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### In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

## Bahraini Regime Trying to Punch Above Its Size

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*The repressive minority regime in the Persian Gulf island state of Bahrain is overplaying its hand in the region, in addition to its tyrannical violation of the rights of citizens, especially the long suppressed Shi'a Muslim majority, which is campaigning peacefully for representative rule in the face of inhuman atrocities.*

*While the freedom struggle is underway for the past seven years with the people resolved to take back their rights one day, and today marks the 7th anniversary of the Aal-e Khalifa regime's invitation to Godless Wahhabi troops from Saudi Arabia to try to crush the popular movement through desecration of religious sanctities, news comes of the repeated violation of the airspace of neighbouring Qatar by Bahraini aircraft over the past few days, along with disclosure by Doha of the Manama regime's involvement in the abortive coup to overthrow the Aal-e Thani rulers in 1996.*

*This is nothing but roguish behaviour on the part of Sheikh Hamad Aal-e Khalifa, who presently styles himself king, and who in 1996 as Heir Apparent to his equally cruel father Sheikh Isa, had supported and financed subversive operations inside Qatar, as a new investigation has found out.*

*The investigation provided evidence of the involvement of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as well, in the failed Bahraini-sponsored coup d'etat in Qatar some twenty-two years ago.*

*Fahd al-Maliki, a coup leader, has admitted that Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Aal-e Khalifa personally financed a series of sabotage operations and bombings in the Qatari capital against the then Emir Sheikh Hamad Aal-e Thani, father of Qatar's present ruler, Emir Tamim.*

*Maliki, who fled to the UAE after the failed coup, confessed that he received \$265,000 from the present Bahraini ruler, who was then the Heir Apparent, for targeting government institutions in Doha.*

*The bomb, however, failed to explode, and like the current abortive attempts of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and UAE in boycotting Qatar, the 1996 attempt was also a bid to derail the independent foreign policy of Doha.*

*These facts prove that tiny Bahrain is trying to punch above its size, and will sooner, rather than later, will have to bear the dire consequences of its crimes against neighbours, against the suffocating citizens, against fellow Arabs (as is the case with the betrayal of the Palestinian cause), and against Islam – in view of Sheikh Hamad's approval of the plans of the illegal Zionist entity and the US for making the occupied Islamic city of Bayt al-Moqaddas, the capital of usurper Israel.*

*As the English adage goes: Birds of the same feather gather together. The Aal-e Khalifa regime knows fully well that its ancestors, who were pirates infesting the waters off Khor Abdullah between Iraq and Kuwait, had illegally seized Bahrain.*

*This means, Sheikh Hamad has no right to rule the people of Bahrain, and whatever measures he has taken, including attempts to change the demography by granting citizenship to mercenaries from other countries and depriving Bahrainis of their ancestral citizenship, are as illegal as the Zionist rule in Palestine.*

*The regime thinks that as long as the US and Britain, along with regional bully Saudi Arabia, supports it, nothing will happen.*

*This is nothing but a delusion. There is no guarantee how long the Saudi clan will survive. Moreover, the US, which has its 5th fleet based in Bahrain, might anytime change its policies.*

*Even if Washington and London continued to stubbornly back the Aal-e Khalifa minority regime, people's power and Divine Help to them should never be discounted.*

*As the bare-handed Iranian Muslim people, without any supporters, succeeded in throwing into the dustbin of history the armed-to-the-teeth Pahlavi potentate who had the full backing of the West and also of the East, the end is fast approaching for Sheikh Hamad and his henchmen.*

*Surely one cannot escape the Wrath of God for crimes against humanity.*

# Trump Extends National Emergency, Sanctions on Iran



WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – U.S. President Donald Trump has extended sanctions against Iran for another year, claiming that the Islamic Republic continues to pose “an unusual and extraordinary” threat to America.

Trump signed an executive order on Monday, continuing a national emergency with respect to Iran first announced by former U.S. President Bill Clinton in 1995.

The American head of state argued that while all nuclear-related sanctions against Iran had been removed under the 2015 deal between Tehran and the six world powers – the U.S., the UK, France, China, Russia and Germany—Washington was going to maintain its pressure on Iran in other key areas.

Ever since entering the White House last year, Trump has sought to undermine the nuclear deal, also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by making similar allegations.

The emergency is separate from another national emergency declared by Washington against Iran following the 1981 takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran. That emergency was renewed in November.

A state of emergency gives a U.S. president extraordinary powers, including the ability to seize property, summon the National Guard and hire and fire military officers at will.

Iran has repeatedly rejected the Trump administration's claims about its missile program, warning

Washington against undermining its right to develop weapons for defensive purposes.

Tehran has also dismissed U.S. accusations of human rights violations, condemning Washington's dual policy of ignoring stark rights breaches and by its own allies while making fake allegations against Iran for political pressure.

Trump's other claim that Iran sponsors terrorist groups has also been described by Tehran as another instance of U.S. double standards, given that Washington and its allies have continued to arm repressive Middle East regimes and in particular Saudi Arabia, despite Riyadh's deadly war against the people of Yemen and its support for militant groups wreaking havoc in the region.

