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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Trump's Trumping in Helsinki Bolsters Iran's Indomitable Stance

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

As we had forecast in our Viewpoint Column of Monday, July 16, US president, Donald Trump, was not just outwitted by his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, at the summit in Helsinki on Tuesday, July 16, but so thoroughly trumped that the whole US, including his Republican party, is calling him a "disgrace for the nation", if not a "traitor".

We had said day-before-yesterday in our column titled "Trump's Diplomatic Misdemeanor Set to Boomerang Badly", following his fiasco in Belgium and Britain: "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."

Even with his supporters trying to distance themselves from him now, we are not sure what sort of trumping Trump will receive at the hands of the Congress or whether he will be impeached as the most idiotic president in US history who meekly surrendered to arch rival Russia.

Whatever the outcome, judging from his sickening rhetoric against Iran during the press conference in Helsinki that made no impression upon Putin, the Don Quixote in the White House is expected to continue the suicidal course he has chosen.

Trump, who was outsmarted last June in Singapore by North Korean Leader, Kim Jong-un, is incapable of understanding that the Islamic Republic of Iran is too resilient a popular system of government to succumb to his economic sanctions or military threats.

He is free to rave and rant to his heart's content while he is still at the helm of affairs in Washington, but he can neither legitimize the existence of the illegal Zionist entity nor force Iran to withdraw its advisors from Syria, or for that matter stop Tehran's principled support for Iraq's Hashd ash-Sha'bi, Palestine's freedom fighters, the popular Ansarallah movement of Yemen, Bahrain's long suppressed majority, Afghanistan's oppressed people, and Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist organization, the Hezbollah – let alone end the Islamic Republic's peaceful nuclear project, aerospace programme, and rapidly expanding missile defense technology.

We, however, expect some real soul-searching at the decision-making centres in the US, in the wake of Trump's dismal performance vis-à-vis Putin in Helsinki where the thug in him appeared like a kitten, coupled with his belittling of the FBI and other American intelligence agencies, whose heads are now furious at his stupidity.

It should be clear to most Americans now that a madman who undermines the credibility of the nation by breaching international accords, bragging about military weapons, selecting hoodlums and commens as administration officials, disturbing the world trade order, betting upon losing horses in West Asia such as the rootless, repressive, unrepresentative reactionary Arab regimes, and calling traditional allies like the EU, "foes", will bring further disaster to the US, if his powers are not slashed.

As for Europe, it is about time it realized that the US and its hegemonic heads do not belong to the Old World, of which Russia, Iran and the other Asian and African countries are integral parts, which warrants peace, harmony, co-existence and uninterrupted economic and trade ties without bowing to trans-Atlantic pressures.

As the wily Putin threw to a surprised Trump the football he had brought to Finland, fresh from hosting the FIFA World Cup, the ball is now in the US court – as its president sheepishly acknowledged, without the least clue on fair play and sporting spirit.

The Islamic Republic is grateful to God Almighty that its foe is a fool – as we recite in one of the supplications in Sahifa-e Sajjadiyyah of Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS), the 4th Infallible Heir of the Almighty Last and Greatest Messenger to all mankind, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

# Iran, Pakistan to Jointly Produce Defense Equipment: Top General



Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain (C) meets with Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri in Islamabad on July 17, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran's top military commander has emphasized the importance of enhancing defense relations with Pakistan, saying the two neighbors are seeking to jointly manufacture defense equipment.

Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri made the remarks following a meeting with Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain in Islamabad on Tuesday.

During the talks, the two sides touched on the commonalities between Iran and Pakistan as well as the almost 1000-kilometer border between the neighbors, stressing that Tehran-Islamabad ties should be further enhanced in different areas.

The Iranian general said that during his visit, he had discussed with Pakistani officials topics

such as military education, pilot training, military drills and contacts between the two countries' defense industries.

Iran and Pakistan, he said, are working to jointly build defense products and present them as a joint achievement of Muslim nations.

Additionally on Tuesday, Baqeri sat down with Chief of Pakistani Naval Staff Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi.

The two officials discussed ways to bolster maritime cooperation between Iran and Pakistan and increase joint naval maneuvers.

Baqeri arrived in Pakistan on Monday for an official visit to the country.

He has already held talks with his Pakistani counterpart, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Committee General Zubair Mahmood Hayat and Foreign Minister Abdullah Hussain Haroon.

And also in Tehran, head of Pakistan Federal Research Organization General Bashir Ahmad Ma'moun, visited Iran's Police Identification Department on Tuesday and expressed his country's desire to expand cooperation with the Iranian police.

