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Saudi Rulers Are Ultimate Losers: Official

TEHRAN (Fars) -- Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Jaber Ansari said on Saturday the Saudi regime is supporting terrorists and extremists, adding Riyadh will be the ultimate loser of the game it has started.

"Saudis have started a dangerous game and will eventually lose it," Jaber Ansari said on Saturday. The Iranian deputy foreign minister reiterated that the coincidence of Saudi officials' statements with terrorist attacks in Tehran earlier in June was meaningful.

Terrorist Group Targeting Quds Rallies Busted

TEHRAN (Kayhan Int'l) -- The Ministry of Intelligence said on Saturday it had dismantled a Daesh-affiliated group that planned to carry out terrorist acts during Quds Day rallies.

Members of the group intended to carry out their terrorist acts in the provinces deep inside the country as well as religious cities, the ministry said in a statement, adding they were identified during a series of combined intelligence operations and arrested prior to any action with their explosives and suicide vests.

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Words of Wisdom

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"O people! Indeed this day of yours is the day when the righteous are awarded and the wretched are losers. It is a day which is similar to the one on which you shall be standing (before your Lord). Therefore, when you come out of your homes to go to places of your prayer, remind yourselves about the day when you (your souls) shall come out of your bodies to go to your Lord. When you stand on places of your prayer, remind yourselves of your standing in presence of your Lord (on the Day of Judgment). And when you return to your homes (after prayer), remind yourselves about your returning to your homes in Paradise."

The above passage is part of a famous sermon on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, which the faithful celebrate at the end of the blessed fasting month of Ramadhan as thanksgiving to the Lord Most High for having given yet another opportunity to partake of the spiritual delights of the Divine Banquet.

It was delivered during the Special Eid al-Fitr Prayer by no less a personality than the Barometer of Belief, the Leader of the Pious, the Epitome of Eloquence, the Gateway of Wisdom, the Commander of the Faithful, the Leader of the Pious, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), the Divinely-Designated Heir of the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

Eid al-Fitr is the icing to the cake of Ramadhan, and no one understands this better than those who in obedience to God's commandment in the holy Qur'an and as practically shown by the Prophet and his Infallible Household, had not just fasted in this month, by giving up food, drinks and other lawful pleasures during the daylight hours, but engaged themselves in acts of welfare and charity amongst families and friends, as part of efforts to build morally upright societies.

Perhaps, those who had indulged in the cardinal sin of not fasting during Ramadhan in spite of being able to do so, and never cared to repent and seek forgiveness in the court of the All-Merciful Lord, may turn a deaf ear to these beacons of wisdom and consequently bear the dire consequences of their folly when their tarnished souls leave their wretched bodies. The faithful, however, whatever the circumstances, including the adversities of harsh weather, never give up fasts during the brief life of the transient world, and as a result, are rewarded with the bliss of paradise.

Imam Ali (AS) whose immortal aphorism that "whenever a person hasn't committed a sin it is a day of Eid (rejoicing) for him/her," has further said in his Eid al-Fitr sermon:

"O Servants of Allah! Indeed the minimum reward for those men and women who fasted (during Ramadhan), is an angel, who calls out to them on the last day of the month of Ramadhan (saying): O Servants of Allah! Rejoice at the glad tidings that all your previous sins have been forgiven."

In Iran, which unlike the highly flawed systems of monarchy, military rule or liberal democracy, is governed by the dynamic laws of Islam, the Eid al-Fitr Prayer is led in the capital Tehran, by the country's highest religious-political personality, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. As a humble servant of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and Imam Ali (AS), he is blessed with a deep insight and is fully aware of the domestic, regional and international situations. He delivers his sermons, which are listened with rapt attention by the audiences, to awaken public conscience at home and abroad.

The Eid al-Fitr Prayer Sermons by the Leader and other qualified ulema, are thus a golden opportunity for the masses to strengthen their faith or rectify their behaviour by returning to the path of God, and at the time become aware of the dangers threatening the homeland and the Muslim Ummah, in view of the plots of the Great Satan (the US).

