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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Trump's Diplomatic Misdemeanor Set to Boomerang Badly

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*Donald Trump's diplomatic misdemeanor in both Belgium and Britain has made psychiatrists, astrologers, and genealogists embark on a serious study to find out where the fault lies with the US president – in his mind, in his stars, or in his genes.*

*The way he misbehaved at the NATO summit in Brussels by belittling his own fatherland Germany for alleged kowtowing to Russia, and then in the UK ridiculed the policies of a surprised host, Prime Minister Theresa May, before holing up for the weekend at the Turnberry Golf Course in his motherland Scotland in order to avoid the massive rallies against him that had scared him from setting foot in London, left little doubt that Trump is a megalomaniac.*

*He is a scoundrel as well, as was evident from his feverish tirade at both venues against the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose prudent policies in the region and the international scenes, coupled with its ever-growing capabilities and clout has robbed him of his sleep, and instilled in him the preposterous idea that he can browbeat Tehran into submission through sanctions and attempts to prevent oil exports.*

*He has certainly made a mockery of himself, having failed to understand that he cannot do a damn thing against the might of Iran and the Islamic Revolution.*

*Trump's criminalist comments have already deepened his unpopularity, not just in the US, but throughout the world, especially among the leaders and people of Europe, which used to be a traditional American ally and now is gradually drifting away, since Europeans do not want a foreign leader to meddle in their domestic affairs.*

*Interestingly, neither his paternal grandfather's relatives in Germany have showed any sympathy for him nor has his mother's Scottish clan that still lives in the Outer Hebrides islands, and none have bothered to come to Aberdeen on his private estate to see him.*

*This mentally disturbed guy – or "dotard" to borrow the apt epithet bestowed upon him by North Korea – whose blimp in the shape of a baby emblazoned with Trump's face, was flown by hundreds of thousands of protestors in London and in Aberdeen to denounce his policies, was even outclassed in a tweeter duel with Sadiq Khan the mayor of the British capital.*

*Thus, shunned by all and liked by no one, Trump now heads to Helsinki, the capital of Finland, for a summit with President Vladimir of Russia, a master politician, who will certainly hold his ground on Crimea and Ukraine, without yielding to any outlandish demands regarding Syria, where the illegal American military presence has no chance of survival.*

## Iran's Chief of Staff in Pakistan for Security Talks



Iran's Chief of Staff Major General Muhammad Baqeri, right, receives his Pakistani counterpart General Qamar Javed Bajwa in Tehran in November 2017.

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) – Iranian Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Baqeri arrived here Sunday for an official three-day visit for talks with the country's officials.

The visit takes place on the invitation of his Pakistani counterpart General Qamar Javed Bajwa. General Baqeri will meet Pakistan's civilian and military leadership during the visit, IRNA news agency reported.

Upon arrival at Nur Khan Airbase, General Baqeri was welcomed by high-ranking Pakistani military officials and Iran's Ambassador to Pakistan Mehdi Honardoost.

Bilateral ties, defense cooperation, border management, war against terrorism, regional and international developments would come under discussions during the meetings, it said.

Bajwa visited Tehran last November after 10 Iranian border guards were killed and two others injured in an ambush near the town of Mirjaveh in the southeastern Iranian province of Sistan and Baluchestan, which borders Pakistan.

On Friday, English-language Pakistani daily The Nation reported,

citing defense sources that senior intelligence officials from Iran, Russia, China, and Pakistan had reached an agreement to join efforts against Daesh's presence in Afghanistan.

The officials agreed over integrated efforts for rooting out the outfit from Afghanistan during a meeting in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad. Sergei Ivanov, the chief of the press bureau of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service, had also told Russia's TASS news agency about the meeting on Tuesday.

The quartet also agreed on confronting "all other terrorists groups" in the Central Asian country, the daily said.

The drive, it wrote, was aimed at "ensuring regional peace and to eliminate terrorism from the region".

The meeting also discussed ways to stop the arrival of Daesh Takfiri terrorists from Iraq and Syria in Afghanistan.

The participants further agreed to share intelligence towards fighting terror.

