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Viewpoint

US Hand Visible in Daesh's Latest Terrorist Bomb Blasts in Afghaistan

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The latest terrorist attacks in Afghanistan on Wednesday that resulted in the martyrdom of at least ten people by the Takfiri outfit, has come on the heels of the US Secretary of State's stealth visit to Kabul and the open frustration expressed by his boss Donald Trump on the inability of the American occupation forces to defeat the Taliban.

It is the clear who the real perpetrators are and for what reason they are wantonly shedding the blood of innocent people.

It is easy to blame the Afghan security forces for inability to properly guard the government building in the eastern city Jalalabad where the two explosions occurred yesterday morning – ten days after the Takfiri terrorists had carried out a similar attack in the same city.

On closer scrutiny, however, the real culprit is the US, which is still airlifting to Afghanistan more and more of the defeated Daesh terrorists from Syria and Iraq, and like its deceptive role in the Levant, does not hesitate to breach the security cordon set by the Afghan forces by sneaking in the Takfiri terrorists to carry out such bomb blasts.

Moreover, Mike Pompeo, who is neither a diplomat nor has any sense of intelligence despite his brief one year-stint as head of the notorious US spying network, CIA, was not on an excursion to Afghanistan.

It is obvious to all those with political perception that this Italian-American cannot hide his reputation of a gangster from the days of his mafia-like shady business deals, before joining the administrative apparatus and finally being hired by the current criminal-minded US president to indulge in dirty work around the world under guise of a foreign affairs expert.

With Washington firmly behind them, the dastardly Daesh terrorists have no fear of the Afghan government or its security forces, and will continue to further destabilize the country, unless and until the Afghan officials and the people realize that their chief enemy is the US.

In other words, as long as the American occupation troops stay and US officials allowed to visit Kabul at will, there will be no peace and security in Afghanistan, and such cowardly terrorist attacks will continue to occur.

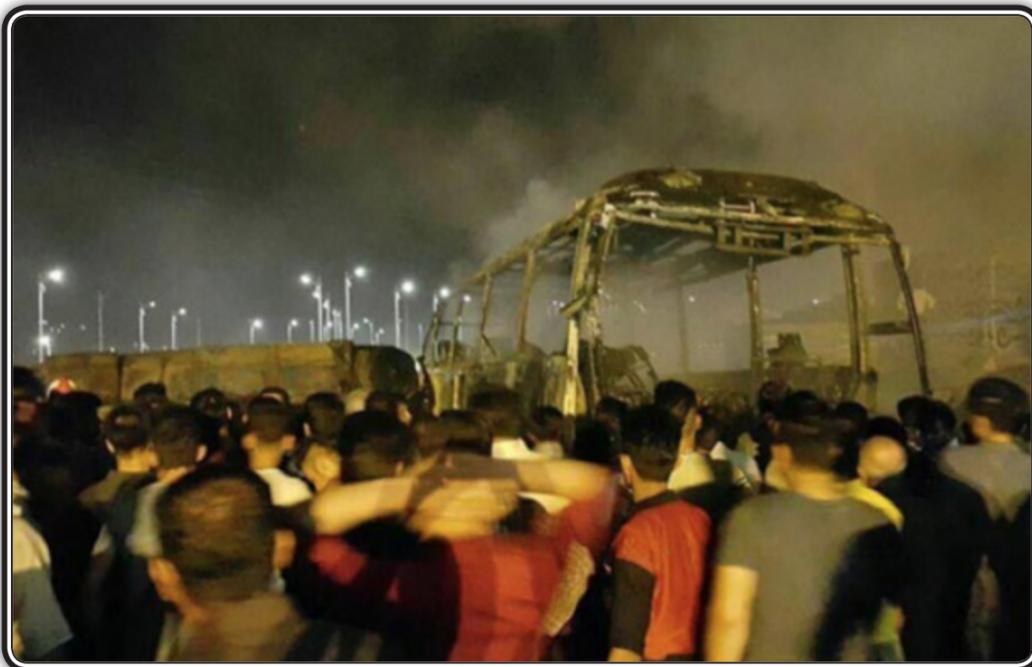
We express our sympathy with the suffering people of Afghanistan and with those still trapped inside the compound of the government building in Jalalabad where the Wednesday terrorist blasts occurred and where relief efforts are underway.

We had said before and we repeat it again that what Afghanistan needs to protect itself from terrorists and terrorism is formation of popular people's militias that should be ready to confront the designs of the American occupation forces as well.

Till then, not just Jalalabad, the capital of the terrorist-infested Nangarhar Province that yesterday witnessed the third major bomb blasts in less than two weeks, but other regions might be exposed to the terrorism of the American-supported Daesh outfit.

Dozens Killed in Road Accident:

Three Days of Mourning in Iran's Kurdistan



Iranians gather at a site where a bus and a fuel tanker collided in Sanandaj, the capital of Iran's Kurdistan province, shortly after midnight on July 11, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – At least 27 people were killed and several injured, after a fuel tanker crashed into a bus in western Iran overnight Tuesday.

Images posted on social media showed the burnt-out passenger bus, with flames lining the highway after the crash.

Iran's Mehr agency reported that the tanker crashed into the bus on a highway near Sanandaj, a city in Iran's Kurdistan province. Both

vehicles burst into flames following the collision, according to highway police.

