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Viewpoint

## Genocide of Muslims by Organizers of the Hajj Pilgrimage

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*As the annual Hajj pilgrimage is about to start in Hijaz, the Land of Divine Revelation, its occupiers since 1925 who masquerade as 'Guardians of the Two Holy Shrines' in order to deceive the Muslim World, are carrying out genocide in the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula on the Persian Gulf coast.*

*Their victims this time – after how brutally they had crushed the peaceful demands for restoration of birthrights of the people of Bahrain in 2012, and amid their blasting to bits of the people and infrastructure of Yemen for the past two-and-a-half years, in addition to their destabilization of Syria and Iraq through the cannibalistic Takfiri terrorists – are the local Shi'a Arab Muslims, whose oil-rich lands they continue to illegally occupy and whose stolen wealth they squander on pleasures, luxuries, purchase of 'beautiful' weapons, tribute to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars to godfather US, and fanning of sedition throughout the Muslim World.*

*Reports coming from the southern shores of the Persian Gulf and pictures leaked, show the historic town of Awamiya in the Qatif region, especially the 400-year old al-Mosawara neighborhood, reduced to rubble, with the few buildings left standing riddled with bullets and artillery shells.*

*Moreover, video clips are circulating of Saudi soldiers blasphemously stomping with their jackboots on religious posters and verses from the holy texts, as part of their wild celebrations at having massacred unarmed men, women and children.*

*Observers were quick to note that 27 years ago in 1990, similar was the scene when soldiers of the heretical Wahhabi regime bulldozed the ancient Hashemite quarters in the holy city of Medina where Shi'a Muslims and descendants of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) had been peacefully living for the past millennium and four centuries, opposite the Masjid an-Nabi and near to the dilapidated Sacred Jannat al-Baqi Cemetery – so blasphemously destroyed in 1925 by the desert brigand of Najdm Abdul-Aziz Aal-e Saud.*

*As a reward for his crimes against Islam, Abdul-Aziz was bestowed by his masters in London the spurious entity called Saudi Arabia in 1932, exactly 16 years before Britain was to plant the illegal Zionist entity in the heart of Palestine by settling there tens of thousands of East European Jews – distant cousins of the Aal-e Saud.*

*Now coming back to the ongoing genocide in Awamiya, the 40-square km town of 30,000 inhabitants that has been classified by the UNESCO as a unique heritage, has suffered a tragic fate. Saudi bulldozers, RPGs and all kinds of destructive weapons have been used for the past three months to destroy it and dislocate its inhabitants.*

*The irony is that the UN had turned a blind eye to the destruction of the heritage of humanity and the genocide of the Shi'a Muslims of Arabia, whose only fault is that Awamiyah was the hometown of late Martyr Ayatollah Sheikh Nimr Baqer an-Nimr, the respected religious scholar whom the heretical Wahhabi regime beheaded in January 2016 after he spoke against injustice of the Aal-e Saud occupiers of the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula.*

*In 2011, when the Islamic uprising was sweeping North Africa and Arab West Asia, the scholar Sheikh Nimr had repeatedly called for a nonviolent uprising for restoration of the birthrights of the local people. A year later he was arrested and accused of sectarian strife, sedition and similar absurd charges.*

*Shi'a Muslims account for over 20 percent of the population of Saudi Arabia and are twice the number of the ruling Wahhabi minority – mostly made up of political Wahhabis rather than Wahhabis by conviction – yet they are treated as second or third class citizens, with no share in the oil-wealth of their own ancestral homeland, and with jobs barred from them in the oil, defence, security, and various other sectors. They cannot even public practice the tenets of their faith.*

*Yet the world is silent on their plight. At the same time, the quixotic US president, Donald Trump, who shamelessly dances with the despotic devils and calls for change of democratically elected governments of countries that attach importance to public opinion, is busy kicking up crises all over the globe and wrongly targeting the Islamic Republic of Iran where religious and ethnic minorities are guaranteed all basic civil liberties, with quotas for them in the elected parliament.*

