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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Washington's Game of Sanctions

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has just voted to impose new sanctions against Iran over its ballistic missile tests and alleged human rights violations, despite warnings from some Democrats and the former Obama administration that its actions could jeopardize the landmark nuclear deal struck with Tehran.

The bipartisan bill, which now has 48 Senate co-sponsors, imposes mandatory sanctions on people involved with Iran's ballistic missile program and those who do business with them. It also applies alleged terrorism sanctions to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and enforces an arms embargo. Few points are worth mentioning in this respect:

-The oppressive tactics have to some extent altered the modus operandi of military and defense in Iran. But that's all really. They will fail to slow down Iran's missile production or disrupt its military defense capabilities.

-The unilateral U.S sanctions regime was and still is short of scientific, technical, legal or justified virtues, and only designed to appease Israel and Saudi Arabia which just recently signed a deal to purchase U.S. arms worth hundreds of billions of dollars. The sanctions regime has nothing to do with human rights record either. It has to do with Iran's rise as a sovereign nation, a movement and an identity guided by principles against the hegemonic system.

-The oppressive tactics will continue to generate a great deal of resentment on the world stage. Given the rotting security situation in Europe, it is still in the best interests of all concerned to continue converging on diplomacy and working with Iran in regional security affairs. It is the only viable option left, and indeed the only high aim that's worthwhile.

-The new sanctions violate the spirit of the nuclear deal between Iran and the West. Tehran has met its various obligations in ensuring regional peace and security and it is Washington that has a lot of work to do. They must stop weaponizing Iran's neighbors and their own terror proxy forces in Iraq, Syria and Yemen. President Rouhani has already warned, "In case of the six countries' violation of a final nuclear deal, the Iranian government will be fully ready to immediately return to the previous path even more vigorously than they could imagine."

Whatever this is, the aim of those behind the new anti-Iran sanctions is too low and they will miss it. The Capitol Hill warmongers have been powerless to edge Iran's rising influence and military prowess throughout the Middle East. The American think tanks acknowledge that with Trump in office, Iran will be a stronger nation than when Obama was; Iran will be an undisputed regional power than it was when Trump took office; and Iran will be playing a much more prominent and constructive role in the region and the world than it was before Trump took office.

Nonetheless, as maintained by Iranian Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the chief aim of U.S. sanctions is to contain Iran and that's why the country doesn't need to suspend its conventional missile defense program. The world powers might have great differences of opinion on how best to deal with the matter. But that's not the point. The point is that Tehran has met its international obligations with regard to ensuring regional security and fighting terrorism. It is now up to the United States to reciprocate.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

1st day

“اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ صِيَامِي فِيهِ صِيَامَ الصَّائِمِينَ وَقِيَامِي فِيهِ قِيَامَ
الْيَائِمِينَ، وَنَبِّهْنِي فِيهِ عَنِ نَوْمَةِ الْغَافِلِينَ، وَهَبْ لِي جُرمِي فِيهِ
يَا إِلَهَ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَأَعِزِّ عَنِّي يَا عَافِيًا عَنِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ.”

“O Allah, accept my fast in it (Ramadhan) as the fast of those whose fast (is acceptable to You). Forgive my sins in it, O the Lord of the Universe. Pardon me, O the Pardoner of sinners.”

Experts Assembly Warns Bahraini Regime



Protesters hold posters of Sheikh Isa Qassim during a protest in Budaiya west of Manama, May 17, 2013.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran's Assembly of Experts on Friday strongly condemned the Bahraini regime's recent raid on the residence of the spiritual leader of the country's Shia majority.

The assembly said in a statement that the inhumane treatment of Sheikh Isa Qassim by the Bahraini Al Khalifa regime with the help of the Saudi regime would “create a tide and a storm that will not

subside except with the toppling of the oppressive Al Khalifah system.”

Bahraini forces raided the northwestern village of Diraz on Tuesday, killing five people

Iran Condemns Rising Attacks on Clinics

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – Iran's Ambassador to the UN Gholamali Khoshroo has condemned increasing attacks on clinical centers in Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, Palestine and elsewhere.

“Attacks against medical workers and facilities as well as the humanitarian convoys delivering medical supplies, have increased since the adoption of the resolution,” he told a UN Security Council debate on protection of civilians in armed violence.

“Only in 2016, attacks on health care facilities, health workers, ambulances and patients has occurred in 23 countries under these conditions. These attacks are taking place in various places around the world, but in terms of frequency and ferocity, such attacks in the Middle East

are more prevalent,” he said.

“We condemn all the attacks that have taken place against medical and humanitarian staff, facilities and means of transport throughout the world especially in Palestine, Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria,” he added.

Khoshroo said the perpetrators try to justify the atrocities by billing them as mistakes, adding their repeated use of the pretext makes it hard to believe the claims.

“It is difficult to understand how it is possible that, at a time of high-tech and high precision modern bombs, ‘mistakes’ could happen so frequently targeting medical facilities and personnel in areas of armed conflict.

“Hospitals are public facilities, whose locations are well known by all parties

to the conflict and necessary protocols are in place to avoid bombing them. Unfortunately, such incidents keep occurring and the perpetrators continue to claim that they are simply mistakes,” he said.

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Erdogan Holds Talks With Rouhani: Turkey, Iran Pledge to Open ‘New Chapter’

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan have expressed their countries' readiness to shore up bilateral ties, especially in the economic field.

The two presidents said that Iran and Turkey were keen to open a new chapter in bilateral ties and take a leap in their economic cooperation.

“Over the past four years, big steps have been taken to develop and deepen Iran-Turkey ties, but a leap must be made toward reaching an annual trade

volume of \$30 billion,” President Rouhani told Erdogan.

The Iranian president also called for the further promotion of cooperation between the two neighboring countries in the banking sector.

