

Navy Commander Confirms Warning to U.S. Ship
 TEHRAN (Dispatches) – An Iranian commander on Monday confirmed that the country's naval forces in the Sea of Oman warned an American military vessel to stay away from a damaged Iranian fishing boat, saying a recording of the direct radio contact could be released if necessary.
 Rear Admiral Reza Abbasi said Iran's Falakhan missile boat warned the American battleship as it approached the boat which had sent out a distress call. The U.S. ship turned back upon receiving a warning to stay away. The U.S. Navy on Sunday denied any direct contact with Iranian forces.


Kayhan International

Iran Ready for Free Trade With Regional States
 TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Head of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) Mojtaba Khosrotaj said Monday the Islamic Republic is ready to establish a preferential tariffs and free trade regime with some regional countries, particularly Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Oman.
 Speaking at a meeting in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan, Khosrotaj underlined that the province can play a key role in boosting relations with countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Oman.

VOL NO: LV 10416 TEHRAN / Est.1959 Tuesday, September 12, 2017, Shahrivar 21, 1396, Zil-Hijja 21, 1438, Price 15000 Rials

Viewpoint
 By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer
Hypocrisy Towards Sacrilege of Muslim Cemeteries

Archeologists Discover Main Achaemenid Waterway in Persepolis



Nadal Wins U.S. Open to Claim 16th Grand Slam Title



'U.S. Forces Had Better Leave Syria on Their Own'



Salutations to the Divine Gateway

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

"Peace upon you, O Light of Allah in the darkness of the earth. Peace upon you, O Allah's Intimate Servant. Peace upon you, O Allah's Argument (over His creature). Peace upon you, O Gateway to Allah."

"I bear witness that you performed the prayers, defrayed the poor-rate, enjoined the right, forbade the wrong, recited the Book (holy Qur'an) as it should be recited, strove for the sake of Allah exactly as one should strive, (patiently) endured harm for His sake expecting His reward, and served Him sincerely until death came upon you."

We are still basking in the blessings of the Glorious Eid of Islam by expressing gratitude to God Almighty for His perfection of our faith, completion of His favours, and decreeing of Islam as the religion of all mankind. Indeed the 18th of Zi'l-Hijjah is an immortal occasion and hence celebrated for several days, since it was on this day in the year 10 AH, in the wilderness of Khom near Juhfa, beside a pond (Ghadeer), the Seal of Messengers, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), following the express commandment of the Lord Most High, proclaimed his dear cousin and son-in-law, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS) as Heir and Master of all and everything after him.

This is firm proof of the fact that leadership in Islam is divinely-decreed. In other words, without designation from the Almighty Creator none can be regarded as a rightful Imam.

This means that except for the 12 Infallible Imams of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt, of whom the Last One is in occultation and will reappear in the end times as Qa'em al-Mahdi (AS) to end corruption and tyranny on Earth by establishing the global government of peace, prosperity and justice, all those who have styled themselves as caliphs throughout history (till Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi of our own days) have been imposters, cheats, and fraudsters, who have mislead Muslims and caused sedition amongst the Ummah.

Glory to God Who has not left the seekers of truth stumbling in the dark and has provided Beacons of Divine Light for our guidance as is evident by the above-mentioned passage from a ziyarah or standard form of salutation to the Prophet's 7th Infallible Heir.

He is none other than *"Bab al-Hawa'ej"* or the Gateway to Allah for fulfilment of the deserving needs of the believers.

Born in Abwa between the holy cities of Mecca and Medina in the years 128 AH (745 AD) on either the 7th of Safar, or according to another report on the 20th of Zi'l-Hijjah, he was named Musa in honour of Prophet Moses, by his illustrious father, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) – the Reviver of the Prophet's genuine practice and behaviour (*Sunnah wa Sirah*).

He was twenty years old when God entrusted him with the divine trust of imamate on the martyrdom of his father through poison by Mansour Dawaniqi the self-styled caliph of the Abbasid usurper regime.

A point to note is that like Prophet Joseph he had several older brothers, who were all alive except for the eldest Ismail who predeceased his father. This means Imamat like Prophethood is neither hereditary nor mandatory, and solely depends on Divine Will.

Of course, the preceding Imam knows his successor, and in view of political conditions might not publicly proclaim him, in order to confound the enemies and frustrate their plots.

This was the reason, the tyrant Mansour could neither determine nor kill the successor of his victim.

The 7th Imam, whose period of imamate spanned thirty-five years and saw the reign of four Pharaonic caliphs – Mansur, Mahdi al-Abbasi, Hadi al-Abbasi and lecherous tyrant Haroun Rasheed – acquired the epithet of *"al-Kazem"* which means "Restrainer of anger or emotions", since he patiently endured hardships upon the Muslims and upon himself, including intermittent bouts of imprisonment.

Nonetheless he ably guided the ship of Islam through the stormy waters of Abbasid misrule, enlightening all those who came in contact with him with the genuine teaching of Islam.

He held debates with the scholars of other religions, like the Christians and Jews, and convinced many of them of the truthfulness of Islam.

At the same time, his political acumen prevented many a catastrophe in those crucial days when frequent uprisings were staged against the Abbasids by several descendants of the Prophet, such as establishment of the Idrisid state in what is now Morocco by his distant cousin, Idris, the survivor of the bloodbath of Fakhkh near Mecca, where the Abbasids massacred many of the offspring of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS). The Imam also remained silent about the uprising of another distant cousin Yahya ibn Abdullah in Tabaristan on the Caspian Sea coast of Iran.

The 7th Imam's prudence prevailed and was instrumental in preserving the life and dignity of the majority of the followers of the Ahl al-Bayt, to whom he bequeathed bezels of knowledge that have since continued to serve the cause of Islam till this day.

