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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Saudi Arabia's Torture Program in Yemen

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This just in: Saudi Arabia and its partners in crime have secret detention centers in Yemen specifically designed to torture Yemeni prisoners on the pretext of fighting terror.

To this end, hundreds of men have so far disappeared into a secret network of prisons in southern Yemen where abuse is routine and torture extreme — including the “grill,” in which the victim is tied to a spit like a roast and spun in a circle of fire.

Worse still, senior Pentagon officials acknowledge that U.S. forces have been involved in interrogations of detainees in Yemen as well. Silly enough, they also deny any participation in or knowledge of human rights abuses. This is while interrogating detainees who have been abused and tortured violates international law, which prohibits complicity in torture.

Official reports have documented at least 18 clandestine lockups across southern Yemen run by the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia and created and trained by the United States, drawing on accounts from former detainees, families of prisoners, civil rights lawyers and Yemeni military officials. All are either hidden or off limits to Yemen's government and the United Nations.

This is because the secret prisons are inside military bases, ports, and even an airport. Some detainees have been flown to an Emirati base across the Red Sea in Eritrea.

Several U.S. defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the topic, told the media that American forces do participate in interrogations and abuse of detainees at locations in Yemen, provide questions for others to ask, and receive transcripts of interrogations from Emirati allies. They say U.S. senior military leaders were aware of allegations of torture at the prisons in Yemen, looked into them, but were satisfied that there had not been any abuse when U.S. forces were present!

This is wishful thinking. Human Rights Watch says the abuses “show that the U.S. hasn't learned the lesson that cooperating with forces that are torturing detainees and ripping families apart is not an effective way to fight extremist groups.”

Amnesty International has also called for a UN-led investigation “into Saudi Arabia's, the UAE's and other parties' role in setting up this horrific network of torture” and into reports the U.S. interrogated detainees or received information possibly obtained from torture. “It would be a stretch to believe the U.S. did not know or could not have known that there was a real risk of torture.”

Judging from the above, it is clear that Saudi Arabia, the United States and their partners in crime never tried to turn the page on the Bush era. They promised to end the torture of terror suspects, arguing that these inhuman acts had undermined America's credibility. But still they continued the Bush administration's use of torture in Yemen. They even resurrected special military courts at the Guantanamo Bay — the place they had promised to shut down.

By not prosecuting the torturers and those who ordered the torture, under the pretext of fighting terror, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the mere extras have become accessory to the war crimes the Bush administration began through the rendition program. The U.S. Statute states: Whoever, knowing that an offense has been committed, receives, relieves, comforts or assists the offender in order to hinder or prevent his apprehension, trial or punishment, is an accessory after the fact.

In any case, the UN is expected to interfere and issue its observations and recommendations. It is expected to avoid politics and expose the truth about detainee torture and abuse, which is still part of an endemic system of abuse, not only at secret CIA prisons the world over, but in Yemen which is still under U.S.-backed, Saudi-led occupation and war.

With the Saudis and their American allies still crossing the line on torture and international law, and even acknowledging it, the UN should hold the Trump administration to account for relieving, comforting and assisting Saudi Arabia and all those who torture and countenance torture in Yemen. They have all stained themselves with crimes against humanity in the poorest country in the Middle East.

Iran's Top General: Sanctions Bill Reveals Evil U.S. Intentions



Iranian women display their support for the Leader of the Islamic Republic and the establishment during a rally in Tehran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces on Saturday slammed a recent bill the U.S. Senate has

passed to impose new sanctions on Iran as a breach of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), a nuclear deal between

Iran and world powers, and an indication of the enemy's unchanging nature. Major General Muhammad Hussein

Nasrallah Warns Zionist Regime: Fighters From Iran, Iraq, Pakistan Would Confront Israel

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said on Friday that a future war waged by the occupying regime of Israel against Syria or Lebanon could draw thousands of fighters from many countries including Iran and Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen.

His comments indicated that the same array of troops - but not countries - currently fighting in Syria in support of President Bashar al-Assad could take

part in any future conflict with the Zionist regime.

Tensions have risen between Hezbollah and Israel in recent months since Donald Trump became U.S. president with his tough talk against Iran. The Zionist regime's air force chief said Israel would use all its strength from the start in any new war with Hezbollah.

“The Israeli enemy must know that if an Israeli war is launched against Syria or

Lebanon, it is not known that the fighting will remain Lebanese-Israeli, or Syrian-Israeli,” Nasrallah said in a televised speech.

