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**In the Name of the Most High**
**Viewpoint**
**U.S. Killing Scores More Civilians**
*By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer*

*The United States and the Pentagon regime are lying through their teeth when they say they are taking extraordinary care to limit the number of civilian casualties in the air war against Syria and Yemen. Mind you, they are rapidly losing any pretense of a moral high ground.*

*As reported by international aid agencies and monitoring groups, the soaring death tolls from U.S. airstrikes on Syria and Saudi-led, U.S.-backed airstrikes on Yemen have increased in recent weeks, which human rights groups, the United Nations, and national governments have condemned as indiscriminate and irresponsible.*

*The global criminal syndicate are free to hide the overwhelming majority of the civilian deaths they cause. They can even omit official death tolls for the air wars in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, including virtually all major incidents. But they cannot hide the fact that they are now officially partners in war crime and crimes committed against humanity.*

*They need to take note that their deadly fantasy of regime change has turned into a nightmare, all while turning Iraq, Syria and Yemen into badlands for terrorists who have spread their killing spree far and wide. The regime changers are breeding monsters and enabling terrorists at the end of which they themselves also get hurt.*

*Regardless of their fantasies, the affiliates of Al-Qaeda and ISIL are also busy taking over territory in the heartlands of the Muslim world, even in the southern parts of Yemen near the Saudi border, where there are growing signs of a militant presence. Graffiti on the roads warn that "ISIL is strong", all while the flags of Al-Qaeda in Arabian Peninsula have flown above police stations and war-scarred neighborhoods. It is not Iran that the Saudis should be afraid of!*

*Under these terrible circumstances, the finest minds of NATO governments shouldn't ignore these warnings or they would guarantee strategic failure against the ostensible grave threat of ISIL and Al-Qaeda in the heart of Europe. They should negotiate with common sense and stop this senseless War on Terror (which is in fact endless war on Islam), or see Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Libya export terrorists to commit murderous rampages in Manchester and elsewhere on behalf of ISIL. After all, it was in Libya, where one ISIL affiliate by the name Salman Abedi, the suspected organizer of the recent Manchester attack that killed and wounded scores of civilians.*

*What is true is that the White House and the House of Saud are the forces behind ISIL, Al-Qaeda and "Wahhabist terrorism". They have also thrown themselves into an anti-Shia crusade from Yemen to Iraq to Bahrain to Syria. This means ISIL and Al-Qaeda are not home-grown and self-reliant, but a proxy army of Riyadh and Washington. Evidence of broad trans-regional support is abundant too, even if the "fakestream" Western media have done their best to ignore it, and U.S. officials have told the truth and run. Consider this as a reminder:*

*-In a 2009 diplomatic memo made public by Wikileaks, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said "donors in Saudi Arabia constitute the most significant source of funding to Sunni terrorist groups worldwide."*

*-In August 2012, the Defense Intelligence Agency reported that Al-Qaeda, Salafists, and the Muslim Brotherhood dominate the Syrian rebel movement and that their goal is to establish a "Salafist principality in Eastern Syria" where ISIL is now located. It said the CIA is channeling arms from Turkey and Saudi Arabia to the extremist outfits in Syria and Iraq.*

*-In October 2014, Vice President Joe Biden said, "The Saudis, the emirates, etc. are so determined to take down Assad and essentially have a proxy Sunni-Shia war that they poured hundreds of millions of dollars and tens of thousands of tons of military weapons into anyone who would fight against Assad – except the people who were being supplied were Al-Nusra and Al-Qaeda."*

*In blatant violation of international law, the U.S. not only refuses to tamp down the panic-mongering and cheap political theater of "Iran's regional threat", but also continues to supply the Saudis with banned weapons with which to kill civilians, generate more refugees, and strengthen ISIL and Al-Qaeda. This way the military-industrial complex can make a kill and the Pentagon regime can stay and entertain. Consider yourselves warned.*

**Ramadhan  
Day-to-Day Supplications**
**2nd day**

“اللَّهُمَّ قَرِّبْنِي فِيهِ إِلَى مَرْضَاتِكَ، وَجَنِّبْنِي فِيهِ مِنْ سِحْطِكَ  
وَيَمِاتِكَ، وَوَقِّفْنِي فِيهِ لِمِرَاتَةِ يَا تَكِ،  
بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ .”

**“O Allah, in it bring me near Your good pleasure and keep me away from Your anger and displeasure. Guide me to recite Your revelation (the Qur'an) through Your Mercy, O, the Most Merciful One.”**

# Iranians Strongly Condemn Bahraini Crackdown



Worshippers rally in the streets of Tehran after Friday prayers to condemn the Saudi-backed crackdown in Bahrain.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Senior Iranian cleric Ayatollah Nasser Makarem Shirazi on Saturday condemned a Bahraini regime raid on

the house of Sheikh Isa Qassim, urging the island's rulers to meet the legitimate demands of the people.

In a statement, Ayatollah Makarem

Shirazi denounced the “cowardly attack”, saying the regime blindly followed Saudi Arabia and the U.S. in taking the measure.