He also underlined the need for an increase in interaction between Iran, Turkey and Russia on regional developments, including the reinforcement of the Astana talks between Syria's warring sides, with the aim of contributing to peace and security in the region.

Pakistan, Iran Discuss Security Issues

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran and Pakistan should not allow any third country to undermine relations between the two countries, a senior Iranian official says.

“We should not let any third countries, which do not favor security and good neighborliness between Iran and Pakistan, affect friendly ties between the two countries,” Secretary of Iran's National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said.

He made the remarks in a meeting with Naseer Khan Janjua, Pakistan's national security advisor, on the sidelines of a high-level international security summit in Russia's northwestern city of Tver.

Last month, 10 Iranian border guards were killed and two others injured in an ambush attack near the town of Mirjaveh in the southeastern Iranian province of Sistan-and-Baluchestan.

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The Holy Qur'an

Surely We have revealed it-- an Arabic Quran-- that you may understand. We narrate to you the best of narratives, by Our revealing to you this Quran, though before this you were certainly one of those who did not know.

The Holy Qur'an (12.2)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening(Maghreb)	20:32
Dawn(Fajr)“ Tomorrow”	04:08
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	05:51

who were holding a sit-in as they stormed Qassim's house.

Sheikh Qassim faces expulsion from Bahrain after authorities revoked his citizenship last year. Ever since, the public has been staging day-to-day sit-ins in front of his house in Diraz, and the government has placed the village under a siege.

The measure was taken against him over his support for the nation's uprising against the regime, which began in 2011.

Protests escalated on Monday after a court convicted the cleric of what it said were the illegal collection of funds and money laundering and sentenced him to one year in jail suspended for three years.

Local police have asked survivors to forgo a funeral ceremony for the victims.

It is recommended to recite the following two supplications after every prayer during Ramadhan:

رَبِّا عَلِيَّ يَا عَظِيمُ يَا غَفُورًا رَحِيمُ أَنْتَ الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ الَّذِي تَسْتَكْبِرُ فِيهِ شَيْءٌ وَتُخَوِّسُ فِيهِ الْبَصِيرَ وَهَذَا شَهْرُ شَرْفَةٍ وَعَظَمَةٍ وَكَرَمَةٍ وَقُدْرَةٍ عَلَى الْفُتُورِ وَهَذَا الشَّهْرُ الَّذِي فَزَحْتَ صِبَاغَةَ عَلَيٍّ وَهَذَا شَهْرُ رَقَصَانِ الَّذِي أَوَّلَتْ فِيهِ الْفُرْقَانَ هَدَى لِلنَّاسِ وَتَبَيَّنَتْ مِنَ الْهَدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ وَجَعَلَتْ فِيهِ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ وَجَعَلَتْهَا خَيْرًا مِنَ الْيَوْمِ فَهَذَا الْيَوْمُ لَا يُسْمَنُ عَيْنُكَ مِنْ عِلْمِي بِفِكَارِكَ وَرَقِيصِي مِنَ النَّارِ فَيَسْمَنُ نَفْسُ عَلِيٍّ وَأَدْجُلِي الْجَنَّةَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

“O High, O Great,. O Forgiver, O Merciful, You are the Great Lord, Whom nothing can resemble, and is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. And this is the month which You have honoured, exalted, glorified and excelled over other months. And it is the month in which You prescribed fasting for me. And it is the month of Ramadhan, in which You sent down the Qur'an, as a guidance to people, and clear signs of guidance and Furgan (distinction between right and wrong).

And You have made in it the Night of Qadr, and made it better than a thousands months. O One Who favours all and is favoured by none, favour me by saving me from Hell as You have favoured others. Admit me into Paradise through Your Mercy. O Most -Merciful of the Merciful.

اللَّهُمَّ ادْخُلْ عَلَى أَهْلِ الْقُبُورِ الشُّرُودَ اللَّهُمَّ اغْنِ كُلَّ قَبِيرٍ اللَّهُمَّ اشْبِعْ كُلَّ جَائِعٍ اللَّهُمَّ اخْشِ كُلَّ غَرِيبٍ اللَّهُمَّ أَقْضِ دَيْنَ كُلِّ عَدِيٍّ اللَّهُمَّ فَرِّجْ عَنْ كُلِّ مَكْرُوبٍ اللَّهُمَّ رُدِّ كُلَّ غَرِيبٍ اللَّهُمَّ فَكِّ كُلَّ أَسِيرٍ اللَّهُمَّ اضْلِغْ كُلَّ فَاوِسٍ مِنَ الْأُمُورِ الْشَّيْئِيَّةِ اللَّهُمَّ أَشْفِ كُلَّ مَرِيضٍ اللَّهُمَّ سُدِّ فُتْرًا بِعَاذِكَ اللَّهُمَّ غَيِّرْ سُوءَ خَالَتَا بَعْضِنِ خَالِكَ اللَّهُمَّ أَقْضِ عَنَّا الدَّيْنَ وَأَغْنِنَا مِنَ الْفَقْرِ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ.

“O Allah, let happiness enter (the hearts of) those who dwell in the graves:

O Allah, grant affluence to all the poor;
O Allah, satisfy the hunger of all the hungry ones;
O Allah, clothe all the naked ones;
O Allah, help all debtors to pay their debts;
O Allah, relieve the sufferings of all those in distress;
O Allah, help all travellers to (safely) return home;
O Allah, release all the prisoners;
O Allah, straighten out all the defects (that have developed) in the affairs of Muslims;
O Allah, restore to health all those who are sick
O Allah, ease our poverty by Your (unlimited) wealth;
O Allah, change our difficult state by the excellence of Your state;
O Allah, help us to pay our debts and free us from poverty.
Surely, You are able over everything.”