The Russian side cited the Russian intelligence agency as announcing that around 10,000 Daesh terrorists were functioning

actively in nine provinces in Afghanistan.

The Iranian side cited concerns regarding Daesh's growing influence in Afghanistan, according to The Nation.

The group's Afghanistan branch, known as Daesh-Khorasan, was "involved in planning continued suicide attacks especially in Pakistan," the meeting was told.

Most recently, the group claimed responsibility for a bomb attack that killed at least 128 people in an election rally in Pakistan's southwestern province of Baluchistan on Friday.

Daesh began its campaign of bloodshed and destruction in Iraq and Syria in 2014. It seized large swathes of land in lightning strikes, prompting the countries to call for the help of their allies, including the Islamic Republic.

Iran has been lending military advisory assistance to the Iraqi and Syrian armies in the face of the terrorists.

The group was defeated in both countries towards the end of last year. Its remnants, however, are still active.

The group maintains a presence in Afghanistan, most notably in the eastern province of Nangarhar.

### UAE Crackdown on Exchange Houses Not Linked to Iran

ABU DHABI (Dispatches) -- The United Arab Emirates' decision to punish seven currency exchange houses is unrelated to a crackdown on trade with Iran, the UAE central bank said on Sunday.

"The seven exchange houses had their licenses downgraded because they were found to be in violation of central bank regulations, including anti-money laundering regulations, and then failed to regularize their status during a grace period," a central bank statement to Reuters said.

It added that the downgrade, originally announced in June, was not linked to a disclosure by Washington that the United States and the UAE had disrupted a currency exchange network transferring funds to Iran.

Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence at the U.S. Treasury, said on Thursday that the network was dismantled in May. Currency exchanges used the network to transfer cash out of Iran and convert it into U.S. dollars, she said.

### Rouhani Urges Judiciary to Deal With Illegal Car Importers

TEHRAN (IFP) -- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has called on the Judiciary to seriously deal with the recent offences and financial corruption in importing automobiles.

Rouhani made the call after receiving reports from the three ministries of industry, mines and trade, intelligence, and finance and economic affairs as well as

the Inspection Department of the Presidential Office.

The president had given them the necessary instructions to tackle the issue while calling on the Judiciary to do whatever it takes to look into the case immediately and carefully to see the offenders brought to justice and their ill-gotten wealth returned to the public purse.

In a report to Iranian people, Rouhani said evidence suggests that the process of importing cars was beset by corruption.

"Now, thanks to the efforts by executive officials and based on all of the reports presented, we can speak of the possibility of organized corruption through the collaboration of a number of state agents, a computer company and

The Holy Qur'an

O you who believe! What (excuse) have you that when it is said to you: Go forth in Allah's way, you should incline heavily to earth; are you contented with this world's life instead of the hereafter? But the provision of this world's life compared with the hereafter is but little.

The Holy Qur'an (9.38)

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:10
Evening (Maghreb)	20:41
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:18
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:00

### IRGC Kills Three Terrorists Near Iraqi Border

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said it had killed three terrorists in a security operation conducted on Saturday in the west of the country near the border with Iraq.

The "anti-revolutionary terrorists" had planned sabotage attacks after crossing the border into Iran in the Kermanshah area, the IRGC said in a statement carried by the official news agency IRNA.

Armed terrorist groups based in northern Iraq are active in the border areas.

A local volunteer fighting alongside the IRGC was also martyred and a fourth militant was injured, the statement said, adding that weapons, ammunition and equipment had been seized.

Iran's border with Iraq is porous and there is little coordination between the security forces of the two countries.

Last month, the IRGC said they had killed nine terrorists during a security operation in a border area more than 300 km (190 miles) to the north.

In 2017, Daesh terrorists carried out coordinated attacks at the parliament building in Tehran and the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini south of the capital, killing 18 people.

several car-importing firms," said the president.

Rouhani said the relevant authorities received the necessary instructions and the Judiciary was asked to tackle the violations "in line with the president's commitment to the principle of transparency and understanding the necessity that government should start its campaign against corruption."