Unfortunately, this year's Ramadhan witnessed several bitter and tragic incidents. The oppressed people of American-occupied Afghanistan continued to be subjected to more barbaric acts of terrorism.

In the spurious British-created entity called Saudi Arabia, the US-backed heretical Wahhabi cult continued to make life miserable for the followers of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt or Shi'a Muslims in Awamiya, Qatif and other eastern parts of the Arabian Peninsula. At the same time, the oppressed people of Yemen were subjected to horrific aerial bombardment in the blessed month of Ramadhan by the Saudi regime.

As the Muslims of Iraq and Syria made gains in liberating their lands, the retreating Takfiri terrorists continued their crimes against humanity by massacring unarmed civilians, including women and children, and blowing up mosques.

In the Persian Gulf island state of Bahrain, the repressive Aal-e Khalifa minority regime continued its crimes against the long suppressed majority to the extent of desecrating mosques and hussainiyyes.

In the usurped land of Palestine, the Zionist criminals continued their acts of state terrorism against the defenceless Palestinian men, women, and children -bulldozing their homes, shops and farmlands.

In Nigeria, Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaki, the Leader of the Islamic Movement, along with his wife and scores of innocent members of the country's Shi'a Muslim community, continued to be held in prison in blessed Ramadhan by the military despite the orders for his release by the Federal Court.

And last but not the least, in the Islamic Republic of Iran, a team of terrorists backed by Saudi Arabia and the US, carried out dastardly attacks on the parliament building in Tehran and the mausoleum of the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), resulting in the martyrdom of 18 citizens and injury to scores of others.

This is all because of the weakness of faith of Muslims, the deviation from the right path by many of them, and the blatant disobedience of divine commandments by several others - whether by neglecting of the fasts and ritual prayers or the self-deceit in blindly aping the decadent culture of the morally-bankrupt West.

Let us pray to God Almighty to deliver the Muslims from all these vices, as well as the satanic plots of the US and its devilish agents, who are destabilizing the whole world. Amen.

Here is what Imam Ali (AS) has said in the concluding passage of his famous Eid al-Fitr sermon:

"Remember Allah so that He may re-member you, for indeed He remembers those who re-member Him, and beseech Allah for His mercy and grace, for indeed He does not disappoint those who supplicate Him."

Zionist Jets Bomb Syria to Prop Up Terrorists



This file photo shows the Zionist regime's PM Benjamin Netanyahu visiting the occupied Golan Heights.

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) -- An Israeli aircraft carried out a strike on Syria after projectiles allegedly fired from the war-torn country hit the occupied Golan Heights on Saturday, an army spokesman said.

The Zionist regime also targeted two Syrian tanks in the northern part of the Golan, the spokesman said, adding the projectiles did not cause any casualties.

The occupying regime of Israel has conducted multiple airstrikes in Syria since the war erupted against the Arab country in 2011,

most of which it has said targeted arms convoys or warehouses of Hezbollah, which is a key supporter of the Syrian government in the fight against terrorists.

In April, Israel shot down what it identified only as "a target" over the Golan, hours after Syria accused it of hitting a military position near Damascus airport. The Zionist regime did not confirm or deny the reported Damascus attack.

The occupying regime seized 1,200 square kilometers of the Golan from Syria in the Six-Day

War of 1967 and later annexed it in a move never recognized by the international community.

Around 510 square kilometers of the Golan are under Syrian control.

The occupied side of the Golan Heights has been hit sporadically by what is thought to be stray fire from fighting between forces loyal to Syria's government and terrorists.

Last week, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres expressed concerns about a spike in contacts between Israeli armed forces and terrorists in Syria in recent months.

In a report, Guterres warned that the growing interactions between the two sides could lead to escalation and cause harm to members of the UN Disengagement Observer Force deployed to the Golan Heights.

According to the report, UN observers listed 16 meetings between the Israeli forces and militants in the area, including on Mount Hermon, in proximity to UN outposts in Syria's Quneitra

Province and the Golan Heights, from March 2 to May 16.

