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Viewpoint

US' Manipulation of UN as Syria All Set to Weed out Terrorists

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It is an open secret that the West, led by the US, has always manipulated the UN Security Council as a handy tool to further its vested interests, especially in the Muslim World, in order to keep it divided and strife-ridden, as was evident by the resolution on Sunday for ceasefire in Syria where its terrorists are gasping for their last breath.

Since the terrorist-in-chief, Washington, hates the idea of a unified, stable and strong Syria, for the simple reason that its terrorist surrogate in the Levant, the illegal Zionist entity, will sooner, rather than later, meet the fate of the supposedly Muslim terrorists, who are on the verge of being wiped out, it has once again resorted to the UN Security Council to try to save its stooges.

The same old story that we saw during the 8-year war the US had imposed on the Islamic Republic of Iran in the 1980s through Saddam of the repressive Ba'th minority regime of Baghdad, is being repeated in Syria.

There was no UN Security Council Resolution to condemn the invasion of the Islamic Republic or the destruction of its towns, cities and industrial installations. But when Iran's Muslim combatants turned the tide of the imposed to liberate their occupied soil from the Ba'thists, the UN Security Council issued resolution after resolution, demanding immediate ceasefire, without calling for the withdrawal of the aggressors.

Thanks to the foresight of the Sage of the Age, Imam Khomeini (RA), who said "imposed peace is worse than imposed war", the stratagem of Global Arrogance came to naught, and the Islamic Republic of Iran finally emerged victorious in the 8-year war.

In the years following 2011 when Syria was being torn apart, its cities destroyed, and its people massacred in the most brutal manner by the cannibalistic terrorists, there was no UN Security Council Resolution to end the armed sedition, but now when terrorist outfits are on the threshold of total defeat, the West, the US in particular, raises humanitarian concerns and calls for a truce, solely for providing some breathing space for the terrorists so that their weaponry is replenished for fresh crimes and slaughter of the innocents.

The legal government of President Bashar al-Assad, along with its allies, has given its commitment to the ceasefire for the sake of humanitarian causes so as to ease the sufferings of the civilian population held as human shields in areas under control of western-backed insurgents. At the same time, it has taken the prudent step of intensifying military measures to safeguard the security of the capital from the frequent attacks of terrorist groups holed in the large Eastern Ghouta district.

Damascus and its allies have made it clear that the ceasefire, as is evident from its clauses, doesn't include the three terrorist groups in Ghouta, that is, Jaysh al-Islam, Jabhat an-Nusra, and Faylaq ar-Rahman, which continue to indiscriminately kill the citizenry.

The US and its comrades-in-crimes against the nation of Syria are crying hoarse but technically there is nothing they can do to ensure the survival of the terrorists this time in Ghouta.

Moreover, it is the right of the sovereign independent government of Syria to weed out terrorists destroying the country and disturbing the peace of the people.

It should be noted that Ghouta or Ghoutad-Dimashq, is a strategically important area near Damascus, formed as an oasis by the Barada River, which separates the capital from the barren Syrian Desert. It is a fertile agricultural tract growing a variety of cereals, and before the US, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, ignited the sedition in 2011 by flooding the country with terrorists of various hue and colour, it had a thriving population of over two million peaceful citizens.

With most of the population having fled to Damascus, presently Ghouta's remaining 400,000 men, women, and children, who face mass hunger and malnutrition, are being held hostage by the terrorist outfits, in a bid to prevent any wide-scale military operation by the Syrian army.

The time is ripe for the government of Syria to continue its campaign to clear Ghouta of any terrorist presence, by demanding their total surrender, since there is no honesty on the part of the US and the West or the reactionary Arab regimes.

These principal backers of terrorism have no regard for civilian life, as is fully evident in Yemen as well, where the UN Security Council is contemplating to pass a resolution against the popular Ansarallah Movement and its right to retaliate against the bombardment of towns and cities, while no resolution was issued over the past three years against the state terrorism of Saudi Arabia and its destruction of the infrastructure of Yemen, whose population is in the grip of the worst-ever famine.

Iran Asks Saudis to Raise Quota for Pilgrims



This file photo shows Iranian pilgrims boarding a Saudi flight for Hajj.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **Head of the Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization Hamid Muhammadi said on Sunday Iran has asked Saudi Arabia for an increase in the quota of pilgrims seeking to make the annual trip this year.**

Speaking to reporters, Muhammadi said if the Saudi side agrees with the request, 90,000 Iranians will make the pilgrimage this year.

He said some 1.3 million Iranians who signed up for Hajj some 10 years ago over the past 10 are waiting for their turn make the pilgrimage.

The official touched on negotiations held with Saudi Arabia authorities about the participation of

Iranians in Hajj, saying he expected the Hajj quota to be the same as the previous year.

The Saudi side agrees with the Iranian request, 5,000 more pilgrims will make the journey for the annual Muslim ritual this year, he added.

The official also said that the first group of Iranian pilgrims will be flown to Saudi Arabia on July 17.

In 2016, more than 1.8 million pilgrims attended Hajj, but Iranians stayed away after Saudi Arabia failed to guarantee their safety.

