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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Kudos to the Emerging Coalition Government in Iraq

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

News from neighbouring Iraq indicate the parties that topped the results of last month's parliamentary polls are on the right track in efforts to form a coalition government, based on the political, religious, and ethnic patchwork of the Land of the Two Rivers.

With no party emerging outright winner for the 329-seat national assembly to form a government on its own, the "as-Sairoon" of Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Moqtada as-Sadr (not a candidate for the prime minister's post since he didn't contest the polls) with its 54 seats has formally sealed an alliance with the 47-seat "al-Fath" of renowned leader of the popular mobilization units, Hadi al-Ameri.

It now hopes to secure the remaining 64 seats needed for forming the cabinet, by attracting other parties, including outgoing Prime Minister Haider al-Ebadi's "an-Nasr" which has 42 seats, and the marginal winners, such as former Premier Nouri al-Maleki's "al-Qanoun" (State of the Law Coalition), Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ammar al-Hakeem's "al-Hikma" and the Kurdish and Arab Sunni ethnic groups.

The willingness expressed by all parties to work together to give shape to a truly national representative government, is a positive factor for ensuring Iraq's independence in the face of intense machinations by the avowed enemies of the nation, such as the US, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and the illegal Zionist entity, to influence the trend of events in the political circles of Baghdad.

The public announcement and appearance at a joint press conference by as-Sadr and al-Ameri was not just a resounding slap for the enemies of Iraq, but should end all those wild speculations by the Western and Arab media on the supposed inclinations of the principal winners, the alleged differences amongst them, and the difficulty of forming a broad-based national government.

Fortunately the Iraqi people have the insight to distinguish friends from foes. They know very well what havoc the US played in their country on the claim of liberating them from the jackboots of the tyrant Saddam's Ba'ath minority regime, by murdering around two million Iraqi men, women, and children during the American occupation.

The Iraqi people are also well aware of the billions of dollars doled out to Saddam by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, and Qatar, for the genocide of the Shi'a Arabs and the Sunni Kurds during the 1980s and 1990s, in addition to the oil-rich Persian Gulf states' blank cheque given to Baghdad for continuation of the 8-year US imposed war against Iran that brought nothing but catastrophe for the nation.

At the same time, the Iraqi people are grateful to the brotherly Islamic Republic of Iran for its firm support throughout the Ba'athist reign of terror, as well as the recent rushing of relief aid, defence equipment, advisors and military trainers to thwart the US-Saudi Takfiri terrorist plot to seize Baghdad, desecrate the holy shrines of the Infallible Imams of the Prophet's Household, install yet another repressive minority regime, and forcibly convert the people to the heretical Wahhabi cult, or else subject them to mass macabre massacres on a gigantic scale.

In view of these facts, all elements of the emerging coalition government need to be on guard against infiltrators on the payroll of Washington and Riyadh, which fear that Iraq will be a natural link of the chain of the Resistance Front stretching from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea.

This certainty is causing nightmares in Israel as well, because a politically strong and economically-flourishing Iraq will not just inspire the oppressed Arab Muslim masses of the rest of West Asia to rise against reactionary regimes, but will mobilize the Palestinians for the cherished goal of the liberation of their Zionist usurped homeland.

Iran and the Iranian people reaffirm their support for the national aspirations of the brotherly people of Iraq, with full respect for the form of government they chose and their firm desire to ensure no American occupation soldier remains on the sacred soil of the Land of the Euphrates and the Tigris that is home to the holy shrines of several of the Infallible Imams of Prophet Muhammad's (SAWA) Blessed Household.

Rouhani Tells Macron Over Phone:

## Impossible to Stay in JCPOA Without Benefits



France's President Emmanuel Macron (L) meets with his Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani (R) in New York on September 18, 2017.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has warned world powers that it was impossible for Tehran to stay in the nuclear deal if it cannot benefit from the accord after the U.S. withdrawal.

In a call with French President Emmanuel Macron, Rouhani said he was satisfied with Europe's stance, especially French efforts to salvage the 2015 deal, but that "such statements should be combined with actions and tangible measures".

"If Iran cannot benefit from the (nuclear) deal, then it's practically impossible to stay in the accord," Rouhani was quoted by state news agency IRNA as saying in a phone call with the French president.

Since President Donald Trump withdrew the United States in May, calling the accord flawed,

European signatories - France, Britain and Germany – claim to have been working to ensure Iran retains enough economic benefits to persuade it not to pull out.

Macron's office said he had told Rouhani in the same telephone call that France remained committed to the nuclear deal but Tehran needed to fully comply with its commitments.

