

**'Iranian Forces Able to Destroy U.S. Bases'**

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Tehran Friday Prayers leader dismissed Washington's repeated war rhetoric against Tehran, saying if the U.S. dares to make any wrongdoing, Iranian forces will destroy all of American bases across the world.

"The world should be aware that we are powerful; we have a powerful, strong and brave leader," Ayatollah Muhammad Ali Mowahedi Kermani said. "We do have the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), the Army, and the Law Enforcement Force," the cleric said.

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**WHO Warns of Cholera Risk During Hajj**

GENEVA, Switzerland (Dispatches) -- A cholera epidemic in Yemen, which has infected more than 332,000 people, could spread during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia in September, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Friday.

The pilgrimage draws 2-4 million Muslims every year, including 1.5-2 million foreigners. "The current highly spreading outbreak of cholera in Yemen, as well as in some African countries, may represent a serious risk to all pilgrims during the (Hajj) and even after returning to their countries," a WHO bulletin said.


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## Zarif: U.S. Has Failed to Observe JCPOA

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif has lashed out at the U.S. for its failure to completely observe its obligations under the 2015 nuclear deal by occasionally preventing the Islamic Republic from enjoying the full benefits of the agreement.

Speaking to reporters upon his arrival in New York on Friday, Zarif stressed that all parties to the deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), must remain committed to the terms of the agreement.

Zarif is in New York to attend the UN high-level political forum on sustainable development on Friday.

"Unfortunately up until now, the United States, while remaining at the very least possible level compliant with the agreement, has failed to observe, in times, the letter and mostly the spirit of the agreement by not allowing Iran to enjoy the full benefits of the nuclear deal. We believe they need to reconsider that position, because it is not conducive to the sustainability of the agreement," Zarif said.

The minister argued that the West's policy of pressure against Iran has proved to be ineffective, adding, "The JCPOA is a multilateral agreement that was the result of many years of negotiation."

"It was also the result of many years of pressure. After all those pressures failed to bring about the results that were expected from those who were imposing pressure on the Iranian people, there was no other choice but to reach a negotiated settlement," added the Iranian minister.

"I think at the end of the day, everybody will see that the agreement will represent an outcome that was the best possibility for all concerned parties," he pointed out.

Zarif's comments come on the second anniversary of the landmark deal, which was inked on July 14, 2017. The JCPOA was later endorsed by a UN Security Council resolution.

Since January 2016, when the JCPOA took effect, the International Atomic Energy Organization, which monitors

the technical implementation of the deal, has in numerous reports confirmed Iran's compliance.

During his presidential campaign, U.S. President Donald Trump described the nuclear accord with Iran as a "disaster" and vowed to unilaterally scrap it.

While he has not carried out that threat, his administration is conducting a "review" to see whether the provision of sanctions relief to Iran - a U.S. commitment under the deal - is in America's "national interest."

On Tuesday, the European Union's foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini described the historic nuclear deal with Iran as an international agreement that "does not belong to one country," noting that all the parties to the deal "have the responsibility to make sure that this continues to be implemented."

Asked about the possibility of any meeting between Iranian and American officials during his visit, Zarif said, "For this visit, no meetings have been planned. I plan to meet not with U.S. officials, but with members of the wider intellectual community that have impact on U.S. policy-making."

Zarif pointed to the ongoing campaign against terrorism and extremism across the Middle East, particularly in Iraq and Syria, and noted that the current crisis is mainly caused by the U.S. interventionist policies in the region.

Short-sighted policies and a history of interventionism in the region are the primary cause of terrorism, he said.

"The nightmare that we are facing in the region is a consequence of many years of intervention and short-sighted policies by the United States in the region which has resulted, as expected, in the exacerbation of extremism and terrorism in our region," Zarif said.

The U.S. has a decades-long history of intervention in the area, through both direct military involvement, and the funding of various groups who can serve western political interests, many of whom subscribe to extremist ideologies.

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## Hamas Says Op Was Response to Al-Aqsa Desecration: Zionist Officers Killed in Palestinian Attack



Zionist troops are carried to ambulances following a shooting attack on Israeli soldiers at the Haram al-Sharif in the Old City of Al-Quds on July 14, 2017.

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) -- Two police officers of the occupying regime of were killed on Friday morning when three Palestinians opened fire in Jerusalem Al-Quds near the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the most sensitive religious site in the city.

