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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Only Popular Forces Will Save Afghanistan From Terrorism, US Occupation

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Friday's cowardly sectarian terrorism in Afghanistan that left over 90 Friday-Prayer worshippers martyred and more than a hundred others injured at two mosques – one in Kabul and the other one in Ghor; the first one belonging to Shi'a Muslims and the second one to Sunni Muslims – were claimed by a Daesh-affiliate styling itself as "Islamic State of Afghanistan".

It is obvious that this newly formed heretical Takfiri outfit, which has no connection with Islam except for its spurious claim, is funded and armed by the unholy Saudi-US-Zionist triangle. Its goal is to terrorize and massacre all followers of the School of the Ahl al-Bayt of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) – whether Shi'a or Sunni – so as to provide the American occupiers a pretext to maintain their illegal presence in Afghanistan.

The Taliban, which have also been hyperactive this month against Afghan army bases by taking a heavy toll of the US-trained but demoralized Afghan army, have distanced themselves from this Daesh-affiliate that emerged following the scathing defeats suffered by the various terrorist outfits in Syria and Iraq at the hands of the national armies and the popular mobilization forces.

It is worth noting that the tide of the battles in the two said countries, was turned against the terrorists, thanks to the admirable support provided to the national armies by dedicated volunteer forces.

In Iraq, it was the dynamism and faith in Islam of the Hashd ash-Sha'bi – made up of all religious-ethnic groups (Shi'a, Sunni, Arab, Kurd and Turkmen) – that blew the daylight out of the pack of jackals that the Daesh, its caliph and caliphate really are.

In Syria, it is the Sunni Muslim Shabiha, along with volunteers of Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, which are delivering the death blow to the dastardly Daesh and other US-Saudi proxies, while the Fatemiyoun Brigade for Defence of the Holy Shrines, made up of devout Afghan Muslims, has defeated all sacrilegious plots to desecrate the sanctities of Islam.

This means that although the condemnation of the latest act of sectarian terrorism by the Afghan government and its pledge to "eliminate the terrorists who target Afghans of all religions and tribes" is welcome, we have to open our eyes to realities on the ground.

Friday's mosque attacks by the Daesh-affiliate were not the first instance of sectarian terrorism and will not be the last, given the weakness of the authorities in Kabul, who in addition to being powerless to protest the unwarranted surge in the number of US occupation troops (who ought to leave Afghanistan), lack the will and resources to decisively combat terrorism.

It is nothing but self-deceit for the government of Afghanistan to think the US occupation troops who indiscriminately bomb and kill all Afghans, and thus give rise to terrorism, will help restore stability to the country.

Moreover, as is evident by the string of defeats suffered by US-trained forces in Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere, Afghan army personnel simply lack the necessary nationalist spirit to tackle terrorism.

This requires the formation of popular brigades in Afghanistan of devout Muslims dedicated to the defence of their homes, hearths, and religious sanctities, on the model of the heroic Fatemiyoun.

Of course, the cooperation of the Afghan government in formation of such popular units, whether Sunni or Shi'a Muslims, is of vital importance, no matter the US is angered or not.

This is not just the only way to combat, defeat and eradicate the cowardly Daesh-affiliates, but will definitely convince many of the Taliban militants to sit for talks and return to the national fold for the sake of the country's stability and territorial integrity, especially when prospects appear for kicking out the detested Americans who are the real obstacles to peace and peaceful co-existence.

If Kabul realizes the practicability of such a plan that has brilliantly succeeded in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and elsewhere against terrorists of all hue and colour, in the face of US-Saudi-Zionist opposition, it will definitely find partners willing to help protect the independence and national solidarity of Afghanistan.

Leader's Aide Tells Hamas Delegation: Palestinian Resistance Will Definitely Triumph



Leader's advisor Ali Akbar Velayati, center left, meets Hamas deputy politburo Saleh al-Arouri, center right, in Tehran on Oct. 21, 2017.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Ali Akbar Velayati, a senior adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, on Saturday said the Palestinian resistance against the occupying regime of Israel will certainly lead to a final victory over the Zionists.

"The final victory definitely belongs to the Palestinian people and fighters," Velayati said in a meeting here with Hamas deputy politburo Saleh al-Arouri.

Palestine, he said, is still the most important issue of the Islamic world despite attempts to consign it to the margins.

Heading a delegation, al-Arouri traveled to Tehran to meet senior Iranian officials and discuss the latest developments related to Pal-

estine, including fresh efforts by Hamas and Fatah to form a coalition government.

Referring to the reconciliation agreement, Velayati hailed Hamas officials for standing firm in their stance to continue their armed resistance against the Israeli occupation.

Al-Arouri thanked Iran for its continued support for the Palestinian cause. "We are confident that the issue of Palestine is still of paramount importance to the Islamic Republic," he said.

The official dismissed Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's preconditions that Hamas should disarm first for the Zionist regime to recognize a new Palestinian coalition

government.

