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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Record of Hypocrisy of Britain, France, Germany Against Iran

By: S. Nawabzadeh

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution did not mince words when in a clear tone he told the concerned Iranian officials last week following the cowardly Donald Trump's unmanly move in breaching the international accord 'JCPOA' (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action): "Do not trust the three European countries either; secure firm guarantees".

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, whose farsightedness is a byword, had foreseen the outcome of the compromising talks on Iran's inalienable nuclear ights, and repeatedly cautioned Iranian negotiators at Geneva against believing whatever false promises the avowed enemies of the Islamic Republic would make, without lifting once and for all the illegal sanctions with written commitment not to indulge in such hostile behaviour again, or inserting clauses deemed detrimental to Tehran.

It seems, either his prophetic words went unheeded or the negotiating team was so eager to show its goodwill gestures to its dangerously nuclear-armed opponents that it allowed itself to be duped by the crafty Europeans and Americans in not just agreeing to a dramatic downscale of Iran's uranium enrichment from 20 percent industrial grade to a mere 3.5 percent, plus unnecessary time-bound restrictions in return for peanuts, along with the unwarranted clause in the JCPOA that the 7-nation international deal be left to the whims of the US president for recertification every three months, otherwise the token waiving of a few sanctions would snap back with greater sting.

It is all mindboggling. It is clear now that except for a very brief respite, Iran did not gain anything from such a flawed accord after years of having resisted unjust pressures on its peaceful use of nuclear energy, including international hooliganism that blocked its own legally earned oil revenues, when the Leader of the Islamic Revolution had explicitly ruled out manufacture of weapons of mass destruction as "haram" or religiously forbidden.

To give diplomacy a last chance, Ayatollah Khamenei, in his capacity as the supreme jurisprudent upon whom it is incumbent to safeguard Iran's Islamic identity, national sovereignty, territorial integrity, industrial and defence capability, and trans-regional stability in order to ensure peace by weeding out terrorists, has, on the basis of his undisputable acumen and political prudence, given the necessary guidelines to the Iranian negotiators on dealing with the three major European states, that is, France, Germany and Britain, who have a history of deceit towards the Iranian nation.

He said in unambiguous words: "This issue is very sensitive; if you succeed in receiving a definitive and reliable guarantee, which is indeed very unlikely, there is no problem and press ahead; otherwise, things cannot continue like

Yesterday, news from Brussels said the Iranian Foreign Minister held what he called "constructive" talks with his French, German, and British counterparts as well as the European Union Foreign Policy Chief, after having visited China and Russia for the purpose of safeguarding JCPOA.

So far so good. We hope Mohammad Javad Zarif succeeds in procuring written promises from the remaining parties to the JCPOA that they will not breach their commitments and continue to cooperate with Iran without bowing to US pressures or raising irrelevant topics such as Iran's non-negotiable right to increase the range and precision of its conventional ballistic missile system and its positive presence in the regional countries on the invitation of

Reports, however, from European capitals speak of the inability of the French, German and British regimes to resist US pressures, coupled with their own intrusive remarks against the Islamic Republic.

Examples in this regard are British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson's briefing to his parliament that 'regime' change in Iran was not a policy Brit-

How dare he utters such nonsensical words while engaging in sugar-coated diplomacy with his Iranian counterpart? It is not the era of the Qajarids or the Pahlavis, when London could install and depose the slavish Shahs at its will. The Islamic Republic over the past four decades has continued to face hostility from the intransigent British, who should never be trusted.

Another example of European hypocrisy is French President Emmanuel Macron's dream of imposing a new deal on Iran to further limit its peaceful nuclear programme, curb its self-defensive ballistic missile project and end what he mischievously called 'destabilization' of Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Lebanon, when the real culprits are the West, the illegal Zionist entity, and Arab reactionary regimes with their backing of terrorists and vain efforts to

Can Tehran really trust Paris in view of its unprovoked hostility of the past four decades that includes its supply of sophisticated weapons to Saddam during the 8-year US imposed war, and its harbouring of terrorists with blood of

the Iranian people on their hands, such as the MKO?

As for Germany, Iran well remembers how this country backtracked on its commitment to complete the Bushehr Atomic Plant on the victory of the Islamic Revolution, and the internationally-banned chemicals it supplied Saddam to bomb Iranian combatants and civilians.

These undeniable facts warrant Iran to tread with caution regarding talks with the said three European countries, so as not to be taken for a ride again.

Kayhan Treacherous Regional States Complicit in U.S., Zionist **Crimes: IRGC Commander**



Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Commander Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Islamic **Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)** Commander Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari decried the inaction and silence of some "treacherous" regional countries on the Zionist regime's crimes against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, which coincided with the inauguration of the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem al-Quds, and said they are complicit in the oppression.

Speaking to reporters in Tehran on Tuesday, Major General Jafari condemned the killings of dozens of the "oppressed people" of Palestine on Monday and said, "The world is full of oppression by the occupying Zionist regime and the United States.'

He further deplored the inaction of some regional countries on the massacre of Palestinians and said "the treacherous states" that are self-proclaimed advocates of Islam are complicit in the oppression against the oppressed people of the region, including the Palestinians.

