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Viewpoint

Worsening Human Rights Situation in Bahrain

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The human rights situation is deteriorating by the day in the Persian Gulf island state of Bahrain, where the repressive Aal-e Khalifa minority regime, with the active support of the U.S. and Britain, continues its campaign of cruelty against the long-suppressed majority, including the hapless prisoners locked up for no fault but peaceful protests for restoration of their birthrights.

It is now over a year that proper medical care has been deliberately denied to four elderly jailed activists, that is, Hassan Mshaima, Abdel-Jalil al-Singace, Abdel-Wahab Hussain and Abdel-Jalil al-Miqdad, who are being subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment that puts their lives at risk.

At the same time, minors jailed in the notorious Dry Dock Detention Centre have been deprived of running water and air cooling for days in temperatures that exceed 48 degrees centigrade and which combined with desert heat and high humidity make life unbearable.

The whole world knows how the regime mistreated Bahrain's topmost religious authority and Friday Prayer Leader, Ayatollah Sheikh Issa Qassim, who after a long period of house arrest during which he was denied medical treatment, is now in a critical condition in a London hospital.

As the UN looks the other way, Nabil Rajab, a prominent international human rights activist and president of the Bahrain Centre for Human Rights, is subjected to repeated bouts of imprisonment on absurd charges and was recently slammed with a 5-year sentence.

The regime has no respect for constitutional laws either, as is evident by the jailing on trumped up charges of Sheikh Ali Salman, the leader of al-Wefaq Party that used to have the most number of elected seats in the now dissolved parliament.

Torture in prisons has reached such an extent that even the London-based Amnesty International, which is not known for fairness or impartiality, has been forced to call the four above-mentioned elderly prisoners who are suffering from chronic illness as "prisoners of conscience."

The appalling conditions have made Lynn Maalouf, Middle East Research Director at Amnesty International, admit: "Hassan Mshaima, Abdel-Jalil al-Singace, Abdel-Wahab Hussain and Abdel-Jalil al-Miqdad have been imprisoned solely for taking part in peaceful protests. They should not have been arrested, tried or imprisoned in the first place, let alone continue being subjected to this ill-treatment that is now endangering their lives. They must be released immediately and unconditionally."

The Aal-e Khalifa regime, however, thinks that its survival depends upon trampling the human rights of the Bahrainis by using the most sadistic methods to torture and torment them, fault along with acceleration of efforts to try to change the demography by cancelling the citizenship of entire families, and settling mercenaries from Pakistan, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, and other places

The rulers in Manama know that the tyrant Trump of the U.S., although not a Muslim (and neither a Christian nor a believer in any religion), fully backs the sectarian terrorism of Saudi Arabia and its proxies against any country or group adhering to the teachings of the Ahl al-Bayt or Blessed Household of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and is ready to provide every kind of assistance for anyone trying to decimate all things associated with Shi'a Muslims.

Thus, with the Great Satan firmly on their side, officials of the minority regime have no fear of God, Divine Justice, and the Resurrection Day; and like their devilish master in Washington who is oblivious of his fast approaching terrible fate, they do not want to heed the lessons of history, especially the horrible fate that befell all those attempted to wipe out the Ahl al-Bayt and their dynamic legacy, which to this day is the bane of terrorists and terrorism.

This false sense of security has hardened the criminal conscience of the Aal-e Khalifa regime which is indulging in the most horrendous torment and torture of those imprisoned for the mere protesting the eroding of their birthrights.

The writing on the wall, however, is crystal clear. When Saddam of the Ba'ath minority regime of Baghdad couldn't escape his fate, despite his power, wealth, and weapons, it is mere conjecture on the part of the regime in Bahrain to survive with the backing of the U.S. and Britain.

The end of the Aal-e Khalifa – as well as the Aal-e Saudi – will be terrible indeed, and the people of Bahrain (and of Arabia) will become masters of their own destiny.

President Rouhani Tells FM Ri:

Iran Seeks to Expand Ties With North Korea



President Rouhani, right, receives a member of North Korean delegation headed by the country's Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho, center, in Tehran on Aug. 8, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Wednesday on the second day of his visiting North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-hu met Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on

Wednesday on the second day of his official trip to Tehran.

Rouhani said at the meeting that Iran backs complete peace and

security in the Korean peninsula. He also said Tehran seeks comprehensive expansion of ties in all areas with Pyongyang.

Rouhani talked about the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the nuclear accord and said that America's behavior recently means it is now being recognized by the world as an unreliable and untrustworthy country.

He added that given the current circumstances, countries with friendly relations must stand by each other in the international organizations.

The North Korean foreign minister said his country's strategic policy is widening ties with Iran and confronting unilateralism. He said Tehran and Pyongyang enjoy friendly relations and share common views on various regional and

Parliament Ousts Labor Minister

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian lawmakers on Wednesday voted to sack President Labor Minister Ali Rabiei after months of mounting anger over the government's handling of the economy.