One of the two bus drivers that survived the crash told Mehr the tanker slammed into his vehicle after it stopped behind a truck in order to pick up passengers. Police say the tanker's brakes failed.

In response to the crash, Iran's Kurdistan province declared three days of public mourning.

According to the United Na-

tions, the number of road accidents in Iran is 20 times the world's average.

While its roads are in generally good shape, Iran has a poor record on traffic safety, with accidents caused by reckless drivers killing thousands of people each year.

On average more than 20,000 people are killed and 800,000 injured every year in accidents on Iran's roads.

Trump Repeats Lies About Iran Speedboats

TEHRAN (IFP) – U.S. President Donald Trump has rehashed its claim that Iranian speedboats have avoided conducting patrols around American vessels in the Persian Gulf during his presidency.

In his new tweet, Trump claimed that Iranian naval forces confronted U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf 22 times in 2015, 36 times in 2016 and 14 times in 2017. He also claimed that the figure reached zero in 2018, during his presidency.

He had already claimed in an interview with Fox News that former U.S. President Barack Obama had been lenient towards Iran, and that the strict approach adopted by the current U.S. administration has made Iran back down.

He claimed that the Iranians who would chant "Death to America" during the Obama administration were not saying that anymore during his presidency.

He also said Iranian boats have not been seen circling around American ships recently, saying they knew that they would be shot out of water if they "harassed" U.S. warships.

The whole story begs the question of whether Trump is seeking to stir up the situation in the Per-

sian Gulf and push out of U.S. borders a domestic crisis caused by his election campaign offences. If he cannot take the crisis to the Korean Peninsula, he might as well take it to the Persian Gulf.

In his tweet, he says he has been able to hold back Iranian naval forces and keep them from approaching American warships in the Persian Gulf. The whole purpose of his tweet was to prove that "Obama was weak."

Now we should wait and see if Trump's power will help build a safer world, or eliminate the current level of peace and security for all people around the world for the years to come, a report by IRNA said.

People of which countries are used to living in peace more than Iranians? With Trump's short-sighted policies all around, what future lies ahead for the better-off societies of the world?

It seems that if the war between oil tankers gets started, Trump's methods of marketing U.S. arms for the sheikhs in the Middle East region will not work anymore, neither will his methods of defrauding rulers of the Arab countries rimming this waterway which is vital in transferring oil. The sheikhs must be at their desks, not in shelters!

Pompeo in Brussels to Press Allies Over Iran

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) – U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has been meeting senior British, French and German officials on the sidelines of a NATO summit here to persuade them to join Washington in pressuring Iran.

Pompeo was meeting with the three countries' political directors on Wednesday or Thursday, trying to assure Paris, London and Berlin of "alternative oil supplies" when new U.S. sanctions kick in against Iran on November 4.

The U.S. has warned third countries against buying Iranian crude as Washington attempts to choke the Islamic Republic's oil revenues.

Speaking to Press TV, author and political scientist Kaveh Afrasiabi played down Pompeo's efforts, saying they will likely fail to produce any result.

"The U.S. ... has isolated itself by unilaterally exiting the JCPOA and the Europeans have made a resolute effort to preserve the JCPOA," he added, referring to the Joint Comprehensive Plan

of Action, the official name of the nuclear agreement.

"The American course of diplomacy and trying to bully the allies into something that they don't want to" are "against their national interest," he said, adding such a policy "is simply uncivilized and a barbarian way of conducting global diplomacy."

Pompeo, he said, was "very slowly to learn the ropes of diplomacy" by considering requests for sanctions waivers from the countries which are Iran's traditional oil customers.

The Holy Qur'an

O you who believe! most surely many of the doctors of law and the monks eat away the property of men falsely, and turn (them) from Allah's way; and (as for) those who hoard up gold and silver and do not spend it in Allah's way, announce to them a painful chastisement.

The Holy Qur'an (9:34)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:10
Evening (Maghreb)	20:43
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:14
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:58

Intel Chiefs of Iran, Russia, China, Pakistan Meet

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – Heads of intelligence services of Russia, Iran, China, and Pakistan have held a meeting in Islamabad to discuss necessary measures against the threat of Daesh terrorists in Afghanistan, chief of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service's press bureau Sergei Ivanov told TASS.

"The discussions focused on the dangers arising from a build-up of the Islamic State on the Afghan territory," Ivanov said.

He said participants agreed on the importance of coordinated steps to prevent the transfer of Daesh terrorists from Syria and Iraq to Afghanistan where they would pose security threats to neighboring countries.

The top security and intelligence officials also stressed the need for more active inclusion of regional powers in efforts to settle the conflict in Afghanistan.

Iranian and Russian officials have said they hold irrefutable evidence that the U.S. is transferring Takfiri terrorists to Afghanistan.

The intelligence officials met days after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made a surprise visit to Afghanistan, where he touted a recent ceasefire as evidence of a possible peace with between the central government and the Taliban.

Iran's police chief Brigadier General Hussein Ashtari said on Wednesday Takfiri terrorists have recently stepped up their activities along the Islamic Republic's borders with the support of certain countries.

Speaking to reporters, Ashtari pointed to recent attacks on Iranian border guards in various parts of the country, saying the activities of anti-revolutionary agents and terrorist groups have risen due to the support they receive from certain countries.

"Of course, our forces are powerfully defending the borders and standing against these attacks and activities," he said.