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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Hodeidah Heroics Rip Off Fig Leaf of UN Hypocrisy

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

With the UN no longer an impartial mediator in the war imposed upon Yemen by the Saudi-Emirati led coalition of some 34 countries under supervision and assistance of the US, the UK, France and the illegal Zionist entity, the invasion now in its 4th year, is gradually taking the shape of the 8-year Holy Defence that Iranians heroically went through in the 1980s when Saddam of the repressive Ba'th minority regime of Baghdad launched his similar unprovoked aggression on the Islamic Republic with the military support of both the western and eastern blocs.

Wherever the West and its surrogates, whether client regimes or non-state actors like the various terrorist outfits, are involved in wars and destabilizing efforts against independent countries – Syria for example – the World Body wastes no time in acting as a pressure lever against the aggressed side by issuing resolutions that are clearly in favour of the US-supported aggressors.

In Iran, we witnessed this gross injustice on several occasions during the imposed war when the Security Council Resolutions persistently pressured the Islamic Republic for peace without permanent solution, but never denounced Saddam for starting the war and committing untold war crimes, even his frequent chemical attacks with internationally banned substances supplied to him by the US and the then West Germany.

The same scenario has been repeated in Syria for the past seven years, with the UN never naming Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, and Turkey for their open support of the terrorists of various hue and colour that saw entire cities destroyed and whole populations displaced, neither castigating Israel for its frequent air raids, nor calling on the US to withdraw its occupation forces, but shameless trying to accuse President Dr. Bashar al-Assad of using chemical weapons which he never did, and telling the forces supporting the Syrian government to liberate occupied territories and restore stability, such as Iranian advisors and Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement Hezbollah, to leave Syria.

Now Britain's Martin Griffiths, acting as UN mediator, is barely hiding his bias for the purveyors of war by saying Ansarallah – the popular grassroots movement mischievously called 'rebels' by the Arab-Western media for its resolute defence of Yemen's integrity and independence – should hand over control of Hodeidah and its vital seaport to the UN.

Is he kidding, or does he think the Ansarallah and its dedicated leadership are a bunch of rustics neither familiar with diplomacy nor regional and international equations?

How could a well-organized nationalist administration, which has its own army, navy and air personnel, besides an experienced civilian apparatus that manages affairs of northern Yemen including smooth functioning of the Hodeidah seaport for inflow of vital food and medical supplies, and which over the past 12-days has decisively beaten back every bid by the Western-Zionist supported Saudi-Emirati military force to encroach upon Hodeidah airport, surrender its lifeline to the cowardly aggressors?

It makes no sense. One step backwards in the face of pressures for peace that will never materialize, means encouraging the enemy to make further demands, such as handing over of Yemen's strategic arsenals, including the ballistic missiles that pierce with precision the US-supplied patriot defence system of Saudi Arabia.

A disarmed Yemen would be catastrophic for not just the Zaydi Shi'a Muslims that make up forty percent of the population, but for a majority of other Yemeni factions and tribes who resent Saudi control and will be massacred like sheep by the Wahhabis.

The Yemeni masses, who frequently spill out into the streets in tens of thousands, as they did on Friday in besieged Hodeidah with vociferous chants of God's Majesty (Allah-o Akbar) and references to Imam Husain's (AS) refusal to yield to injustice, followed by slogans of "death to the US", "death to Israel", and "death the Saudi-Emirati invaders", very well remember what that Sage of the Age, the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), had said to UN pressures: "An imposed peace is worse than an imposed war."

That is the reason Ansarallah spokesman Mohammed Abdus-Salaam, who has served as chief negotiator to Kuwait and Geneva over the past two years, said in clear words: "The UN envoy's measures are only meant to cover up the continuation of the Saudi-led war on Yemen. If Griffiths follows the lead of his predecessor (Mauritania's Saudi-bought Ismail Ould Sheikh Ahmed), he would fail to find a settlement to the conflict."

The Yemenis are well aware of Griffiths' links to the British regime that supplies Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Bahrain with weapons and intelligence to use against the Ansarallah, as well as his failure as UN envoy in Syria, Afghanistan and Libya.

Therefore, the UN should stop its pretensions to peace. If it is a real mediator, instead of labelling Ansarallah as "rebels" and insisting on absurd Security Council resolutions that call for cutting of military assistance to the legitimate defenders of Yemen's integrity and sovereignty, who have the right to target the aggressors with missiles, should demand the withdrawal of the Saudis, the Emiratis and all other invading forces from Yemeni soil and expose the US, the UK, France, and Israel, as the real culprits to the catastrophe that has resulted in famine and epidemics.

In the meantime, the Ansarallah are determined to carry on their defence of the country. Their heroic defence of Hodeidah, coupled with their sinking of ships and downing of aircraft of the aggressors, have started winning over to their side several of the tribes and factions who are resentful of the Saudi-Emirati coalition's horrific crimes against the people of Yemen that sexually abuse of thousands of detainees.

Salehi Warns Europeans of 'Dark Tunnel' Ahead



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres (1st L) holds talks with Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, in Oslo on June 19, 2018.

OSLO (Norway News) -- He played a major role in the Iran nuclear agreement that Norway helped negotiate four years ago and now he's the country's vice president. Ali Akbar Salehi was in Norway this week to take part in the Oslo Forum at the historic Losby farm, now a hotel and golf course northeast of the capital, and talk about how the agreement might be salvaged after U.S. President Donald Trump pulled out of it.