Parliament speaker Ali Larijani said 129 out of 243 lawmakers present voted to oust Rabiei. Critics accused him of mismanagement and blamed him for the country's recent economic problems.

His allies said he is not responsible for the crisis, and were able to fend off an earlier attempt to impeach him in March.

Lawmakers plan to question Rouhani in the coming weeks about the government's response to the economic problems, which have seen the rial plummet to a record low against the dollar and sent unemployment to 12.5 percent.

In late July, President Rouhani's cabinet appointed a new governor for the central bank.

The government also unveiled a new package to regulate the forex market which has seen choppy trading since May when U.S. President Donald Trump announced plans for new sanctions on the Islamic Republic.

MPs Table Motions on Women, Children Rights

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian lawmakers have agreed to debate several motions on the rights of women and children in the Islamic Republic.

Under one of the proposals, the legal age for boys and girls will increase, and children under 13 will be prohibited from being married.

The MPs will put the motion to debate after a week-long parliamentary recess, said MP Fatemeh Zolqadr, a member of parliament's women caucus.

"One of the existing problems is that girls and boys are married at very tender ages," said the lawmaker.

Based on one of the motions, the legal age for marriage will be set at 18 for boys and 16 for girls and getting married below 13 and 15 will be possible under certain conditions, requiring paternal consent and a court ruling, the MP said.

The legislator also blasted those families which force their

children into child marriage.

"Today, a number of children between 9 and 13 are forced by their families into marriage, which result in many problems and we are trying to stop it," she said.

Child marriages, Zolqadr said, usually lead to numerous social maladies where the victims are often deprived of education and suffer many physical and mental abuses.

Another motion proposes military service for girls in educational, health and software capacities but the proposal has drawn opposition from many religious figures.

The MPs have also put forward a motion to ease the requirement for married women needing their husbands' permission to travel abroad.

The bill proposes that married women seeking to attend scientific, sports and cultural events abroad have recourse to courts to override the decision of their spouses.

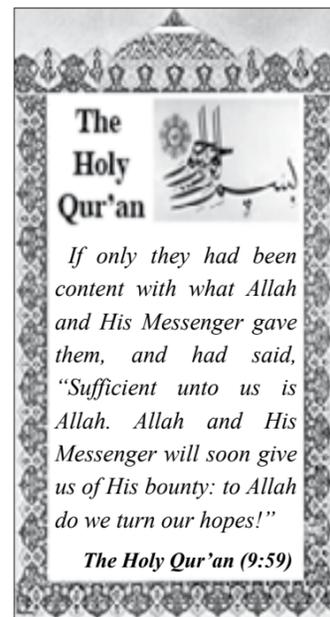
Embassy in London Rejects 'Biased Media Brouhaha'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has flatly denied a report on the British newspaper Evening Standard, claiming that a suspected attempt to fly missile warhead components to Iran via Heathrow had been thwarted by the UK Border Force.

Iran's Embassy in London dismissed report as "biased media brouhaha" in a letter to the paper's editor-in-chief and asked it not to repeat "such fake cliché news any more."

Such reports "are aimed at promoting Iranophobia," the letter read, stating that Iran reserved the right to follow up the issue through relevant channels and use legal means to seek compensation for the damage to its image caused by the false claim.

The paper claimed that at least two 'O rings' — which can be used to form seals in rockets — were detected during an inspection of freight being flown out from the airport.



If only they had been content with what Allah and His Messenger gave them, and had said, "Sufficient unto us is Allah. Allah and His Messenger will soon give us of His bounty: to Allah do we turn our hopes!"

The Holy Qur'an (9:59)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:09
Evening (Maghreb)	20:20
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:45
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:19

international issues.

Ri described the U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear deal with Iran as incorrect and in contradiction to international regulations.

The top diplomat further briefed Rouhani on landmark negotiations held between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump in Singapore in June.

Ri arrived here Tuesday for an official visit at his own request. Earlier he met with Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif for discussions on bilateral, regional and international issues.

The two ministers expressed satisfaction with the quality of Tehran-Pyongyang ties and welcomed further enhancement of relations.

Ri visited Tehran last time at the head of a delegation to take part in President Rouhani's inauguration ceremony.

The North Korean foreign minister arrived in Tehran hours after Washington re-imposed its first tranche of unilateral sanctions on Iran.

"They were supposedly being sent for use in the Iranian oil industry. But Border Force staff halted the shipment after becoming suspicious that the real intention was to use them in missiles," it said.

Earlier this month, the Wall Street Journal reported that certain parties in the West were trying to persuade European countries into suspending their relations with Tehran.

Last month, Belgian authorities said they had arrested an Iranian diplomat along with two people suspected of plotting a bomb attack on a gathering of the terrorist MKO in Paris as President Hassan Rouhani began a visit to Europe.

Iran called the scenario a "sinister false flag ploy," timed to overshadow President Rouhani's visit to Europe.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said it had evidence showing the suspects arrested in Belgium were among MKO members.