"Relative to the previous reporting period, there has been a significant increase in interaction" between Israeli soldiers and individuals from the Syrian side of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, "occurring on four occasions in February, three in March, eight in April and on one occasion in May," the report said.

In its previous report released in March, the UN listed at least 17 interactions between the two sides between November 18, 2016, and March 1, 2017.

The figures show a significant increase when compared with only two such meetings recorded between August 30 and November 16, 2016.

The report said people likely affiliated with the militant groups, some of them armed, arrived at an Israeli outpost accompanied by mules and were greeted by the soldiers.

"In some instances, personnel and supplies were observed to have been transferred in both directions. On all occasions, the unknown individuals and mules returned to the Bravo (Syrian) side," it added.

The UN chief said such interactions have "the potential to lead to clashes between armed elements and the Syrian Arab Armed Forces."

"All military activities in the area of separation conducted by any actor pose a risk to the ceasefire and to the local civilian population, in addition to the United Nations personnel on the ground," he wrote.

Earlier last week, The Wall Street Journal reported that the occupying regime Israel has been providing Takfiri terrorists in Syria's Golan Heights with a steady flow of funds and medical supplies.

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Iran Ready to Help Confront Mecca Terrorists

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran, Hezbollah and Qatar Saturday voiced support for Saudi Arabia over a terrorist bombing near Islam's holiest site in Mecca despite their severed ties.

"Iran... as always expresses its readiness to assist and cooperate with other countries to confront these criminals, who deal death and ignorantly spread hate," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said.

The Qatari foreign ministry expressed "solidarity with the brotherly kingdom of Saudi Arabia".

Six foreign pilgrims were wounded when a bomber blew himself up near the Grand Mosque in Mecca, where hundreds of thousands of worshippers had gathered for prayers on the last Friday of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

The Saudi interior ministry said a wider plot had been foiled with the arrest of five suspects earlier in the day.

Since late 2014, the kingdom has faced periodic bombings and shootings claimed by the Daesh group.

Iran and Saudi Arabia have had no diplomatic relations since January

last year. Saudi Arabia and its allies severed all ties with Qatar earlier this month accusing it of supporting "terrorist groups" in the region, a charge Doha denies.

Qassemi said the "foiled attempt" proved again that "the uncontrolled and growing terrorism currently gripping the whole world, the region and especially Muslim nations... knows no religion, geography, ethnicity and nationality."

Terrorism, Qassemi warned, could "even take aim at the most revered of Muslim sites to achieve its own ominous goals."

Qassemi further cautioned regional governments and countries against "the hideous and sinister phenomenon" of terrorism, calling on all regional nations to be vigilant and make continued efforts to fight the scourge.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns terrorism anywhere, in any form and with any intention, and expresses its readiness to help other countries counter criminals, death merchants and ignorant promoters of hatred," he added.

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Terrorists Target Fasting Muslims in Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (Dispatches) -- A faction of Pakistan-based Takfiri militants Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) on Saturday claimed responsibility for twin bombs that hit a market in the northwestern town of Parachinar, killing at least 50 people ahead of the holiday marking the end of Ramadan.

LeJ's Al Alami faction said in a statement it was targeting minority Shia Muslims and threatened more attacks over Pakistanis fighting against Daesh terrorists in Syria.

Video footage after the attack showed civilians dragging bleeding victims outside to waiting ambulances in the chaos that came when the bombs exploded before the sundown meal

breaking the daily Ramadan fast.

"We have received 50 bodies so far, and 250 were wounded," said Sabir Hussain, medical superintendent of Parachinar Hospital. Sixty of the seriously wounded had been transferred to the larger city of Peshawar, he added.

LeJ Al Alami, which has previously partnered with Middle East-based Daesh to carry out attacks in Pakistan, said it has previously warned the people of Parachinar to stop fighting terrorists in Syria.

It repeated the demand in the statement, saying that "otherwise in the coming days you will face such hate-fueled and deadly attacks that you will not be able to stand them".

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