He expressed pleasure over the growing trend of relations between the two police forces and added that Iran, Pakistan as two Muslim neighbors have similar problems.

General Ma'moun pointed to Iranian police prowess in establishing security in border areas and said that intelligence and operational cooperation as well as promoting interaction among officers is so important.

## Minister: Daesh Terrorists Arrested in Southwest Iran

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran's Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alawi has announced that the country's security forces managed to detain members of a terrorist team affiliated to the terrorist group of Daesh in southwestern Iran.

One of the members of the terrorist cell, whose brother had been killed as a Daesh terrorist in Syria, intended to form a four-member group to join the Daesh but they were identified and nabbed by the intelligence forces in the southwest of the country, Alawi said in Zanjan province.

The terrorist team had planned to carry out acts of sabotage and terror in some districts, he said, adding that however, their plots were foiled by the intelligence forces.

Earlier this month, eight members of the Daesh

terrorist group convicted of carrying out attacks on the Iranian parliament and the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini in June 2017 were executed.

A court had sentenced the terrorists to death in May for their role in last year's terror attacks in Tehran.

On June 7, 2017, members of terrorist group of Daesh armed with grenades, suicide belts and machine guns launched simultaneous attacks on Iran's parliament building in downtown Tehran and on the mausoleum of the late founder of the Islamic Republic Imam Khomeini.

The attacks left 17 people dead and more than 40 others wounded.

All of the five gunmen directly involved in the attacks were killed by the security forces.

## Quake Hits Northeastern Iran, Damages Houses

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – An earthquake measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale jolted Iran's Sankhast in the northeastern province of North Khorasan on Tuesday, a local official said, adding that there are reports of damages to the district's houses.

According to the Seismological

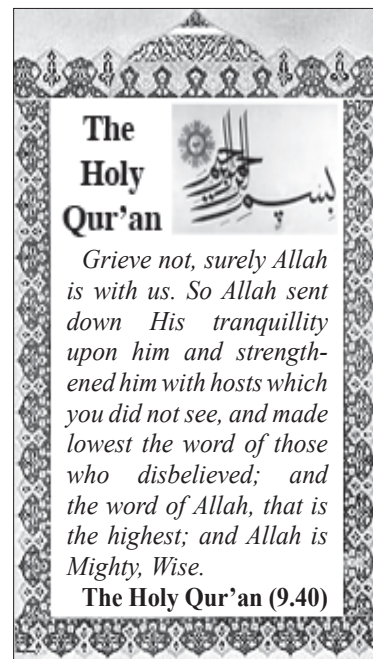
Center of the Institute of Geophysics of Tehran University, the quake occurred 08:28 am (local time) and its epicenter was Sankhast with a depth of 9 kilometers.

Deputy head of the Crisis Management Department of the North Khorasan Province Mohsen La'al Qaderi said initial reports indi-

cate that the temblor has damaged some old houses in the district.

He added that local teams have been dispatched to the quake-hit area to examine the situation more precisely.

Iran is one of the most seismically active countries in the world, being crossed by several major



### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:11
Evening (Maghreb)	20:40
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:20
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:02

## Official Dismisses U.S. Agenda to Zero Iran's Oil Exports

TEHRAN (FNA) - Iranian government spokesman Mohammad Baqer Nobakht on Tuesday played down U.S. President Donald Trump's remarks that sanctions would zero Iran's oil exports as nonsense, adding that Tehran will remain an OPEC supplier exporting crude at specified quota.

"Zeroing Iran's oil exports is an absurd and useless word which had earlier been responded by the Iranian officials. We don't want to see any restriction, but our OPEC ceiling for oil exports," Nobakht told reporters in a press conference in Tehran.

He also said that Iran expects the governments which have signed the 2015 nuclear deal, except the U.S. which has retreated, to help the country supply crude after Washington's re-imposition of sanctions.

Asked by reporters about the recent visit by the Leader's top aide for international affairs Akbar Velayati to Russia, Nobakht said during the trip it became more evident that Moscow is committed to its agreements with Tehran and is eager to make huge investments in Iran's infrastructural projects.

Iran had also on Monday said that Trump's bombastic rhetoric presents a dream which may never come true.

fault lines that cover at least 90% of the country. As a result, earthquakes in Iran occur often and are destructive.

Back in November, the western province of Kermanshah was hit by a major 7.3-magnitude quake that killed 620 people according to the latest toll.