He said the Hamas delegation in the Islamic Republic is also a testimony to the resistance movement's rejection of Tel Aviv's demands that it sever relations with Iran.

On Tuesday, Netanyahu's office said in a statement that Tel Aviv had decided not to hold talks with a Palestinian unity government that includes Hamas unless the group meets a range of conditions.

Those conditions included a demand that Hamas recognize Israel, disarm, sever its ties with Iran, return the bodies of Zionists allegedly held in Gaza, and that the Palestinian Authority assume full security control of the Gaza Strip.

Iran's Foreign Ministry: Afghan Bombings Aimed at Igniting Sectarian War

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Shamkhani on Saturday offered condolences to the Afghan people and government over terrorist attacks that killed dozens of worshippers Friday.

In a message to his Afghan counterpart, Shamkhani condemned the terrorist attacks at two mosques in Afghanistan that claimed the lives of more than 70 people.

"Takfiri terrorism which is unfortunately supported by some regional countries, is a major threat to Islamic nations and countries, and can only be confronted through cooperation and adoption of common approaches," he said.

The cultural campaign against the ideologies that create terrorist groups like Daesh should continue concurrently with military actions against the terror groups, the official added.

Suicide bombers struck two mosques in Afghanistan

during Friday prayers, a Shia mosque in Kabul and a Sunni mosque in western Ghor province, killing at least 72 people at the end of a particularly deadly week for the troubled nation.

The Daesh terrorist group later claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Earlier Saturday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi condemned the terrorist attacks and offered condolences to the Afghan government and nation and the bereaved families of victims.

The blind attacks by ignorant and bloodthirsty Takfiri terrorists are only aimed at igniting a sectarian conflict and cause insecurity in Afghanistan, he said in a statement.

Iran will stand with the Afghan nation and government regardless of certain trans-regional powers' will, the spokesman said, adding that Tehran will also support Afghanistan until a complete elimination of violence, crime and insecurity.

Iranian Warships Pay Port Call at Makhachkala

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – An Iranian naval flotilla, comprising the homegrown Damavand destroyer and Paykan missile-launching vessel, arrived at Russia's coastal city of Makhachkala on Saturday.

The commander of the flotilla was to meet Russian naval commanders and also President of the Republic of Dagestan Vladimir Vasilev during their stay in Makhachkala.

The flotilla began their voyage in the northern Iranian city of Bandar Anzali on October 14, with its commander Admiral Ahmad Reza Baqeri saying that it conveyed a message of peace and friendship.

The warships will return to Iran after a three-day trip and following a one-day joint military exercise with the Russian navy aimed at exchanging experiences and

displaying their capabilities, according to Navy chief Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari.

In July, a Russian naval flotilla held a joint exercise with Iran's Navy in the Caspian Sea.

The Makhachkala flotilla, under the command of Captain Dmitriov, paid a port call at Bandar Anzali for a three-day visit as part of the two countries' agreement to boost military cooperation.

The Holy Qur'an

So go about in the land for four months and know that you cannot weaken Allah and that Allah will bring disgrace to the unbelievers.
The Holy Qur'an (9.2)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:49
Evening (Maghreb)	17:40
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:52
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:16

Erdogan: Turkey-Iran Fight on Terror Needs to Expand

ISTANBUL (Dispatches) – Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has hit out at the West's double standards in dealing with terrorist groups.

In a meeting with Iran's First Vice President Is'haq Jahangiri here on Friday night, the Turkish leader underlined the need for coordination among other countries to confront the global menace of terrorism, IRNA said.

"Iran and Turkey, by standing together, will definitely succeed in the fight against terrorism, which calls for cooperation in this field to expand," Erdogan said.

Jahangiri called for an expedited implementation of an agreement to use local currencies in bilateral trade and for the countries' border terminals to offer 24-hour service, besides activating their private sectors and facilitating banking and customs processes.

"Iran and Turkey, as the two great countries of the region, have vast capabilities and capacities that should be used to develop and consolidate their relations," he said.

The two countries are also cooperating on easing an economic stranglehold by Saudi Arabia and its allies on the Persian Gulf state of Qatar.

Turkey and Iran were quick to fly food and other commodities and then agreed on a land route to export goods to Qatar after the tiny country came under an economic blockade of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates in June.

On Friday, Iran's Minister of Roads and Urban Development Abbas Akhundi said a trilateral transit agreement had been signed with Turkey and Qatar for transporting Turkish goods through Iran to the Arab state.

Turkey's strained ties with the U.S. and Europe have also prompted Ankara to swing to the side of Iran and Russia. Syria has become a platform for Ankara's dramatic U-turn, where Turkey initially supported militants fighting to topple President Bashar al-Assad.

Turkey is now concerned that U.S. operations in Syria and Iraq are empowering Kurdish militants who it says are closely linked to the insurgents in its southeastern regions.