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Viewpoint

Afghan Terrorist Blasts Reveal US, Saudi Involvement

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

To think that Riyadh and Washington are not involved in Friday's coldblooded murder of at least 25 worshippers and the wounding of some 50 others at the Khwaja Hassan Mosque in Afghanistan's eastern city of Gardez by Takfiri terrorists, is not just naivety but the height of self-deception.

Created by the Wahhabis, armed by the Yankees and trained by the Zionists, the head-chopping and raw human liver-chewing terrorists that used to call themselves Daesh or ISIS until decisively defeated in West Asia and airlifted to Afghanistan by the US, are now feasting on more Muslim blood.

Always the cowards – like their Saudi, American and Israeli masters – and lacking the guts for manly combat, these Takfiris terrorists, as part of the elaborate anti-Shi'a plot jointly hatched by Trump the dotard, Bolton the bozo, Pompeo the gangster, Netanyahu the nincompoop and the miscreant MBS (Mohamed bin Salman), are selecting unprotected places to indulge in bloody crimes against humanity.

The American occupation forces in Afghanistan are helping the Takfiri terrorsts infiltrate towns, cities, and even supposedly guarded government buildings, to carry out their dastardly acts of terrorism, which according to UN estimates for the first half of the current year (2018), claimed 1,692 lives and wounded 3,430 others.

Most of the victims are Shi'a Muslims, because the puppeteers mentioned above intensely and openly hate the followers of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt, as is evident by the venom they frequently pour upon the Fatemiyoun Brigades of Afghanistan, Lebanon's legendry anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, the Ansarallah of Yemen, Iraq's popular mobilization units (Hashd ash-Sha'bi), Bahrain's long suppressed majority, and of course, the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The thinking of the thugs in Washington, Riyadh and Tel Aviv, is that since they have militarily failed in Syria, Iraq, and Yemen, and have been despaired of their designs to incite the Iranian people against the dynamic system of Vilayat-e Faqih (Governance of the Supreme Jurist or Popular Religious Rule) despite theatrics, threats, and tweets, their frustration ought to be vent on civilians targets in places like Afghanistan and Yemen's port city of Hodeidah, where Thursday's criminal Saudi bombing of a hospital and the fish market left fifty-five patients and medical staff dead in addition to the wounding of some 130 others.

It is interesting to note that the latest act of terrorism in Afghanistan comes on the heels of the change of guard in neighbouring Pakistan where the elections have swept away the traditional parties and brought to the helm of affairs a fresh face with a new agenda to resolve not just Islamabad-Kabul bilateral ties, but the core issue of terrorism and the unwarranted American presence in the region.

Moreover, Prime Minister-designate Imran Khan has made clear his intentions to improve ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran, including activation of the long dormant gas pipeline project which Pakistan needs to boost its economy.

These and related developments in the South and West Asian regions are horror to the vested interests of the US-Saudi-Zionist trio, and hence an upsurge in the cowardly acts of terrorism.

Friday's killing of worshippers in the mosque in Gardez will not be the last unmanly act of the Takfiri terrorists, unless, of course, the Afghan authorities coordinate views with neighbouring states, especially the tried and trusted security apparatus of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its experience in fighting terrorism by mobilizing the local people.

The Americans will surely not approve it, but isn't Afghanistan supposed to be an independent country!

This means, unless the government in Kabul summons up the courage to tell the US and NATO forces to pack up and leave, it should forget about the progress of the country and eradication of terrorism as well as poppy cultivation.

In the meantime, the oppressed Afghan people have no other choice but to knit ranks to form popular mobilization units capable of foiling the plots of the terrorists, and of course, the occupation forces of the US, the godfather of all terrorists.

Iranians Brace For New U.S. Sanctions



First Vice President Es'haq Jangiri, left, interacts with President Hassan Rouhani during a cabinet session in Tehran on July 1, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranians are hunkering down for the return of U.S. sanctions on Monday, with scattered protests of a few hundred people on Thursday in the cities of Shiraz, Ahvaz, Mashhad and Karaj, which police brought under control.

Citizens are anxious over the collapse of the rial, which has lost nearly two-thirds of its value in six months.

Authorities have acknowledged

that worries are legitimate but the biggest concern of many Iranians is that the protests might be hijacked by malicious groups inside and outside the country and turn violent.

The government's decision to fix the exchange rate in April and arrest unlicensed currency dealers under a shoddily-prepared program backfired spectacularly and triggered a boom in the black market.

Some families are on a panic mode, stocking up on provisions, dollars and gold in order to ride out the storm.

The U.S. walked out of the 2015 nuclear deal in May and is bringing back "maximum pressure" sanctions for most sectors on August 6, and the energy sector on November 4.