Although Imam Musal al-Kazem (AS) was martyred through poisoning in the prison of Baghdad by the tyrant Haroun, he continues to rule the hearts and minds of the seekers of truth from his majestic mausoleum in Kazemain, Iraq, while there are traces of the graves of the imposter caliphs, let along their palaces.

UN Official Confirms 'Ethnic Cleansing' of Rohingya



A Rohingya refugee pulls a child as they walk to shore after crossing the Bangladesh-Myanmar border by boat on Sept. 10, 2017.

GENEVA/SHAMLAPUR, Bangladesh (Dispatches) -- **The United Nations' top human rights official on Monday slammed Myanmar for conducting a "cruel military operation" against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine state, branding it "a textbook example of ethnic cleansing."**
 Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein's com-

ments to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva came as the official tally of Rohingya who have fled Myanmar and crossed into southern Bangladesh in just over two weeks soared through 300,000. The surge of refugees - many sick or wounded - has strained the resources of aid agencies already

helping hundreds of thousands from previous spasms of bloodletting in Myanmar.
 "We have received multiple reports and satellite imagery of security forces and local militia burning Rohingya villages, and consistent accounts of extrajudicial killings, including shooting fleeing civil-

ians," Zeid said.
 "I call on the government to end its current cruel military operation, with accountability for all violations that have occurred, and to reverse the pattern of severe and widespread discrimination against the Rohingya population," he added.
 "The situation seems a textbook example of ethnic cleansing."

Human rights monitors and fleeing Rohingya accuse the army and Rakhine Buddhist vigilantes of mounting a campaign of arson aimed at driving out the Rohingya.

Officials have blamed Rohingya themselves for burning villages to draw global attention to their cause. Zeid said Myanmar should "stop pretending" that Rohingya were torching their own houses and its "complete denial of reality" was damaging the government's international standing.

Western critics have accused Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi of failing to speak out for the Rohingya, who are despised by many in the country as illegal migrants from Bangladesh.

Some have called for the Nobel Peace Prize Suu Kyi won in 1991 as a champion of democracy to be revoked.

Monday's estimate of new arrivals **(Continued on Page 7)**

U.S. Tells Terrorists in Syria to Retreat to Jordan

AMMAN (Dispatches) -- Two Western-backed terrorist groups fighting the Syrian army in southeastern Syria have been asked by their Western and Arab backers to pull out of the area and retreat into Jordan, Reuters quoted militant and diplomatic sources as saying.

Both Usoud al-Sharqiya and Martyr Ahmad Abdo, part of the so-called Free Syrian Army group, said they were told to end fighting in the area by their backers from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and neighboring states that support them, which include Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

"There is an official request for us to leave the area," said Badr al Din al Salamah, a senior official in

the Usoud al Sharqiya group, one of the main terrorist groups in the area and a recipient of the military aid from the U.S.

They are now based in a large swathe of sparsely populated territory stretching some 50 km (30 miles) southeast of Damascus, all the way to the Iraqi border along the frontier with Jordan.

But an offensive by the Syrian army has encircled the terrorists. In recent weeks, the army has regained a string of border posts with Jordan that it had abandoned in the early years of the conflict.

The militants get their support from the U.S. as part of the CIA's program to equip and train militant **(Continued on Page 7)**

IAEA Chief: Iran Playing by the Rules

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- **The head of the UN nuclear agency said on Monday Iran was playing by the rules set out in a nuclear accord it signed with six world powers in 2015, after Washington suggested it was not adhering to the deal.**

The State Department must notify Congress every 90 days of Iran's compliance with the deal. The next deadline is October, and President Donald Trump has said he thinks by then the United States will declare Iran non-compliant.

Yukiya Amano, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said Iran had not broken any promises and was not receiving

special treatment.
 "The nuclear-related commitments undertaken by Iran under the (deal) are being implemented," he said in the text of a speech to a quarterly meeting of the IAEA's 35-member Board of Governors.

In April, Trump ordered a review of whether a suspension of sanctions on Iran related to the nuclear deal, negotiated under President Barack Obama, was in the U.S. national security interest. He has called it "the worst deal ever negotiated."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, travelled **(Continued on Page 7)**

Afghanistan Urges India to Expedite Chabahar Development

NEW DELHI (AP) — **Afghanistan's foreign minister asked India on Monday to expedite development of a strategic port in Iran to bolster a trade route for land-locked Central Asian countries that would bypass Pakistan.**

The port would allow India to transport goods to Afghanistan by sea. Pakistan currently does not allow India to transport through its territory to Afghanistan.

Last year, India committed up to \$500 million for the development of the Chabahar port along with associated roads and rail lines.

Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj responded that India would speed up the port development and begin supplying wheat to Afghanistan

within weeks through Chabahar.
 In his new Afghanistan strategy unveiled last month, U.S. President Donald Trump asked India to do more to help Afghanistan's development.

Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani also asked India to expand an air freight corridor introduced between the two countries in June to provide greater access for Afghan goods to the Indian market.

Swaraj, who hosted Rabbani in New Delhi, told reporters that India and Afghanistan jointly agreed to embark on a "new development partnership" in keeping with Afghanistan's priorities.

She said more than 100 new development projects would be implemented jointly.

She said India will assist in a drinking water supply project for Kabul, low-cost housing for returning refugees, a water supply network for Charikar city, and a polyclinic in Mazar-e-Sharif.

India will also help Afghanistan build human resource capacities and skills, especially in education, health, agriculture, energy, administration and resource management, Swaraj said.

The Afghan foreign minister said the two countries reaffirmed their resolve to strengthen their security and defense cooperation, but did not give any details.

India already has donated three multirole Mi-35 helicopters to Afghanistan, and trains Afghan security forces and police personnel.