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Iran Condemns Terrorist Bombings in Pakistan

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has strongly condemned the Friday blasts in Pakistan, and said the coincidence of such deadly attacks with the International Quds Day is a sign of the link between terrorism and Zionism.

In a statement, Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi denounced the two separate terrorist attacks in Pakistan's Parachinar and Quetta, and sympathized with the bereaved families of the victims as well as the Pakistani nation and government.

“On the day when Muslim people held demonstrations across the world to show their support for the Palestinian cause and their opposition to the Zionist regime of

Israel in a beautiful way, terrorists killed the fasting people of Pakistan in cold blood,” Qassemi noted.

“These attacks served the Zionist regime's interests and revealed the link between terrorists and Zionism,” the spokesman added.

At least 50 people have been killed and about 250 others injured in two separate attacks in Pakistan, according to local officials.

The blast in Quetta seemingly targeted the office of the inspector general of police. Four police officers were among those killed in the explosion, which occurred after a car laden with explosives was pulled over by a checkpoint.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

30th day

“اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ صِيَامِي فِيهِ بِالشُّكْرِ وَالْعِبَادَةِ عَلَى مَا تَرْضَاهُ
 وَيَرْضَاهُ الرَّسُولُ مُحْكِمَةً فِرْعَوْنِ وَعِبَادَةَ الْأَصُولِ،
 حَقِّي سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَالْهَاطِئِ هَارِينَ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ.”

“O Allah, perfect my faults to the stage which is acceptable to You and to Your beloved Messenger, in a way that the results of my fasts may lead me to a life of purity and righteousness, for the sake of Muhammed (s.a.w.) and his progeny.”

The Holy Qur'an

The parable of those who disbelieve in their Lord: their actions are like ashes on which the wind blows hard on a stormy day; they shall not have power over any thing out of what they have earned; this is the great error.

The Holy Qur'an (14.18)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:07
Evening (Maghreb)	20:45
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:03
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:50

Baqeri said such sanctions are nothing new to the Iranian Armed Forces.

“These sanctions indicate that the enemy repeats its evil conducts,” the senior general added, stressing that those “daydreaming about” a change in the nature of the adversary are mistaken.

He said the bill amounts to a violation of both the spirit and the letter of the nuclear agreement between Iran and the Group 5+1 (Russia, China, the U.S., Britain, France and Germany).

Baqeri also dismissed any concern about new sanctions against Iran, saying that “by relying on ourselves, we will boost the country's capabilities and preparedness.”

The U.S. Senate passed the bill last week in a bid to step up sanctions against Iran over its ballistic missile program and alleged support for terrorism. Iranian officials have pledged to take retaliatory measures against the step.

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Press Digest

National Unity

KAYHAN: No doubt unity and national resolve is the most fundamental pillar of the Islamic Republic. On various occasions this has come to the fore for all to see. Anyone in any position and for any reason that disrespects the nation's religious beliefs and commonalities or even tries to undermine this national unity won't be seen at the service of the country. He will be seen as enemy's foot soldier. The only way out is to strengthen national unity and not undermine it.

Zionist Retreat

RESALAT: The Zionist regime will be defeated one way or another. No doubt the only way ahead for the usurper regime is failure and retreat in the face of Palestinian resistance and global condemnation and solidarity. The four consecutive wars since 2006 have shown that resistance groups of Hamas and Hezbollah will not stand still until Al-Quds is liberated. In between, the Zionist regime continues to suffer from the consequences of such legitimate resistance. This will continue until the regime is dislodged.

American Silence

JAVAN: Since the day Iran fired missiles at terrorists in Syria to avenge those who were killed in twin suicide attacks in Tehran we are witnessing that the United States and its allies have refused to acknowledge or even support such a legitimate move under international law. Amid their deafening silence, media outlets continue to analyze and evaluate the attack though. Israeli media outlets and experts are of the opinion that the IRGC's missile attacks sent an indirect warning to the Zionist regime.

Quds Day

VATAN EMROOZ: Despite the heat and the fact that it was the fasting month of Ramadan, millions of Iranians took to the streets nationwide to march in solidarity with the people of Palestine on the International Quds Day. They showed once again that the top agenda in the Muslim world is still Palestine. Some 900 cities and towns witnessed rallies in their millions in support of the Palestinian cause. Just like in Iran, many people across the globe also took to the streets in solidarity with the people of Palestine and in support of their struggle for freedom and self-determination.