Multinational firms that rushed to cash in three years ago -- such as France's energy giant Total and

World Countries Reiterate Solidarity With Iran

SINGAPORE (Dispatches) -- Iran's foreign minister said on Friday China was "pivotal" to salvaging a multilateral nuclear agreement for the Middle Eastern country after the United States pulled out of the pact earlier this year.

U.S. President Donald Trump pulled out of the 2015 deal in May. Sanctions were lifted under the pact between world powers and Tehran in return for curbs on Iran's nuclear program.

Trump has ordered U.S. sanctions on Tehran, while a senior State Department official

said Washington has told allies to cut imports of Iranian oil by November. Iran and other signatories, including China, have been trying to salvage the deal.

"The role of China in the implementation of JCPOA, in achieving JCPOA, and now in sustaining JCPOA, will be pivotal," Muhammad Javad Zarif said, referring to the technical name for the nuclear deal.

He met with other officials on the sidelines of the ministerial meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

(ASEAN), including his Japanese counterpart Taro Kono and discussed bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest.

Zarif also held talks with his Filipino counterpart Alan Peter Cayetano, during

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Tajik Envoy Summoned Over Baseless Accusations

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The Iranian Foreign Ministry has summoned Tajikistan's ambassador to Tehran to protest against Dushanbe officials falsely accusing the Islamic Republic of a terrorist attack in which some foreign cyclists were killed.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said the Tajik ambassador was told how such wrong statements would further encourage and embolden Takfiri terrorists to carry out more violent attacks in the Central Asian nation.

"Efforts to sow the seeds of discord between religious sects and its propagation by certain spheres, individuals and media would only lead to increased tension, insecurity and a rise

in terrorist acts in the country, the result of which can be clearly observed in the recent killing of innocent cyclists," Qasemi said.

The spokesman said Iran also announced its readiness "to transfer its experience and facilities to its regional friends in order to combat the extremist Takfiri movement with the aim of establishing regional peace and stability, and creating a secure environment for increasing people's well-being."

Four cyclists from the United States, Switzerland and the Netherlands were killed on Sunday when a car ploughed into them on a rural road. After the crash, the attackers stabbed their victims, Tajikistan's interior minister said.

The Holy Qur'an

Their apostles come to them with clear arguments, but they thrust their hands into their mouths and said: Surely we deny that with which you are sent, and most surely we are in serious doubt as to that to which you invite us.

The Holy Qur'an (14.9)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:10
Evening (Maghreb)	20:25
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:40
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:15

carmakers Peugeot and Renault -- are already packing up.

But many smaller firms are hunting loopholes and counting on protection from European governments who are determined to keep the nuclear deal alive.

"No one really knows how the sanctions will be. The Trump administration is doing that on purpose to keep everyone feeling threatened," AFP quoted a Western businessman in Tehran working in the oil and gas sector as saying.

He said U.S. threats are making some Europeans more furious than afraid. "I've heard of four German pharmaceutical firms who are looking to come to Iran specifically to piss off the U.S."

The return of sanctions will make things only slightly harder for them, as major international banks were already too scared of U.S. penalties to work with Iran even before Trump tore up the agreement.

"The nuclear deal was good for the oil sector but didn't help the financial and banking sectors," said Farid Dehdilani, international affairs adviser for the Iranian Privatization Organization.

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FM Zarif:

'U.S. Navy Can't Find Way Around Our Waters'

SINGAPORE (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif mocked the U.S. on Friday, saying "U.S. Navy can't seem to find its way around our waters."

"Perhaps because it hasn't figured out its name: Persian Gulf, as it's been called for 2,000 years longer than U.S. has existed. Or maybe it doesn't know what it's doing in our backyard, 7,000 miles from home," Zarif wrote on Twitter.

In a different tweet on Thursday, Zarif said Washington's "addiction to sanctions knows no bounds," noting the "unlawful sanctions" the U.S. imposed against two ministers from Turkey, an allied country, "illustrate not just U.S. administration's policy of pressure and extortion in lieu of statecraft."

In a statement, Captain Bill Urban, the military's Central Command spokesman, said the U.S. was "aware of an increase" in Iranian naval operations in

the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman.

"We are monitoring it closely, and will continue to work with our partners to ensure freedom of navigation and free flow of commerce in international waters," Urban said.

Zarif's remarks came shortly after Urban used the fabricated "Arabian Gulf" during an interview with the CNN to refer to the Persian Gulf.

U.S. officials in recent years have accused both the regular Iranian navy and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of routinely harassing American warships in the Persian Gulf. But so far this year, there have been no such incidents.

In January 2016, Iranian forces briefly captured the crew of two U.S. patrol boats that strayed into Iranian waters. The 10 U.S. sailors were released 24 hours later after American officials apologized for violating Iran's territorial waters.