*Currently, the Saudi regime has sentenced to death 14 Shi'a Muslim youths of the eastern parts on trumped up charges of terrorism and under these circumstances isn't it treason to regard Riyadh as 'father-figure' for the region as some naïve and knavish politicians are saying.*

*Take the case of Mujtaba as-Sowaiket, who is among the 14 hapless youths on whose innocent necks the sword of the Saudis dangles. Five years ago, as a 17-year old, he was about to board at Dammam airport a flight to the US, where he was to start university, when the regime prevented his departure.*

*This is only the tip of the iceberg of the crimes against humanity of regime in Riyadh. As one prominent Iraqi political figure had said a couple of years earlier, the region will only see peace with the disintegration of Saudi Arabia.*

# Floods Kill At Least 11 People in Northeast Iran



The aftermath of flash floods in Golestan province in northeast Iran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **Flash floods triggered by heavy rain in northeastern Iran have left at least 11 people dead and two missing, the Red Crescent said on Saturday.**

“So far 11 people have died in this accident — eight of them in Khorasan Razavi, two in Golestan and another in North Khorasan,” Red Crescent rescue chief Morteza Salimi told the ISNA news agency. Friday’s storms caused flooding in five provinces and some villages remained cut off on Saturday.

The two people missing were part of a family of three whose car was washed away by the torrent in Golestan province.

One of them, a woman, has been found dead and the search is continuing for the other two.

In Khorasan Razavi, which has suffered the brunt of the human losses, flooding hit the cities of Dargaz, Quchan, Nishapur, and Kalat. Mojtaba Ahmadi, the director of the Red Crescent Society in the province, said 190 rescue workers had been dispatched to the affected areas there, alongside ambulances and aid shipments.

As many as 450 people have, meanwhile, been accommodated in temporary shelters, Ahmadi added.

Mahdi Rezayi, who is the deputy

of operations at the Fire Department in Mashhad, the capital of Khorasan Razavi Province, said 40 travelers stranded on roadways had also been safely evacuated in a village in Kalat.

North Khorasan’s Shirvan county was the worst hit by the flooding, said Samad Izanlu, a deputy at the local governor’s office. Up to four villages sustained substantial infrastructural damages there and were cut off from nearby areas by floodwaters, he added.

Back in April, heavy rains caused flooding and landslides in four provinces in Iran’s northwest, killing a total of 48 people.

## Senior Aide to Irish President:

## Europe Totally Content With Iran’s Compliance

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **An Irish official has slammed the way Washington is dealing with the nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers, saying Europe is totally content with Iran’s commitment to the JCPOA.**

Conor Ó Raghallaigh, the deputy secretary-general to the Irish president, highlighted here the significance of compliance with the Iran nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

He stressed that all signatories to the agreement must keep it on track.

“However, the US is using a different language,” said the Irish official in a Farsi interview with ICANA.

Ó Raghallaigh said Ireland believes Iran has remained committed to the JCPOA.

He described Iran’s performance regarding the JCPOA as good, saying, “This compliance with the deal is very important, and I don’t

think the imposition of sanctions against Iran is a positive move.”

“Iran has observed the terms of the protocol and dealt with the agreement calmly, so unfair sanctions against Iran should be lifted,” he noted.

He then weighed in on Europe’s viewpoint on Iran’s abidance by the JCPOA.

“As we see, European countries are very content with the Islamic Republic of Iran’s dealing with the JCPOA. However, the U.S. government is using a different language regarding the agreement. This comes as American people’s viewpoint is opposed to that of Washington,” said the Irish official.

He said the important point is that the nuclear deal should remain on track, which will see Iran’s doors opened to the world and vice versa.

On Friday, Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif lashed out at U.S. President Don-

ald Trump for seeking to scrap the JCPOA at the expense of the Islamic Republic.

