defense field.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a visit to an exhibition of the IRGC's advanced military products in Tehran on Wednesday, Brigadier General Salami described the exhibition as a venue where a huge amount

of information about modern technologies and sciences in the field of defense has been put on display.

"Today, we are at the cutting edge of the world modern technologies in terms of the variety of advanced and complicated defense technologies," he added.

"We have reached the point of unrestrained development of modern defense sciences and technologies," the commander said.

Iranian military experts and technicians have in recent

years made great headways in manufacturing a broad range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient in the arms sphere.

Tehran has always assured other nations that its military might

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:15
Evening (Maghreb)	18:23
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:00
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:23

poses no threat to the regional countries, saying that the Islamic Republic's defense doctrine is entirely based on deterrence.

In November 2016, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Hossein Baqeri said Iran has gained such great missile capabilities that enemies would not begin to contemplate attacking the country.

Iranian Official: U.S., Zionist Regime in Weakest-Ever Position

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The head of the Intifada (Palestinian uprising) and Quds Center at Iran's Islamic Propagation Coordination Council underlined that the Zionist regime and its main backer, Washington, are in their weakest-ever position.

In a speech at a coordination meeting of the Intifada and Quds Center in Tehran on Wednesday, Ramezan Sharif decried the U.S. decision to relocate its embassy from Tel Aviv to Quds and said the holy city is the first Qibla (the direction that should be faced when praying) of Muslims and belongs to the Islamic world.

He further emphasized that the prediction of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei about the collapse of the Zionist regime would undoubtedly be realized.

"Today, the United States and the Zionist regime are in their weakest possible position, and this fact can be seen easily," he said, adding that they have, nonetheless, distorted the reality with the help of their powerful media corporations.

On February 23, the Trump administration said the U.S. embassy in al-Quds will open on May 14 in order to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the Zionist regime of Israel's self-proclaimed independence.

It came following Trump's move in December 2017 to recognize al-Quds as the Zionist regime's "capital", which drew widespread international condemnation and

sparked protests in the Palestinian territories.

Ayatollah Khamenei has described the U.S. controversial move as a sign of "weakness and incompetence", saying, "The Islamic world will definitely stand against this plot and the Zionists will receive a bigger blow."

"Dear Palestine will be undoubtedly liberated at last," the Leader said recently, stressing that the issue of Palestine is the paramount political subject in the Muslim world.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has lambasted Zionist regime's occupation of Palestinian lands, saying the occupation like other forms of occupation will not last long.

In reaction to Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent anti-Iran remarks, Zarif tweeted on Wednesday morning that "despite Netanyahu's claims, the fact is that illegal occupation lies at the heart of most of the calamities in our region."

He went on to add, "historically, occupying another's land has never been sustainable. This occupation, too - and the apartheid system that perpetuates it - will not last long."

Addressing the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual policy conference at the Washington Convention Center on Tuesday, Zionist prime minister repeated his anti-Iran allegations, accusing the Islamic Republic of building military bases in Syria.

The Holy Qur'an

But if they violate their oaths after their covenant, and taunt you for your Faith, - fight ye the chiefs of Unfaith: for their oaths are nothing to them: that thus they may be restrained.

The Holy Qur'an (9:12)

S. Lanka should Safeguard Ethnic, Religious Harmony

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Sri Lanka, with its greenery and unique shape, sits like an emerald island in the Indian Ocean off the tip of the Subcontinent.

It has been called "Sarandeeb" in Islamic texts and is said to be the place where Adam the Father of the human race, was lowered on Planet Earth by the command of God Almighty after having eaten of the forbidden fruit of paradise.

The island has a mountain called Adam's Peak, while the small islets to its north towards the southern tip of India were known until recently as "Adam's Bridge", to indicate that the first man crossed into India and proceeded towards what is now West Asia.

It is thus unfortunate to learn about the recent riots in this island state, where the majority Sinhalese Buddhists, said to be peaceful, have gone on communal rampage in some parts, especially against Muslims, who for the past millennium have lived peaceably in Sri Lanka.

As a result a state of emergency has been declared across the island for the first time since the end of its bloody and protracted civil war between the Sinhalese and the Tamils.

Moreover, curfew has been clamped on two towns in Kandy District, after several days of violence targeting members of the Muslim community, whose homes have been vandalized and mosques desecrated.

These unfortunate incidents occurred when militant Buddhist mobs swept through towns and villages, beating up Muslims, damaging their shops and committing reprehensible acts against them.

This outbreak of violence is unwarranted, and it is hoped President Maithripal Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe will take due measures to end it, if not the country's thriving tourism industry will suffer.

The riots seem to be organized violence, and the government ought to probe their cause, especially the hidden hands behind the campaign of hatred against its Muslim citizens. Definitely certain regimes, especially the Zionist entity, could have a hand in this violence.

This requires the government to be extra careful of the intentions of the Israelis, who had poured in massive arms to the Tamil Tigers during the civil war to worsen the crisis, but failed. The Zionists might take revenge, and friendship or diplomatic ties with them is dangerous.

The US might also be involved, in view of China's fast developing relations with Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka should not allow militant Buddhists to turn the country into another Myanmar where the native Burmese Muslims are the victims of genocide.

Whatever the cause, Colombo should take due steps safeguard ethnic and religious harmony on the island where for centuries the Sinhalese, Tamils, Buddhists, Christians and Muslims have peacefully flourished.

Hopefully, a quick solution will be found without giving outside forces to fish in dirty waters.

Najafi:

Iran to Stay in JCPOA as Long as Others Do

TEHRAN (MNA) – The Iranian Ambassador to IAEA told journalists on Wednesday that Iran's implementation of its JCPOA commitments could continue only if all other parties to the deal continue to implement their commitments fully and unconditionally.

"We restated the stances and positions of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors and we reiterated that we will stay committed to the agreement on the condition that the other signatories live up to their commitments under the deal without setting

any conditions," said Reza Najafi, the Iranian Ambassador to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna.

He made the remarks addressing journalists on the sidelines of the quarterly meeting of the IAEA's Board of Governors.

"During the recent meeting of the IAEA's Board of Governors, we once again explained the technical issues related to heavy water and the concept of the inventory, but as the IAEA Director General said the failure of the JCPOA equals the failure of multilateralism," added the Iranian envoy to Vienna.

Iran's First Vice-President in Baghdad

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran's First Vice-President Eshaq Jahangiri arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday to talk with senior officials and visit holy shrines in the country.

Jahangiri is heading a high-ranking delegation of political and economic officials in his three-day visit.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade Mohammad Shariatmadari, as well as the Minister of Agriculture Mahmoud Hoj-

jati are accompanying the First Vice-President.

Jahangiri is scheduled to meet Iraq's President Fuad Masum, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and the speaker of Iraqi parliament Salim al-Jabouri.

The meetings will focus on the latest regional and international developments, as well as solutions for bilateral cooperation.

Visiting the holy shrines in Karbala, Najaf and Kadhimiya are also among Jahangiri's trip.