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Viewpoint

Birds of the Same Feather Flock Together

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Zionist ring leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, seems to have its eyes set on Hollywood, where he could continue to make money after the fast approaching doom of the illegal Zionist entity.

A notorious criminal and a merciless killer of children, he has resorted to theatrics against Iran again, although he makes a clumsy actor who has no natural talents to be on the silver screen, except perhaps in the role of a villain or conman.

His recent brandishing of a scrap of metal supposed to be a piece of an allegedly shot Iranian drone was meant to deflect media attention from Syria's downing of a F-16 fighter plane.

He made a laughing stock of himself by threatening to launch aggression on neighbouring countries and even on the Islamic Republic, without realising that one wrong move would reduce to rubble the Zionist entity.

In his latest theatrics, he waived a map of the Levant, with parts of it coloured in black to indicate Iran's influence.

No sooner had he talked trash, than he was joined in by his new found cousin, Saudi foreign minister, the Jewish looking Adel al-Jubair, who ritually accused Islamic Iran of being the root cause of terrorism. The fact of the matter is the godfather of all terrorism is the Wahhabi regime in Riyadh.

What a bunch of nincompoops have ganged together to try to stop the brilliant light of the Islamic Revolution emanating from Iran!

The US regime as well as the West European regimes, should understand that Iran and the regional people are not a threat or danger to international security as alleged. They are in fact totally against the meddling of outsiders in regional affairs.

The real danger to peace is the Zionist entity and the reactionary Arab regimes who are destabilizing the entire region including Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Bahrain, and Occupied Palestine.

One last word, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the awakened people of the region will neither allow the outsiders to interfere in their affairs, nor would they bow to pressures of the US and the West to stop their retaliation against the war crimes of the Zionists, Takfiris, and Arab reactionaries.

President: Iran Ready for EU Talks on Mideast

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – President Hassan Rouhani said here Wednesday Iran stands ready to negotiate with the European Union over the enhancement of security and stability in the Middle East.

Speaking in a meeting with Dutch Foreign Minister Sigrid Kaag, Rouhani particularly referred to the Saudi war on Yemen, and said Tehran supports any attempts made to end the aggression.

He rejected as utterly baseless and untrue the accusation that Tehran has supplied Yemen with weapons, saying that pressing charges as such will not help solve problems.

"Instead of such blame games, efforts should focus on putting an immediate end to war, establishing a ceasefire, helping Yemeni people, who desperately need assistance, and preparing the ground for intra-Yemeni talks to start," he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Rouhani lashed out at the propaganda campaigns launched by certain countries against

Tehran's nuclear program.

He said international circles turned a blind eye to the Iraqi missile attacks on Iranian cities during Baghdad's eight-year imposed war on Iran in the 1980s.

Rouhani said other countries refused to sell missiles to Iran to respond in kind to Saddam Hussein's regime.

"With this historical experience which is related to their country's national security, our people are sensitive about any issue in that regard, and rightly believe the country's defense power is not negotiable," he said.

"Still, we are interested to hold talks with our friends regarding the massive sales, mostly by Western countries, of destructive weapons to the countries in the region, especially the sales of the deadly aircraft and missiles used to kill and displace people and destroy Yemen's residential areas and infrastructure" he said.

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Interior Minister: Terrorist Cult Members to Be Dealt Firmly



Violent cult members ploughed cars into police and bystanders and damaged public and private property in northern Tehran, Monday night.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli here on Wednesday decried deadly attacks by followers of a cult leader on security forces in northern Tehran, saying those behind the violence will be dealt with firmly.

Speaking to reporters, Rahmani Fazli offered his condolences to the bereaved families of five security forces who were martyred in the attacks.

"All those disrupting the security would be treated decisively," he said, adding there will be no negotiations with the rioters. The minister further said he expected the judiciary to bring to justice all

those who broke the law.

Speaking at the cabinet meeting Wednesday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani also pointed to the incident and said no violent or insulting move against police forces will be tolerated.

On Tuesday, Police spokesman Brigadier General Saeed Montazer-al-Mahdi said law enforcement forces had arrested more than 300 members of the Gonabadi dervishes, including the drivers of a bus and a car that plowed through a group of police forces, leading to the martyrdom of five people.

In the attacks by the dervishes,

three policemen and two members of the volunteer Basij force were martyred. As many as 30 policemen were also injured while public and private property was destroyed by the attackers.

