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Viewpoint

## Trump Tumbling Towards His Waterloo in Syria

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*A psychopath rules the roost in Washington, and yet the American people are in a state of slumber to the disaster he is all set to bring upon the US as he stumbles toward suicide in Syria.*

*If there was any sense of social justice or concern for peace and stability of the country, Donald Trump would have been impeached by now and kicked out of the White House for his polarization of the American society, disturbance of the global order, and increasingly dangerous crimes against humanity.*

*First he ordered his terrorist proxies in Douma, east of Damascus, to douse with chemicals supplied by the West some of the civilians being used as human shield in a bid to blame the government of President Bashar al-Assad, which almost five years back, under UN supervision, had dismantled whatever meager amounts of weapons-grade chemicals it possessed as deterrent against any invasion by Israel.*

*As Saudi Arabia poured millions of dollars into the media horns of the West and the Third World to print, publish photos, and telecast scenes of the supposed chemical victims in eastern Ghouta, as part of the game to depict President Assad as a devil, he told his Zionist pal, Benjamin Netanyahu, to violate the sovereignty of Syria by bombing the T-4 airbase near Homs.*

*And now, following successive defeats of his lies-laced resolutions at the UN Security Council against Damascus, thanks to the vetoes of Russia, which has warned of not just shooting down any missile fired upon Syria but destroying its very source, he tweets in the tone of Lucifer: "Get ready Russia, because they will be coming, nice and new and smart!"*

*It is obvious he is playing with fire and before he realizes it, he will be badly burned and in his death throes is like to push the US down the precipice.*

*Neither the Russians are oblivious to the loss of life of their personnel, nor are the Iranians, who are playing a vital role for regional peace in response to the request of the Syrian government and have made it clear that Israel's crime will not go unanswered.*

*If there was any iota of humanitarianism in the ill-bred, unethical, and immoral Trump, he would not have called President Dr. Bashar Assad – an ophthalmologist by profession, who for the past seven years has shown the clarity of vision to resist and root out terrorism – an animal, though the fact is, he himself seems to be worse than a stray animal.*

*"Certainly We have created for hell many of the jinn and humans: they have hearts with which they do not understand, they have eyes with which they do not see, they have ears with which they do not hear. They are like cattle; rather they are more astray. It is they who are the heedless." (Holy Qur'an 7:179)*

*The Syrian foreign ministry has called Trump's threats and theatrics "reckless escalation", adding: "We are not surprised by such a reckless escalation from a regime like the United States which has fostered and continues to foster terrorism in Syria."*

*According to Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman, Maria Zakharova, any missile strike by the US could destroy evidence of chemical weapons or perhaps cover up a lack of such evidence – which the US intends to do in order to prevent any independence investigation of the Ghouta chemicals that will certainly expose American, Saudi and Zionist complicity with the terrorists and the toxins they are supplied.*

*Syria not just needs Russia's S-400 missile defence system but the exercising of its right to manufacture its own missiles and if possible Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) capable of reaching the US, so as to be immune against America's "smart" projectiles.*

*Since Syria lacks these deterrents, the Zionists, the French, the British, the Americans, and reactionary Arab regimes, have ganged up together to destabilize the country.*

*The Islamic Republic of Iran is well aware that all these powers and any would-be-aggressor would think twice before messing up with a country possessing state-of-the-art defence technology.*

*So now we understand why Trump and his team have decided to eat the humble pie and enter into talks with North Korea.*

*To sum up, it is Islamic duty to defend the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria, which is without the least doubt the frontline state for the goal of liberation of Palestine and the end of the illegal Zionist entity, which seems to have signed its own death warrant by bombing the T-4 airbase.*

## President Temer: Brazil Eager to Expand Ties With Iran



Brazilian President Michel Temer, left, holds talks with Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif in Brasilia, April 10, 2018.

BRASILIA (Dispatches) -- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, at the end of his visit to Brasilia, held a meeting with Brazilian President Michel Temer before leaving the country for Montevideo.

Zarif pointed to the current level of bilateral trade between the two states and called for efforts to deepen economic relations and

achieve balance in bilateral trade.

The foreign minister said the two countries could engage in cooperation in energy, transit, agriculture and high-tech fields, adding that considering the progress of the two countries, they could be complementary to each other.

Zarif called for the removal of obstacles to closer banking relations, saying the two sides'

banks needed to establish corresponding relations.

Among other issues raised by Zarif in the meeting were using national currencies in bilateral trade, accelerating the establishment of a Brazilian credit line for Iran, engaging in oil and gas cooperation, and implementing joint projects in new fields such as nanotechnology, biotechnology

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:05
Evening (Maghreb)	19:53
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:07
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:35

and aerospace.

