

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The spokesman for the Yemeni army said Wednesday the international airport of the western port city of Hudaydah, which has come under massive attacks by the Saudi-led coalition and its mercenaries, is under the full control of the Yemeni forces. Speaking to the Tasnim news agency, Brigadier General Sharaf Luqman rejected media reports claiming that the Saudi-led coalition and its mercenaries have entered the Hudaydah airport, saying, "The airport is under our full control." "The military forces and (Houthi) fighters have been stationed inside and around the airport," he added.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The United States Senate has approved a bill that could block or delay the sale of F-35 fighter jets to Turkey. The National Defense Authorization Act, which was passed 85 to 10 and still needs to go through the House of Representatives, is not expected to be approved as law until next year. Both houses of Congress have seen bipartisan efforts to block Ankara, a Nato ally with whom relations have recently become strained, from acquiring the warplanes. Turkey had sought to get around 100 F-35s from the U.S., though concerns about Ankara's warming relations with Moscow and its attempts to buy Russian air defense systems have given U.S. lawmakers pause for thought.

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Tomorrow, Friday, the 8th of Shawwal is a day of grief for anyone with a grain of Islamic faith. It is the day on which 94 lunar years ago in 1345 AH (1924), ungodly hordes desecrated and destroyed in holy Medina the Sacred Jannat al-Baqie Cemetery, which Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) used to regularly visit to salute his departed kin and companions.

The perpetrator of this unpardonable sin and crime against humanity was the desert brigand Abdul-Aziz Aal-e Saud – a servant of the British Empire – who earlier the same year had shed rivers of Muslim blood, even in sacred precincts, to seize the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, the mostly Shi'a Muslim hill resort of Ta'ef and the Red Sea port of Jeddah.

For his blasphemy against the sanctities of Islam, Britain rewarded the heretical Wahhabi criminal with a pseudo state called Saudi Arabia in 1932, so that he could sow seeds of discord amongst Muslims in order to pave the way for planting of the illegal Zionist entity in Palestine sixteen years later in 1948.

The Wahhabi terrorists – as his minions came to be called for their disobedience of the commandments of God Almighty and destruction of anything or edifice connected to Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) – sacrilegiously razed to the ground the grand mausoleum of Baqie that housed the holy tombs of 4 of the 12 Infallible Imams of the Prophet's Household.

These Godless elements were bent upon demolishing the Prophet's Mosque and Shrine as well, but were prevented by some crafty crooks among their own ranks who feared the united wrath of the Islamic Ummah in such a case.

The Wahhabis thought through such devilish acts they would erase memories from Muslim minds of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS), Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS), Imam Muhammad al-Baqer (AS) and Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), little realizing that those chosen and exalted by God are always alive in the hearts of the faithful.

Abdul-Aziz in his hatred for Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) did not content himself with the destruction of Jannat al-Baqie, but went on to demolish the tombs of the Martyrs of the decisive Battle of Ohad, including that of the Prophet's uncle, Hamza (AS).

He simultaneously ordered his hordes to desecrate and destroy the other sacred cemetery of Islam, that is, Jannat al-Mu'alla in Mecca, where rest in peace the Prophet's loyal wife, the First Lady of Islam, Omm al-Momineen (Mother of True Believers) Hazrat Khadija (SA), the Prophet's infant son, Hazrat Qassem (AS), the Prophet's uncle and guardian, Hazrat Abu Taleb (AS), the Prophet's grandfather, Hazrat Abdul-Mutalib (AS) and other members of the monotheistic Bani Hashem clan.



May God damn these seditionists who continue to terrorize Muslim lands and shed torrents of blood in the interests of their masters, the Zionists and the neo-Crusaders in London, Washington and Paris, as is evident in Yemen, where people are being slaughtered and the whole country is virtually destroyed!

In Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria and Iraq, these unholy cowards trigger bomb blasts in buses, in marketplaces, and in mosques to kill innocent people.

For years, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Muslims around the world have been urging Riyadh to rectify its misconstrued policies and allow Muslims to rebuild the Jannat al-Baqie Cemetery, but to no avail, since the Aal-e Saud, as is evident by their policies worship at the altar of the US and do not even want the Palestinian Muslims to regain their birthrights or liberate the occupied Islamic city of Bayt al-Moqaddas from Zionist control.

Nonetheless, the followers of the Ahl al-Bayt are confident that the day will soon dawn when these oppressors and desecrators of holy shrines will vanish like thin air from the Land of Revelation, as was the fate of the Khwarej, of the Omayyads – who had twice stormed the holy K'aba with fire and brimstone – and of the Qarameta (Qarmatians), who had attacked the holy Ka'ba and taken away the Sacred Black Stone, which was returned 27 years later.

In the meantime, let us turn towards the direction of Jannat al-Baqie and recite the greeting with which Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) used to salute the grave of this Sacred Cemetery:

"Peace be upon you, O Abode of the Faithful! God Willing, we would soon join you. O' Allah, forgive the denizens of al-Baqie".