## Sectarianism Behind Killing in Egypt: Iran

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran has denounced an armed attack on a bus carrying Coptic Christians in south of the Egyptian capital, Cairo, saying the criminal act was a clear example of sectarianism supported by certain powers.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said the recent terrorist attacks in the British city of Manchester, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Egypt have all been carried out after U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia.

“The unrelenting repetition of such incidents can be signs of the reanimation of the supported

sectarianism whose other side we are witnessing in the ongoing crackdown and killing in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the bloody war in Yemen,” he added.

He emphasized that the recent gathering of over 50 states in the Saudi capital Riyadh, held under the pretext of fighting extremism and terrorism, had in fact had no outcome but support for the source of the promotion of the Takfiri ideology of Wahhabism and financial and logistic aid for armed terrorism throughout the world.

It should not be expected that such a spectacle would help enhance security in the world, he said.

## 86,500 Iranian Pilgrims to Go to Hajj

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Based on an agreement with Saudi Arabia, as many as 86,500 Iranian pilgrims will travel to the kingdom during this year's Hajj season, an official has said.

Head of Iran's Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization Hamid Muhammadi said Iranian pilgrims will travel to Saudi Arabia in 600 convoys.

He said Saudi officials have undertaken to ensure the security of Iranian pilgrims during the annual Hajj season.

Muhammadi also noted that all Iranian travelers will be kitted up with homegrown electronic bracelets that would work as ID cards and contain their personal information.

The wearable device is paired with a mobile application, helping the pilgrims to find their convoys in case of getting lost, he explained.

Muhammadi had announced earlier that Iran is the first country equipping its pilgrims with electronic bracelets with extensive features.

Iran announced in mid-March that applicants can go on Hajj pilgrimage

this year following negotiations with Saudi officials after a hiatus in the wake of a diplomatic row with the kingdom.

In 2016, more than 1.8 million pilgrims attended Hajj, but Iranians stayed away after tensions between Riyadh and Tehran boiled over following a deadly crush of people during the 2015 pilgrimage.

On September 2, 2015, thousands of people lost their lives in the deadly crush after Saudi authorities blocked a road in Mina during a ritual, forcing large crowds of pilgrims to collide.

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.

 The  
Holy  
Qur'an


*O you who believe!  
do not take your fathers  
and your brothers for  
guardians if they love  
unbelief more than  
belief; and whoever of  
you takes them for a  
guardian, these it is that  
are the unjust.*

**The Holy Qur'an (9.23)**

**PRAYER TIMINGS**

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening(Maghreb)	20:32
Dawn(Fajr)“ Tomorrow”	04:07
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	05:50

The Al Khalifa rulers added “a new dark page to the history of their sinister deeds”, the Iranian cleric added.

Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi further warned that if Bahraini rulers continue with their repressive measures, they will face the fate of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and other tyrants.

On Friday, tens of thousands Iranian worshippers rallied in Tehran and other cities to denounce the Bahrain police raid on the hometown of the prominent Shia cleric this week that left five of his supporters dead and 286 arrested.

The Iranian demonstrators took to the streets after Friday prayers, chanting “Death to the House of Khalifa,” a reference to the ruling family of Bahrain, and also, “Death to the House of Saud,” a reference to the Saudi royal family

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## Press Digest

### The Qatar Connection

**KAYHAN:** The spat between Saudi Arabia and Qatar is further evidence that Riyadh has failed to organize a new coalition against Iran and that its recent summit has failed. It's not that much important which side Qatar will finally take in this new gambit; the important thing is that Saudi Arabia and Qatar have some serious political differences. Riyadh is unable to form a new regional alliance against Tehran. This shows that in the likely event of confrontation with Tehran, Riyadh will not have the backing of Egypt, the UAE and Bahrain.

### Targeting National Security

**RESALAT:** The enemy seeks to undermine our national security. Security is one of the pillars of development and progress in any given society. In the absence of security, it would be impossible to implement any national development project and plan. Governments are duty-bound to ensure national security. Those that fail have no place among the general public. Security, however, is not solely a duty upon the government. We should all get together to protect and strengthen it. We need to let go of our political differences post-elections.

### 16 Million Ballots

**JAVAN:** Over 16 million people voted for their favorite principlist candidate Ebrahim Raisi. Some might say the principlists lost the elections, but the thing is there were some irregularities in the way the nationwide race was deliberately arranged. The principlist camp has the support of over 16 million voters to ensure the revolution would not be derailed. In the 2009 post-election sedition, the losing candidate could have easily won the next race, but instead he chose a self-destructive path.

### Desrailing the Nuclear Deal

**HAMSHAHHRI:** The non-nuclear sanctions bill by the U.S. Senate committee of foreign relations could make things difficult. If approved by Congress and U.S. president, it could easily provoke Iran. It will have serious consequences prior to a review of the anti-Iran sanctions regime by Trump next year. The U.S. Senate committee has obviously violated the nuclear deal. It has made things difficult. It's a hostile move that goes against the spirit of JCPOA.