The U.S. president has always wanted to “kill” the nuclear deal, Zarif said on his official Twitter account on Friday.

“To avoid isolation, he’s trying to blame it on Iran,” he added.

“Bad faith on top of U.S. violating the letter and spirit (of the JCPOA),” the top Iranian diplomat said.

The U.S. president on Thursday claimed that Iran was not “living up to the spirit” of the JCPOA and said he thought it was a “horrible agreement.”

“I don’t think Iran is in compliance. I don’t think they’re living up to the spirit of the agreement,” Trump said in New Jersey.

Trump has been a virulent critic of the JCPOA signed under his predecessor Barack Obama, calling it “the worst deal ever.”

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## Zarif Vows Economic Diplomacy in New Tenure

TEHRAN (Press TV) – **Muhammad Javad Zarif, who has been nominated to continue to serve as foreign minister in President Hassan Rouhani’s second term, says economic diplomacy and the boosting of ties with neighboring countries will be the Foreign Ministry’s top two priorities in the next four years.**

“In the foreign policy area, we stress economic diplomacy as we believe that the Foreign Ministry should serve economic progress and people’s livelihoods,” Zarif

told Icana news agency on Saturday.

“Secondly,” he said, “relations with neighbors have to be upgraded.”

He cited “resistance economy” as an important priority for the Foreign Ministry, especially in terms of expanding non-oil exports and attracting capital and technology into Iran.

Zarif further noted that the Foreign Ministry would follow the path of peace, stability, and more cooperation in the region.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the top Iranian diplomat condemned the recent beheading of Mohsen Hojaji, a member of the Iranian advisory support team in Syria, by the Takfiri Daesh terrorist group.

Zarif said that the killing showed the outfit’s atrocity and inhumane treatment of people.

“We hope that the terrorists’ move will sound the alarm for the world to finally realize the fact that terrorism and extremism pose a threat to all and should be countered collectively,” he said.

The Holy Qur'an



*And if they were content with what Allah and His Apostle gave them, and had said: Allah is sufficient for us; Allah will soon give us (more) out of His grace and His Apostle too; surely to Allah do we make our petition.*

The Holy Qur'an (9.59)

## PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:09
Evening (Maghreb)	19:56
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	04:49
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	06:22

## Rouhani in Majlis Tuesday to Defend New Cabinet

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **President Hassan Rouhani will attend an open session of the parliament on Tuesday to defend his picks for the new cabinet, the spokesman for the presiding board of the parliament said on Saturday.**

MP Behrouz Nemati said the vice-presidents and proposed ministers will also attend the event during which Rouhani will brief the lawmaker on his future plans and the major policies of the 12th administration.

On Tuesday, Rouhani submitted the list of his proposed ministers to the parliament for a vote of confidence, four days after being sworn in.

He has proposed Massoud Karbasian as the minister of economic affairs and finance, Mahmoud Alavi as minister of intelligence, Mhammad Javad Zarif as minister of foreign affairs, Muhammad Javad Azari Jahromi as minister of communication and information technology, Muhammad Bat'hayei as minister of education, Hassan Qazizadeh Hashemi as minister of health, treatment, and medical education, Ali Rabiye as minister of labor, cooperatives, and welfare, Mahmoud Hojjati as minister of agricultural jihad, Amir Hatami as minister of defense and armed forces logistics, Alireza Avayee as minister of justice, Abbas Akhoundi as minister of roads and urban development, Muhammad Shariatmadari as minister of industry, mine, and trade, Abbas Salehi as minister of culture and Islamic Guidance, Abdolreza Rahmaini Fazli as interior minister, Bijan Zangeneh as minister of Petroleum, Habibollah Bitaraf as energy minister and Massoud Soltanifar as minister of sports and youth.

Half of President Rouhani’s proposed cabinet has remained unchanged and he has also to propose yet a minister for sciences, research, and technology.