"The President of the Republic recalled the will of France, Britain, Germany, Russia and China, to continue to implement the Vienna agreement in all its dimensions," Macron's office said.

"The president informed President Rouhani of the progress in the work being done on our side. He hoped that Iran, for its part, will fulfill its obligations without any ambiguity."

Macron's office confirmed a

previously agreed ministerial meeting between all the remaining signatories of the deal, the European powers, China and Russia, would be held in the coming weeks in Vienna.

French diplomatic sources said the meeting was likely to take place during the week of June 25.

As regards the situation in Syria, Rouhani reiterated that Iranian military advisers, unlike the "illegitimate presence of military forces of certain countries in Syria", are in the Arab country at the official request of the Damascus government for the fight against terrorism.

Rouhani also hailed "the good progress" made in drafting the new constitution of Syria, and welcomed continuation of consultation between Iran and France on establishing stability and peace in the Arab country.

### Iran Tells North Korea: Trump Can Cancel Deal Within Hours

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran has warned North Korea against trusting U.S. President Donald Trump, saying he could cancel their denuclearization agreement within hours.

Tehran cited its own experience in offering the advice to Pyongyang a month after Washington withdrew from a similar deal with Iran.

"We don't know what type of person the North Korean leader is negotiating with. It is not clear that he would not cancel the agreement before returning home," Iranian government spokesman Muhammad Bagher Nobakht was quoted as saying by IRNA new agency.

Nobakht questioned Trump's credibility. "This man

does not represent the American people, and they will surely distance themselves from him at the next elections," he said.

As well as pulling the United States out of the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, Trump disowned on Saturday a joint communique issued by Group of Seven leaders, just hours after he had left their summit for the meeting with Kim.

The occupying regime of Israel, which has hailed Trump's tough line on Iran, praised his summit with Kim Jong Un. "This is an important step in the effort to strip the Korean peninsula of nuclear weaponry," Zionist PM Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement.

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### France Informed of Iran's Help After Hostage Taking

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said Iran is ready to work with the French government over a hostage-taking incident which occurred in Paris on Tuesday.

Qasemi made the remark in reaction to claims that the hostage-taker had demanded to contact the Iranian embassy.

"Given the importance of human lives and the humanitarian aspects of the issue, and if the French government and police deem it necessary and make a request, the Islamic Republic of Iran's embassy in Paris is ready

to help and cooperate with the French government," said Qasemi.

A gunman who had taken two people hostage in central Paris was arrested and his victims were freed.

The four-hour long standoff began as the hostage-taker entered the offices of a start-up company on the Rue des Petites Ecuries, a gritty area in the 10th arrondissement of Paris.

At least one other man was lightly injured while fighting the hostage-taker and escaping (Continued on Page 7)

The Holy Qur'an



If they could find a refuge or cave or a place to enter into, they would certainly have turned thereto, running away in all haste. And of them there are those who blame you with respect to the alms; so if they are given from it they are pleased, and if they are not given from it, lo! they are full of rage.  
The Holy Qur'an (9.58)

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:05
Evening (Maghreb)	20:43
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:02
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:48

### Zarif Meets South African President in Pretoria

PRETORIA (Dispatches) – Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met South African President Cyril Ramaphosa here on Wednesday on the day of his visit at the head of a politico-economic delegation to discuss bilateral relations.

Zarif also held a second round of talks with his South African counterpart Lindiwe Sisulu.

Upon his arrival in Pretoria, Zarif described South Africa as "one of the close partners" of the Islamic Republic, saying his visit aimed to expand bilateral relations and discuss ways for the international community to adopt a unified stance against Washington's withdrawal from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

The top Iranian diplomat further expressed hope that his discussions with South African officials would be constructive, serve the interests of both nations and help regional peace and stability.

He said Iran has always stood by the South African nation, while Pretoria has supported the Iranian nation's nuclear rights.

Zarif also said following Washington's exit from the Iran deal, all the remaining parties have announced their commitment to taking measures that would ensure Iran's economic benefits.

The European Union countries, along with the Russians and the (Continued on Page 7)

#### Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

29th day

“اللَّهُمَّ عَسَى فِيهِ رَاحَةٌ، وَأَرْزُقْنِي فِيهِ التَّوْفِيقَ وَالْعِصْمَةَ، وَطَهِّرْ قَلْبِي مِنْ غِيَاهِبِ التُّهْمَةِ، يَا رَحِيمًا يُعْبَادُهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ.”

“O Allah, bestow on me the blessings of the Night of Qadr. Let my difficulties and problems be overcome. Accept my repentance, free me from my sins and evil acts. O One Who is Merciful towards the virtuous.”