Iran Will Not Submit to Subversive Conventions

Leader of the Islamic Revolution:



Ayatollah Khamenei addresses Iranian lawmakers during a meeting in Tehran, June 20, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – **Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said here Wednesday that Iran would not submit to the conventions that undermine the nation's independence.**

The Leader touched on global agreements purportedly aimed at fighting terrorism and money

laundering, saying the signatories of those conventions have had no role in creating them.

"The global powers prepare these conventions based on their own interests and benefits and then their submissive and compliant allies enact them in their countries," Ayatollah Khamenei told a group of lawmakers here.

"When an independent state like the Islamic Republic of Iran rejects them, it is reproached by those who say, '150 countries have accepted the agreements, why wouldn't you accept it?'" he said.

"Of course some of the provisions of international conventions may be good but there's

no need to join these conventions, citing these provisions," the Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei said Iran's parliament is "mature and wise", adding lawmakers must independently make legislation on issues such as terrorism or combating money laundering.

"The solution is that the Islamic Consultative Assembly itself enacts these articles as laws. For instance, a law for combating money laundering or a law for combating terrorism can be enacted."

Ayatollah Khamenei cautioned against signing up to "things when we don't know their eventual consequences, while we know the potential problems, for the sake of some positive aspects."

Earlier this month, Iran's parliament voted to suspend discussion of joining the UN Terrorism Financing Convention for two months, as Tehran waits to see whether its nuclear deal with world powers survives after the U.S. pulled out of the landmark accord.

The Leader said Iran currently needs to strengthen the internal

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Trump's Child Detention Camps Spark Global Outcry

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- **The Wikipedia entry "List of concentration and internment camps" has seen the addition of the Trump administration's child detention centers which are being used to house immigrant children. The extensive list includes concentration camps used by the Nazi regime.**

"As part of the 2018 Trump administration family separation policy, nearly 2,000 immigrant children have been taken from their parents and placed in 'detention centers,'" the Wikipedia entry currently reads under a section titled 'Separation of immigrant children.'

"These centers have been described by those in opposition

to the policy as 'concentration camps.' The centers had previously been cited by Texas officials for more than 150 health violations," the entry reads.

"Several government officials disputed accusations of detention centers being concentration camps. Both White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Attorney General Jeff Sessions defended the policy by citing the Bible," the Wikipedia page continued.

"Sessions specifically cited Romans 13, saying, 'I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in Romans 13, to obey the laws of the

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U.S. Leaves UN Human Rights Council

MOSCOW (Dispatches) -- **Russia Wednesday voiced surprise at the United States' decision to withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council, accusing Washington of "gross cynicism" and "disregard" for the world body.**

"The U.S. has once again brought a powerful blow to its own human rights reputation by demonstrating its disregard for the UN and its bodies," Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told a briefing in Moscow.

She charged the U.S. with "stubbornly refusing to acknowledge the existence of serious human rights problems at home while at

the same time trying to shape the council under its own interests". She also criticized the U.S. for "imposing a specific American understanding of human rights on other countries".

Zakharova said the withdrawal was "unexpected" for Moscow although "a precedent was already set with UNESCO", the UN's Paris-based cultural body that Washington left in October last year.

"The UN Human Rights Council has worked effectively without the U.S. in the past and we hope that it will continue to do so," she said.

Washington withdrew on Tuesday, (Continued on Page 7)

Saudi Arabia Moves to Cut Qatar From Land

DUBAI (Middle East Eye) -- **Saudi Arabia has moved forward with its plan to build a canal between it and Qatar, which would effectively detach the latter from the Arabian Peninsula, Persian Gulf Arab media reported.**

Saudi Arabia, along with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt, has placed Qatar under a yearlong blockade.

Riyadh has set a deadline for bids to dig the 60-km "Salwa Canal" for June 25, with five international companies already throwing their hats into the ring, according to Gulf News.

Saudi Arabia will announce the winner 90 days after the deadline passes, Saudi daily

Makkah reported, and the victorious company is then expected to complete the project in a year.

The project is estimated to cost \$530,000. The canal will stretch from Salwa to Khor al-Adeed, and is to be 200 meters wide and 15-20 meters deep.

Ships up to 33 meters width and 295 meters length will be able to navigate the canal, it has been reported.

Other than cutting Qatar, a tiny, gas-rich emirate, from its only land border, Riyadh envisages several uses for the canal.

According to Gulf News, beach resorts are

planned in Salwa, Sakak, Khor al-Adeed and Ras Abu Qamees.

Ports are to be constructed in Salwa and in Aqlat al-Zawayed, as well as marinas along both banks for private yachts and water sports.

Somewhat less appealing for visitors, however, are the planned military base and nuclear waste dumping site.

The canal will reportedly be fully within the Saudi side of the border, so Qatar will have no waterway rights to it, and is said to be paid for entirely by Saudi and Emirati private investors.

Egyptian companies with expertise in digging are thought to be enlisted for assistance.