The rioters had gathered in front

PM: Iraqi Soil Will Never Be Used Against Iran

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has stressed that his country would never allow NATO or any other side to use the Iraqi territory against Iran.

Speaking to reporters during a weekly press conference here, Abadi said even when terrorist groups were controlling some parts of Iraq, Baghdad did not allow foreign countries to establish military bases in the country.

"We would never allow the Iraqi soil to be used against Iran by NATO or others," he was quoted as saying by the Arabic-language Al-Sumaria News.

Abadi further pointed to a recent ambush attack against Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) in Al-Hawija in the northern province of Kirkuk, which claimed the lives of 27 forces, saying investigations are underway.

Iraq has been facing the growing threat of terrorism, mainly posed by the Daesh terrorist group.

When Daesh terrorists entered Iraq in the summer of 2014, Iran was the first country to help Baghdad against the Takfiri terror group. Iran has always voiced support for Iraq's unity, territorial integrity and prosperity.

General Hatami in Baku: Defense Minister Discusses Military Ties With Azerbaijan

BAKU (Dispatches) -- President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev here on Wednesday received a delegation led by Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Hatami visiting the country to explore the ways of broadening defense collaboration between the two neighbors.

Aliyev hailed development of friendly and brotherly relations between Azerbaijan and Iran in different areas, including military and military-technical fields.

He touched on regular high-level reciprocal visits, saying the fact that the presidents of the two countries have held nearly 10 meetings in recent years was a sign of high-level relations between them.

Aliyev recalled his last visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran, saying he had fruitful discussions with Leader of the Islamic Revolution and the Iranian president. He said he was confident that the visit by the Iranian defense minister

would create a good opportunity to discuss the current state and prospects of military cooperation between the two neighbors.

Hatami conveyed Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's greetings. He said Iran attaches special importance to neighboring countries, particularly Azerbaijan, in its foreign policy.

Speaking to IRIB News upon his arrival, General Hatami said the two neighbors could finalize agreements on technological and technical cooperation between their defense industries, including joint production of military equipment.

"I hope we can engage in meaningful negotiations with Azeri officials on bilateral and regional cooperation ... which could help boost stability in the region and improve Tehran-Baku relations," Hatami said.

Back in late October, Tehran and Baku formed a joint commission on defense cooperation, signaling their will to strengthen bonds of friendship.

Kuwaiti Paper Alleges:

Iran Turned Down U.S. Request for Direct Talks

KUWAIT (Dispatches) -- The United States proposed Iran to hold direct talks on neutral soil to settle disagreements, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Jarida has reported, citing an unnamed source at Iran's Supreme National Security Council.

"The Americans suggested Muscat or Geneva as venue for the consultations. At first, it was only

about inmates with dual citizenship held in Iranian prisons, but later they proposed to discuss a whole range of controversial points on the condition of confidentiality," it reported.

Tehran rejected it, saying "Washington had lost Iran's trust, especially after President Donald Trump took a tougher stance on the nuclear deal," it said. The source

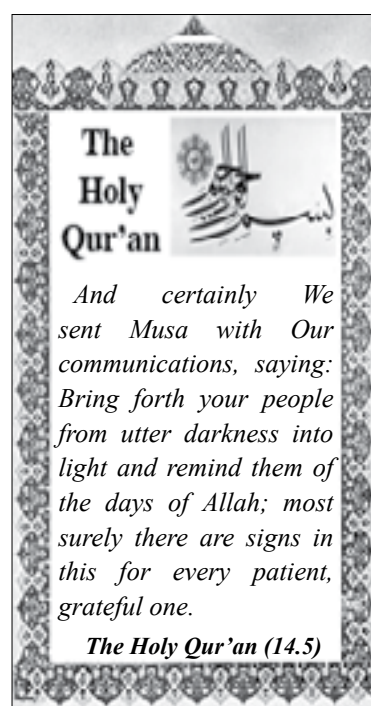
also stressed that the country's Security Council opposed "any direct contacts with Washington", it added.

U.S. President Donald Trump's hostile approach towards Iran has further alienated the two countries.

In October 2017, Trump decided not to certify the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), stating that

Washington was ready to unilaterally leave the agreement.

The JCPOA was signed in July 2015 by Iran, China, France, Russia, the UK, the U.S. and Germany. The agreement stipulates lifting of sanctions imposed on Tehran in exchange for the latter maintaining the peaceful nature of its nuclear program.



PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:17
Evening (Maghreb)	17:52
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:18
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:41