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Viewpoint

Saudi Belief in Quran Is a Façade

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says incompetent Saudi rulers believe in the Quran only in appearance but act in contravention of its teachings.

In his words, "Unfortunately today, the Islamic society, like other societies, has faced problems and the fate of some Islamic societies is in the hands of incompetent individuals like those in the Saudi government. These individuals believe in the Quran in appearance and even print millions of copies of the Quran but they are in practice intimate with infidels contrary to Quran's stipulations."

Ayatollah Khamenei couldn't be more accurate: -Quran doesn't teach Muslims to murder other Muslims or other people of faiths in cold blood. The Saudi clerics and officials do. They even hire terrorists to do the job for them in places like Yemen, Bahrain and Syria.

-Saudi clerics have explicitly declared they will stand by and support the war on Syria. Despite the silly rhetoric of "Iran threat," their campaign called 'give all moral, material, political and military' support to the war and the terrorists whatever slogans they use, has nothing in common with Islam or the war on terror.

-Saudi clerics refer to the terrorists committing crimes against humanity as the "holy warriors" who are "defending" Syria. They call for trusting them "because if they are defeated it will be the turn of one Sunni country after another." This is absurd. Religious leaders in the Muslim world and beyond have declared that ISIL and its violent ideology has nothing to do with Islam.

-Saudi clerics claim the Russian alliance with Iran is making a real war against Sunnis. Using the sectarian terms in the same way as the Takfiri group does in referring to Iranians and Alawites, is a clear indication that the Takfiris and the Saudis seek to fuel sectarian violence.

-The protests in Bahrain by the Shia majority is a consequence of years of negligence and repression by the Saudi-backed despot regime. Shias do not feel wanted or part of what is happening there. Bahrain cannot sweep this irrefutable fact under the carpet by expelling Iranian diplomats or accusing Tehran of shipping arms to foment sectarian strife in the tiny sheikhdom.

-Sectarianism is the bread and butter of Salafists and Wahhabis in Saudi Arabia. Silly calls for "retaliation" against Shias by hardline Saudi clerics plus mainstream extremist groups should be seen within this context.

-Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf allies are as eager as ever to stoke the fires, escalate power struggle, and mobilize followers using implicit sectarian appeals to attack Shia mosques. They are now engaged in armed conflicts and terrorism to aggravate religious differences in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen.

-The Saudis are transforming political conflicts into religious struggles and making the bloodshed in the region harder to contain. The pro-Saudi political dynamics in the region has failed. They want to avoid further failure and humiliation. They are deliberately targeting Yemeni civilians in airstrikes to foment sectarian violence, and their irresponsible Western allies allow it to happen, because:

-The United States, international Zionism, and Saudi-led Wahhabi Takfiri camp have created a poisonous media empire to back the anti-Iran campaign, while tearing the Muslim world apart and portraying a cruel image of Islam. They spread religious, racial, and sectarian hatred, even sponsoring Western mercenaries to run abusive satellite channels in Europe and the United States.

All this and more speaks of nothing but despair in Riyadh and the fact that their belief in Quran is a façade. The U.S.-led war on Syria and Yemen is the main culprit for the perils of sectarian polarization here. But in recent years this has been reinforced by the Saudi-led camp which has ratcheted up the latest violent turn. The regime changers have framed all this mess to beat back the regional influence of Iran. Suffice it to say, they never bother to follow what Quran teaches us in these difficult times.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

4th day

اللَّهُمَّ قَوِّنِي فِيهِ عَلَى إِقَامَةِ أَمْرِكَ، وَادْفِقْنِي فِيهِ حِلًّا وَذِكْرَكَ، وَ
أَوْزِعْنِي فِيهِ لِأَدَاءِ شُكْرِكَ بِكَرَمِكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي فِيهِ
مَحْبُوبًا وَسَيِّدًا، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

"O Allah, give me strength to observe Your order. Encourage me through Your kindness to thank You. Keep me under Your protection: O One Who sees everything."

In Message to Nasrallah: Larijani: Zionist Regime Threatens Humanity



Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani, left, meets Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut, Dec. 23, 2014.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani said on Monday the "aggressive and racist" nature of the occupying regime of Israel has always been and will remain a source of threat to the Middle East and humanity in general.

In a message, Larijani offered his congratulations to Secretary General of the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah on the 17th anniversary of the liberation of the southern Lebanon from the Israeli occupation.

He said resistance was the only

way to liberate Palestine from the Israeli occupation.

"The multiple victories of the Islamic resistance against the Zionist regime clearly demonstrate that the lofty aspirations of the Muslim Ummah for the liberation of the occupied Palestinian territories can be achieved only through harmony, solidarity and resistance," Larijani added.