The foreign minister said broadening economic cooperation will be necessary to deepen relations between the two countries, adding Tehran welcomes Brasilia's investment in Iran's oil, gas and transit sectors.

Zarif thanked the Brazilian government for extending support to Tehran's right to peaceful nuclear energy, calling for continued political dialogue and exchange of views between the two countries.

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## Saudi Arabia's Name Etched on Terrorism List: Iran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran said on Wednesday Saudi Arabia cannot whitewash the stain of supporting extremism and terrorism through a blame game after the kingdom's crown prince bizarrely accused Iran of backing Al-Qaeda.

"Those who have the name of their county engraved on the list of aggressors and criminals and lowered themselves to the level of aggressors and dictators like Saddam should know that they cannot feign not seeing realities by raising baseless

and groundless allegations against Iran," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said.

The Saudi role in supporting and arming terrorist and extremist groups like Al-Qaeda and Daesh would not be forgotten, he said.

The Saudi regime, Qasemi said, cannot hide its true color and whitewash its "black record" by spending billions of dollars to win the support of certain regional countries.

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## Pakistan Embassy Holds National Day Reception



TEHRAN (Press Release) -- The Ambassador of Pakistan to Iran Asif Durrani hosted a reception to commemorate 78th Pakistan's National Day in Tehran on Tuesday evening.

Interior Minister of Islamic Republic of Iran Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli was the chief guest on the occasion. A large number of guests from all walks of life including chairman National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of the Iranian Majlis Alaeddin Borujardi, members of the Iranian parliament, deputy Ministers of Defense, Interior and Trade, high ranking civil and military officials, diplomats, scholars, media persons and prominent citizens of both countries attended the event. The ceremony began with playing

of national anthems of Pakistan and Iran. Ambassador Asif Durrani, in his welcome remarks, greeted the guests with Norouz wishes and shed light on the significance of Pakistan's National Day with a pledge to strive for a peaceful, prosperous and stronger Pakistan.

Highlighting the myriad challenges that Pakistan faced in recent years, Ambassador Durrani said that Pakistan has sacrificed more than 70 thousand of its citizens including armed forces personnel and Law Enforcement Agencies in fighting terrorists and has succeeded in defeating terrorism on its soil. He added that "today, there are no safe havens for terrorists on our soil".

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## MP Tells Senior EU Official in Tehran: Iran's Opposition to Nuclear Weapons Everlasting

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's opposition to nuclear weapons production is permanent, a senior Iranian MP said here Wednesday, adding that use of nuclear weapons against others is the country's red line. Alaeddin Boroujerdi, the chairman of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, said Iran avoids producing nuclear weapons not only because of its commitment to the Non-Proliferation Treaty but also due to a fatwa issued by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali

Khamenei.

"Our opposition to nuclear weapons production is among the permanent principles of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is our red line," he was quoted as saying by ICANA.

The Iranian lawmaker said the "train" of Iran's nuclear program is moving ahead within the principles of the signed international agreements, adding the ground is prepared for Iran to press ahead with its peaceful nuclear program in which nuclear bomb has no room.

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## Police Arrest 12 People Over Forex Turbulence

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Tehran's police chief said Wednesday 12 unlicensed dealers accused of disrupting Iran's currency market were arrested as part of a government push to stabilize the rial which dropped to an all-time low this week.

Speaking two days after the government announced a plan to unify official and open market exchange rates, General Hussein Rahimi said police have summoned members of a group active on the cyberspace who have taken illegal measures to disrupt economic order.

Moreover, 16 currency exchange centers operating illegally have been shut down so far.

Rahimi said police forces will continue their measures to eliminate threats to the country's economic security.

"With the coordination of the judicial system, we will move rapidly and firmly to arrest those who disobey the law and rules set by the

government," IRNA quoted him as saying.

The government will sell each U.S. dollar at 42,000 rials to all individuals and businesses, Iran's First Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri said in a statement on Monday to put a cap at the Iranian currency's decline.

Anyone found selling the dollar at rates higher than 42,000 "will be dealt with severely" by judicial authorities and the police, Jahangiri warned.

"As of tomorrow (Tuesday), any other price offered in the market will be considered contraband, in the same way that illegal drugs are contraband," he said.

Jahangiri also said the sudden decline in the value of rial was "unnatural and unprecedented", suggesting enemies Iran were behind the instability.

On Monday, the rial slid to a record low of 60,000 rials against the dollar on the unregulated market, according to Tasnim News agency.