## Iran's Defense Minister Tells Dutch Ambassador: National Security Without Defense Power Impossible

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Hatami said here Tuesday the current chaos in the Middle East were the result of meddling by foreign powers and their double standards.

While a part of the chaos is rooted in deep-seated regional issues, foreign powers play a leading role in fanning the flames of the crises, General Hatami told Dutch Ambassador to Tehran Susanna Terstal.

“As U.S. officials have confessed, Washington established the Daesh terrorist group in the region and provided it with financial and military support,” he said, citing a figure of \$550 million which the Americans had allocated to keep the group alive.

The minister touched on the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen and called on the Netherlands as a non-permanent member of the United Nation Security Council as well as its permanent members to stop Saudi Arabia's relentless war on the impoverished

country and deaths of innocent civilians including women and children there.

General Hatami also dismissed as ridiculous U.S. claims of Iranian missile being sent to Yemen. He said the existing all-out siege imposed on Yemen had made sending medicine and food to Yemen almost impossible, let alone missiles.

“Such claims are leveled against the Islamic Republic of Iran to divert the international community's attention from the crimes being perpetrated in Yemen,” he said.

During the meeting, Gen. Hatami also expressed Iran's interest in expanding its defense relations with the Netherlands on the strength on their historic relations. The minister underlined the importance of defense power in the world today.

“Today, with the eight-year experience of the war imposed by Iraq on Iran, we have come to the strategic

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## Austria: Attacker on Iran Mission Had Takfiri Sympathies

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- The Austrian of Egyptian origin who was shot dead over the weekend after attacking a soldier with a knife outside the Iranian ambassador's residence in Vienna had Takfiri sympathies, authorities said Tuesday.

Material seized at the 26-year-old man's home would be further analyzed in the coming days, said Michaela Kardeis, head of public security, but for now there are no more details about the attacker's background or possible motives.

The man attacked the soldier outside the Iranian envoy's residence just before midnight local time on Sunday, stabbing him sev-

eral times as they wrestled on the ground.

The soldier initially tried to use pepper spray to immobilize his attacker but later used his gun, firing at least four shots and killing the attacker at the scene, according to police.

The soldier escaped relatively unscathed, with a wound to his upper arm for which he was treated in the hospital. He was also suffering from shock.

Police have ordered reinforcements around all diplomatic missions in the city.

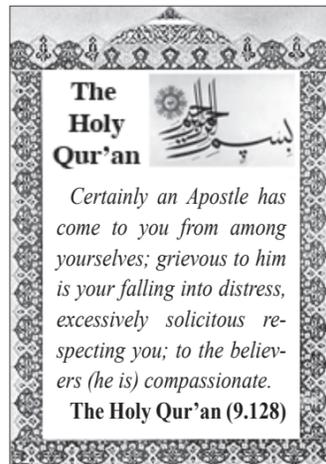
Austrian Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache said the soldier

had fired “in legitimate self-defense” and had acted “in an appropriate manner, saving his own life.”

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said Monday there was no information yet on the attacker's motivation for the act.

Iranian authorities in Tehran and Vienna remain in contact with Austrian officials for more details on the incident, he said.

The attack came several hours after Iranian Ambassador to London Hamid Baeidinejad announced that he had been threatened with death by a member of an extrem-



The Holy Qur'an  
 Certainly an Apostle has come to you from among yourselves; grievous to him is your falling into distress, excessively solicitous respecting you; to the believers (he is) compassionate.  
 The Holy Qur'an (9.128)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:14
Evening (Maghreb)	18:29
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:54
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:17

## Bodies of 65 Martyrs Recovered in Iraq

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- A senior defense official says Iranian explorers have recovered the remnants of 65 unidentified martyrs of the Iraqi imposed war (1980-88), some 30 years after the end of the longest battle in the 20th century.

The bodies were found recently in a mass grave in a swamp on the Bawarin island near Iraq's Basra, said Brigadier General Muhammad Baqerzadeh, who heads the Armed Forces General Staff's Committee for the Search of the Missing in Action.

Among the bodies were several elite frogmen martyred in operations Valfajr-8 and Karbala-4, he told Tasnim news agency Tuesday.

The operation Karbala-4 has become a familiar name for Iranians in recent years after the bodies of 175 Iranian frogmen reportedly buried alive with their hands tied were recovered inside Iraq in 2015. Their funeral ceremony gathered a large crowd in Tehran.

Baqerzadeh said a total of 115 bodies of unidentified martyrs are planned to be transferred to Iran in the coming days.

They will be first sent to Tehran for identification before being buried in different places across the country, including universities, seminaries, premises of state organizations and a number of public parks across the country.

Baqerzadeh said the bodies of over 4,000 Iranian martyrs have yet to be discovered inside Iraq.

The Iran-Iraq war, imposed on Iran by the former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, left hundreds of thousands of casualties from both sides.

ist religious group, which recently carried out an attack on the Islamic Republic's embassy in London.

According to the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), British police did nothing to protect the compound during the attack.

Iran on Saturday summoned the British ambassador to Tehran over the attack on its diplomatic mission in London.

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said on Monday that the attack was a “very disgraceful” bonus by the British government to sweeten a multi-billion dollar arms deal with Saudi Arabia.