Larijani expressed confidence that unity and solidarity among different Lebanese groups would shape a "bright future" for people in Lebanon and the Islamic resistance movement.

Trump's Accusations Against Iran 'Unbelievable'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran said on Monday U.S. President Donald Trump's accusations of Iranian support for terrorism are "unbelievable" and "unacceptable", made in a country which is known for being "a haven and a promoter of violence and terrorism".

Trump's claims were made during his recent visit to Saudi Arabia where he accused Iran of destabilizing the Middle East and supporting terrorist groups, meaning Hezbollah which is fighting Takfiri terrorists backed by Riyadh in Syria.

"These misplaced, misguided and irrelevant positions by certain countries are not a new debate. They are part of a blame-game and the remarks are unbelievable and unacceptable," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram

Qassemi said.

"Trump's visit to a country which is a haven and a promoter of violence and terrorism makes his allegations invalid. He has to answer how Iran which was holding glorious elections can be a promoter of terrorism."

The U.S. president's visit to Saudi Arabia came during hotly-contested elections which gave President Hassan Rouhani another four-year term. Trump traveled to the kingdom on his first foreign visit during which he signed a \$110-billion arms deal.

Trump named Iran as the target of the deal and urged cooperative measures between the signatories and other Arab countries against what it called Iran's unfavorable regional role.

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Majlis Panel to Hold CCHF Emergency Meeting

TEHRAN (Tasnim) -- The Iranian parliament's Health Commission plans to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the outbreak of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) in the country, the spokesman for the commission said on Monday.

Muhammad Naeem Aminfar said the members of the panel plan to hold the meeting on Tuesday to examine CCHF cases in the country.

Due to the high human and animal mortality rates, the disease can have serious consequences, he said.

The parliamentarian went on to

say that some MPs representing cities in which CCHF cases have been observed have submitted some reports on the situation to the presiding board of the Health Commission.

According to Muhammad Mehdi Gouya, the director of Health Ministry's Center for Communicable Disease Control, the Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever has caused the deaths of three people in Iran since the beginning of the current Iranian year on March 21.

In 2015, the disease took the lives of three people in Iran.

The Holy Qur'an

What! will you not fight a people who broke their oaths and aimed at the expulsion of the Apostle, and they attacked you first; do you fear them? But Allah is most deserving that you should fear Him, if you are believers.

The Holy Qur'an (9.13)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:34
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:06
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:50

resistance put up by Hezbollah fighters and pulled out its forces from the occupied areas overnight on May 24, 2000, in what observers call a humiliating defeat for the regime in Tel Aviv and a glorious victory for Hezbollah.

Hezbollah's victory also served as a source of inspiration for the Palestinians, who launched their second Intifada in the occupied territories only four months after Tel Aviv's withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

Addressing the Lebanese nation from the southern city of Hermel on Thursday, Nasrallah said when southern Lebanon was occupied by Israel, no country in the world except Iran and Syria helped end occupation.

He added that the resistance has grown strong enough not to wait for support from the rest of the world or from inside or outside the country.

Press Digest

Negative Growth

KAYHAN: After a year or so, the Central Bank published a new report on GDP growth rate without oil revenues for last year. The report puts the rate at -1.3 percent. It shows there is some four percent difference in recession figures announced earlier by the bank. It is not that hard to guess why the bank waited so long to announce the negative growth rate: elections. The new figure is a disaster for the economy. Little wonder the bank refused to publish it earlier.

Sanctions vs. Negotiations

JAVAN: Now that Rouhani has been re-elected, the Trump White House is hard at work, pursuing the policy of sanctions-equal-negotiations policy. They have ratcheted up sanctions, hoping that the Rouhani administration will once again sit at the negotiating tables to discuss Iran's missile defense program. This is a tried tactic, pursued earlier by Obama. They seek to violate the terms of the nuclear deal and encourage the Iranian side to sit for a new set of talks on a host of issues.

Threat of Recession

DONYAYE EQTESAD: Central Bank has put the GDP rate for March and April at -0.3 percent. The figure lowers growth rate to zero percent for April. The expectation is that recession in production sector would push up inflation in the consumer market in coming months. However, this is still a sign of drop in demand in supply chains and a new wave of recession. The expectation is that production ate would remain at zero percent for the coming month.

Democracy Now

AFTAB: At a time when Trump was sword dancing with Saudis in Riyadh, Iranians were celebrating the results of presidential elections in Tehran. The expectation among voters was that the high turnout would be a reason for outside powers to open up their doors for broader diplomacy with Tehran. They seek better interaction with the world community and want more say in current affairs. The high turnout was a victory for democracy in the region. It shows the right to vote exists in Iran.