And also, Iran's Parliament speaker Ali Larijani has denounced Zionists' killing of dozens of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, as "a stain of shame" for both Tel Aviv and Washington.

On the eve of the 70th anniversary of the Nakba Day (the Day of Catastrophe), tens of thousands of Palestinians marched on the fence separating the Gaza Strip from the occupied territories.

Zionist forces used live fire and tear gas against the Palestinians, who were rallying in protest at the expulsion from their homeland and the subsequent creation of the Zionist entity in 1948.

Zionists' use of lethal force made Monday the deadliest single day in Gaza since 2014, with 60 than 2,700 injured.

It was the deadliest day in Gaza since a 2014 cross-border war.

Additionally, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi held the U.S. and some of its regional allies responsible for the bloodletting in Gaza.

Zionists' never-ending crimes are the outcome of "the unwavering U.S. support as well as the treacherous compromise and the ignominious inaction of some regional governments," he pointed

Qassemi also called on regional and international organizations and bodies to immediately condemn the Zionist regime's atrocities and take it as a "war criminal" to international courts.

"Proper, firm and urgent measures are needed to put an end to the ongoing brutal killings of thousands of defenseless people Palestinians killed dead and more at the hands of the occupying Zionists," the Iranian official added.

Holy

They who taunt those of the faithful who give their alms freely, and those who give to the extent of their earnings and scoff at them; Allah will pay them back their scoffing, and they shall have a painful chastise-

The Holy Qur'an (9.79)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)

Evening(Maghreb) 20:23

04:20 Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

Sunrise "Tomorrow" 05:59

Iranian Diplomat, **UN Syria Envoy Meet** in Astana

TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Iranian foreign minister's special assistant for political affairs, Hossein Jaberi Ansari, and UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura held talks on Tuesday on the latest efforts to settle the Arab country's long-lasting cri-

In the meeting held in Astana on the sidelines of the ninth round of Syria peace talks sponsored by Iran, Russia, and Turkey, Jaberi Ansari and de Mistura exchanged views about the latest developments of the Syria peace talks in Astana and Geneva.

Jaberi Ansari briefed the UN envoy on his meetings with Syria's high-ranking officials and stressed the need to find a solution that can win the trust of all parties.

During the session, the two sides also emphasized the need for continued consultations to help resolve the Syrian crisis.

The ninth round of Syria peace talks initiated by Iran, Russia, and Turkey was held in Astana on Monday and Tuesday.

Last month, the presidents of the three countries –the guarantor states of de-escalation zones in Syria- held a meeting in Ankara to discuss ways for peaceful settlement of the crisis in Syria. Since January 2017, Kazakhstan's

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Russia, France Reiterate Commitment to Iran Deal: Kremlin

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Russian President Vladimir Putin and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, have confirmed their commitment to preserving the 2015 multinational nuclear deal with Iran despite the U.S.

In a phone conversation on Tuesday, Putin and Macron "paid special attention to the situation surrounding Washington's unilateral withdrawal" from the agreement, officially known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the Kremlin said in a statement. Putin and Macron also "exchanged views on issues concerning ways to resolve the Syrian conflict," the statement reads.

Additionally, the Russian president informed Macron about his meeting with Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Yukiya Amano, held in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi

Separately, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Tuesday it was possible to discuss the future of JCPOA without the participation of the

The Russian diplomat also said that the U.S. decision to leave the deal was "rash" amid the nuclear talks on the Korean Peninsula.

U.S. President Donald Trump last week announced Washington's withdrawal from the JCPOA despite earlier international warnings and pleas for the White House not to attack yet another international agree-

DM: Iran Ready to Broaden **Defense Cooperation with Bolivia**

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Hatami in a meeting with Commander in Chief of Bolivia's Armed Forces Admiral Yamil Octavio Borda Sosa on Tuesday strssed his country's willingness to increase defense cooperation with La Paz.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran honorably declares that it is ready to cooperate with the friendly and independent countries and transfer its experiences in the defense, military and technical fields," General Hatami said during the meeting. "Based on this, we attach value to the development of defense-military ties with Bolivia," he added. Admiral Borda Sosa, for his part, lauded the Iranian nation and government's anti-imperialism spirit and said, "We are highly interested in the expansion of the two countries relations in technical, scientific and industrial fields and transfer of your valuable experiences to Bolivia." Earlier on Saturday, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Hossein Bageri and Admiral Borda Sosa in a meeting in Tehran had discussed broadening of mutual cooperation. During the meeting in the Iranian capital, General Baqeri and Admiral Sosa explored the avenues for bolstering and reinvigorating bilateral relations in the military and defense fields.

Gen. Safavi: Iran's **Armed Forces to Thwart Enemy's Threats**

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Senior advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Avatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Tuesday stressed that the strength of the Iranian people and their mighty

armed forces will thwart the enemies' threats and conspiracies. Addressing a group of army commanders, , Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi said countries and governments should

protect their national interests while enemies try to annihilate them through wars.

"Regional countries pose no threat to Iran, but the current threats are now imposed by trans-regional powers," he said. "American forces will not be

able to overcome our ground troopers as today's wars are short term and with reliance on high technical know-how," Sa-

"Iran is strong enough to seriously deal with threats imposed by the U.S. or Zionist regime as well as regional forces," he