Following the shooting, the Zionist regime cancelled Friday prayers at mosque for the first time since 2000, leaving thousands of worshippers unable to reach the site.

The attackers were all based in Occupied Palestine, Zionist security services said, and all appeared to be related.

They were named as Muhammad

Ahmed Muhammad Jabareen, 29, Muhammad Hamed Abd al-Latif Jabareen, 19, and Muhammad Ahmad Mafdal Jabareen, 19.

Muhammad Hamed Jabreen posted a selfie of himself in front of the Dome of the Rock shortly before the attack, with the message: "Tomorrow's smile will be more beautiful, God willing."

Friday's attack was one of the most serious in Jerusalem Al-Quds in months, both because it involved firearms and because it happened so close to a religious site that has often been a flashpoint for violence.

The Al-Aqsa/Haram al-Sharif is the third holiest site in Islam. Under an agreement struck after the 1967 war, Jews are only allowed to visit the site at certain times and cannot pray there. Visits by extremist Zionists to the site are a constant source of tension.

Israeli authorities said they were searching the mosque under the pretext that weapons might have hidden inside it.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Zionist prime minister, and Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian president, spoke after the attack and both appealed for calm. Abbas who usu-

ally withholds reaction to frequent killing of Palestinians by Zionist troops condemned the attack but also called for Israel to allow Friday prayers to go ahead, according to the official Palestinian news agency.

The attack began shortly before 7am at the Lion's Gate, one of entrances to Old City of Al-Quds that leads towards the mosque complex.

The attackers were armed with several guns and opened fire at Zionist forces stationed at the gate, Israel police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

No group immediately claimed credit for the attack but Hamas, the resistance group that runs the Gaza strip, praised the attack. "The operation was a natural response to Israeli terrorism and desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque," a spokesman said.

The two police officers killed were named as Kamil Shnaan, 22, the son of a former Zionist member of parliament and Haiel Sitawe.

A wave of unrest against Israeli desecration of Al-Aqsa that broke out in October 2015 has claimed the lives of at least 277 Palestinians, 42 Zionists, two Americans, two Jordanians, an Eritrean, a Sudanese and a Briton, according to an AFP toll.

Zionist authorities say most of the Palestinians killed were carrying out knife, gun or car-ramming attacks but rights groups dispute the claim.

Others were shot dead in protests and clashes, while some were killed in Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.

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## Hezbollah to 'Surprise' Zionists in Any Future War

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- A senior official with Lebanon's Hezbollah movement has said that the resistance group will "surprise" the occupying regime of Israel in any future war, relying on its enhanced military capabilities.

In an interview with Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV channel on the 11th anniversary of the Second Lebanon War, head of Hezbollah's Executive Council Sayyed Hashem Safieddine noted that the resistance group has been changing and developing new military capabilities.

Safieddine said that Israeli reports on Hezbollah's weaponry are "inaccurate as the enemy intelligence agencies can never reach veracious data in this context."

The Kuwaiti Al-Jarida newspaper reported last March that

Hezbollah has set up and operated underground weapons factories which can produce missiles with a range of over 500 kilometers, surface-to-air and antitank missiles as well as unmanned aerial vehicles capable of carrying explosives.

According to a recent report by the French web magazine Intelligence Online, one of the underground facilities is located near Hermel in north-eastern Lebanon. The factory manufactures the Fateh-110 rocket which can carry half-ton warheads and is accurate with a range of 300 kilometers, covering the majority of Occupied Palestine.

Another underground facility is located near the Mediterranean coast between the cities of Tyre and Sidon in southern

## AP: Trump to Certify Iran's Compliance

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) — The Trump administration is expected to tell Congress early next week that Iran is still complying with the 2015 nuclear deal, the Associated Press quoted three U.S. officials as saying Thursday, even as a broader review of Iran policy ordered by President Donald Trump drags on.

Under the deal negotiated by President Barack Obama and world powers, the administration must certify to Congress every three months whether Iran is complying with an elaborate set of terms designed to limit its nuclear program. The Trump administration issued its first certification in April and faces a Monday deadline to certify that Iran is still complying.

Though officials cautioned that Trump could still change his mind, they said the administration was

preparing to say Iran is indeed complying but that the certification does not prejudice the outcome of Trump's Iran policy review. The officials weren't authorized to discuss the decision publicly and requested anonymity.

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