If the other partners to the deal (France, Russia, China, the UK, Germany and the EU) manage to make up for the U.S. pullout in terms of economic and trade support for Iran, there's hope the entire agreement won't collapse, he said. "If not," he told Oslo newspaper Aftenposten, we'll be heading into a dark tunnel with only losers."

No one would win, he said: "An end to the agreement is not in Iran's interests, not in the region's interests and not in the interests of the international community."

Trump pulled out to the dismay and frustration of Russia, China and many of the U.S.' own most important allies, claiming it was "a bad deal" and that Iran wasn't holding up its end of the bargain with its "aggressive" foreign policy

in the Middle East. Trump seems much more keen on making Saudi Arabia and Israel happy, both bitter enemies of Iran, than all the other partners in the Iran deal.

Russia, China and all the European partners want to keep the agreement alive and move forward with trade and investments in Iran. The U.S. now intends to make that difficult, with Trump threatening to slap the same sanctions it will renew against Iran on any other country doing business with Iran. That includes Norway.

Iran, meanwhile, is insisting that the other partners to the deal stick with it. "So far the Europeans have expressed their support, but it must yield tangible results for our people," Salehi said.

"There's no point for us to abide by all the obligations of the deal (to end its nuclear development program) if we don't get anything back from it."

Salehi is a nuclear physicist himself, with a doctorate from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the U.S. He was actively involved in forming and negotiating the Iran nuclear deal, which Iran has abided by since.

Iran accepted limits on its nuclear

program in return for all the other countries dropping their economic sanctions against Iran. Trump's unilateral decision to withdraw from the deal has thrown years of hard work and hopes into disarray.

Aftenposten reported that Salehi held conversations in Oslo this week with, among others, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg and Foreign Minister Ine Eriksen Soreide, all of whom want the Iran deal to continue.

Asked whether Iran would speak with Trump, who has recently met with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un to rein in its nuclear program, Salehi said, "No, no, no. We have already put lots of effort into the nuclear agreement. There is no reason to go into it all over again."

He also said he thinks Trump is "totalitarian".

"He wants everything for himself and says 'nothing for you,'" Salehi told Aftenposten.

Salehi said there was no definitive timeframe for trying to salvage the Iran deal, but he thinks the new problems need to be resolved in a matter of weeks.

"Time is running out," he said, as Iran faces new sanctions again by the U.S.

Swiss Official Hails Iran's Role in Regional Peace

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Swiss Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Pascale Baeriswyl here on Saturday highlighted Iran's contribution to regional peace and stability.

In a meeting with special aide to Iran's parliament speaker Hussein Amir Abdollahian, the Swiss diplomat said her country is aware of Iran's role in regional peace, praising the country's role in defeating Daesh in Syria and Iraq.

Baeriswyl, however, expressed concerns about the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Yemen, saying Switzerland hopes to find a way to end the crisis with the help of other countries, including Iran.

She also touched on efforts to save the Iran nuclear deal following Washington's withdrawal from the multilateral agreement. He said Switzerland, the European Union and the three European parties to the JCPOA insist on saving the accord.

For his part, Amir Abdollahian reiterated Iran's call for political settlement of the conflicts in Syria and Yemen, saying military interventions by the U.S. and its allies have subverted security and stability in the region. He also condemned a Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen and upbraided the West for remaining silent in the face of gross violations in the impoverished nation.

Border Police Chief Due in Afghanistan After Attack

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The commander of Iran's border police said on Saturday he plans to visit Afghanistan following a recent cross-border attack by armed assailants that left two Iranian guards dead in Sistan and Baluchestan province.

Brigadier General Qassem

Rezaei told reporters here that he will head to Kabul on Tuesday to hold talks with senior security officials of the neighboring country.

He will also discuss cross-border interactions and efforts to implement previous agreements on border control between the

two countries, he added.

During the clashes with armed militants in Zabol, over a metric ton of illicit drugs was seized but two border guards were martyred in the operation, Rezei said.

Iranian military forces deployed along the southeastern

The Holy Qur'an

Like those before you; they were stronger than you in power and more abundant in wealth and children, so they enjoyed their portion; thus have you enjoyed your portion as those before you enjoyed their portion; and you entered into vain discourses in which entered those before you. These are they whose works are null in this world and the hereafter; and these are they who are the losers.

The Holy Qur'an (9.69)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:07
Evening (Maghreb)	20:45
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:03
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:49

Dutch TV Retracts Israel Comment Under Pressure

AMSTERDAM (Dispatches) -- The Netherlands' main public broadcaster retracted claims it published that the occupying regime of Israel threatens Iran with destruction and that land seized by the Zionist regime in 1948 is "occupied."

The NOS broadcaster made the two retractions within the space of two weeks amid protests by Zionists who claimed that the state-funded organization has an institutional anti-Israel bias. A senior NOS spokesperson denied this.

The retraction involving Iran came Tuesday. Dick Jansen, the chief editor of international news at NOS, said the original phrasing was "insensitive."

On June 10, NOS retracted a claim from another article that Palestinians participating in Hamas's so-called March of Return on May 14 hoped to "return to areas that since the establishment of Israel in 1948 are occupied."

The Dutch NIW Jewish weekly accused NOS of being institutionally biased against the occupying regime of Israel.

Jansen, the NOS journalist, rejected the criticism and insisted NOS "really has no anti-Israel agenda." He added that the network is regularly accused of pursuing a pro-Israel agenda.

border areas are frequently attacked by terrorist groups coming from Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Tehran has frequently asked the two neighbors to step up security at the common border to prevent terrorist attacks on Iranian forces.