Tehran's request for guarantees followed a Hajj crush on September 24, 2015 in which thousands of pilgrims lost their lives, including

hundreds of Iranians.

The tragic incident came after Saudi authorities blocked a road in Mina during the stoning of the devil ritual.

The crush was the deadliest incident in the history of the pilgrimage. According to an Associated Press count based on official statements from the 36 countries that lost citizens in the disaster, more than 2,400 pilgrims were killed in the incident.

Saudi Arabia claims nearly 770 people were killed, but officials at Iran's Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization say about 4,700 people, including over 460 Iranian pilgrims, lost their lives.

Islamic Body Pledges Funds for Kermanshah Schools

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- **The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) has pledged to fund the establishment of two primary schools in the quake-hit province of Kermanshah in western Iran, one for boys and another one for girls, the Iran Front Page website has reported.**

The pledge was made by ISESCO Secretary-General Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri in a meeting with Iran's Education Minister Muhammad Bathaei in Rabat.

Bathaei was in the Moroccan capital to attend the fifth Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, which was held by ISESCO from Wednes-

day to Friday to explore measures to ensure a better and safer childhood in the Muslim world.

Based in Rabat, ISESCO was founded by the 52-nation Organization of the Islamic Cooperation in 1979 to build bonds among member states in the fields of education, science, and culture.

A powerful 7.3-magnitude earthquake rocked Kermanshah and other regions bordering Iraq back in November, killing about 630 people and injuring thousands.

The operations for restoring normal life to the quake-hit areas are still underway.

Thousands of Addicted Babies Born in Iran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **New studies have revealed that 7,500 babies are being born in Iran every year with addiction to illicit drugs.**

Half a percent of 1.5 million pregnant women in Iran give birth to addicted babies each year, the Shahrvand daily newspaper reported.

According to the report, the study carried out in 2016 indicated that out of 900,000 pregnant women, 2,438 were addicted.

Hamid-Reza Sarrami, director general of the Drug Control Headquarters, says 33% of drug consumers in the world are women.

"In Iran, one out of every 10 drug users is a woman. However, trends indicate that girls and women tend to use drugs more and more," he added.

According to Sarrami, women with psychotic and psychological disorders are 17 times more

likely to use drugs than other women.

"Studies show 27.4% of the population has a positive attitude towards drug use. Of these, women constitute 26.4% and men 29.3%."

The official described the figures alarming, saying the government and aid organizations should deal with the issue as a top priority.

Women who have fallen victims to drugs bring to life 7,500 innocent newborns annually and transfer this horrific inheritance to their children. Between 80% to 90% of babies born to drug-addicted mothers lose their lives, according to officials.

When women use drugs during pregnancy, they are more likely to neglect prenatal care, and their babies are more likely to be born prematurely or underweight.

While fetal heroin exposure has been a concern for decades, the

explosion in opioid painkiller use is a fairly recent phenomenon that has renewed questions about long-term effects on babies' development, intellect, and academic achievement.

Research has shown that consuming drugs and alcohol during pregnancy can lead to a number of health problems, like low birth weight, premature labor, fetal death, and miscarriage. But in some cases, the mother's addiction is passed on to her child, and the baby's first worldly experiences are withdrawal symptoms and rehab.

These drug-addicted infants can endure a number of problems with autonomic nervous system control: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, gagging, hiccupping, color changes, and fast breathing, to name a few. They also have difficulties with movement, like tremors and jitteriness.

The Holy Qur'an



Surely Allah's is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth; He brings to life and causes to die; and there is not for you besides Allah any Guardian or Helper.

The Holy Qur'an (9.116)

PRAYER TIMINGS

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| Noon (Zohr) | 12:17 |
| Evening (Maghreb) | 18:15 |
| Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow" | 05:15 |
| Sunrise "Tomorrow" | 06:39 |

MP: Divers to Visit China to Search Sunken Tanker

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **A lawmaker said Sunday Iran will deploy a group of deep-sea divers to China to explore the Panama-registered Sanchi oil tanker, which caught fire and sank in East China Sea in mid-January.**

Parliament's National Security Commission spokesman Hussein Naqavi Huseini said in addition to the team of divers, a workgroup will also travel to China for more investigations.

Huseini said the decision came following the meeting of the National Security Commission of the Parliament with officials of the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor, and Social Welfare and the shipping organization.

The exact travel time and the composition of the workgroup will subsequently be announced, the Iran Front Page website reported.

The MP also said the data recorder of the oil tanker is being studied and one of the tasks of the workgroup is to be kept abreast of retrieving its information.

"In the composition of this workgroup, there are representatives from various organizations and the issue has been coordinated with the Chinese government."

According to the lawmaker, China has sent underwater robots to analyze the information, but Iran has decided to send its own team of professional divers to check the situation.

The Panama-registered Sanchi, carrying 136,000 tonnes of highly flammable ultra-light crude oil and a crew of 30 Iranians and two Bangladeshis, collided with a Hong Kong-registered bulk freighter about 160 nautical miles east of Shanghai on January 6.

The tanker, operated by Iran, exploded and sank about 530 kilometers (329 miles) southeast of Shanghai with all 32 crew members believed to have died.