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Viewpoint

Trump Isolates the US While Iran's International Influence Grows

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For the past forty years the US administration, instead of understanding realities, has indulged in vain efforts to undermine the Islamic Republic of Iran, but failed in all its intricate plots including the 8-year war that it imposed through Saddam of Baghdad's repressive Ba'ith minority regime in the 1980s.

Enter Donald Trump in the White House and the increase of US animosity against Iran. The present incumbent has turned out to be a totally blind bat.

When he could have learned from the blunders of his predecessors and charted out a fresh course by building upon what his predecessor had belatedly realized by inking the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action) on Iran's right to peaceful use of nuclear energy, Trump miserably blundered.

In his ignorantly arrogant attitude to international affairs, he decided to gang up with two of the worst sightless persons, that is, the racist child-killer Benjamin Netanyahu of the illegal Zionist entity and the mass murderer of the Yemeni people, Mohamed bin Salman (MBS), of the totalitarian Wahhabi minority regime of Riyadh.

Trump then went on to fill his administration with Americans blighted by hatred towards Iran, in a futile bid to browbeat Tehran into submission through threats and theatrics.

Next he blatantly violated US international commitments through his unlawful exit from JCPOA and clamped illegal economic sanctions in the misconstrued belief of isolating the Islamic Republic.

He bragged about rolling back Iran's positive influence in the region and said his acute pressures would soon force the Islamic Republic to shelve its defensive ballistic missile programme.

His tall dreams, however, are turning into horrific nightmares. While the power and prestige of Iran grows, it is the US which is becoming increasingly isolated on the world scene.

The Free World, including Washington's traditional the European Union (EU), has strongly opposed Trump's unilateral move and has decided to continue commercial ties with Iran.

Even Trump's thundering of threats to leading Third World countries, such as India and Turkey, to penalise them in case of buying Iranian crude oil and gas, have fallen on deaf ears.

Turkey has declared its decision to continue natural gas imports from Iran in addition to the normal trade, economic, cultural, political and all other ties; while India has signed a fresh deal for import of Iranian crude with clear intention of carrying out its commitment to the Chabahar project in south-eastern Iran.

It is obvious that Trump is the loser as is evident by the unceremonious exit from the UN of his loud-mouthed anti-Iranian hag, Nikki Haley, coupled with the cowardly murder of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi – a naturalized American citizen – by the blue-eyed boy of Washington MBS.

In the meantime, his so-called deal of the century for Palestine is in shambles with no independent world country willing to tow the US line to shift its embassy to the occupied Islamic city of Bayt al-Moqaddas.

While the American people, press and politicians are calling on Trump to be realistic and react against Riyadh's roguish murder of Khashoggi, the US president is hesitating on the lame excuse his country would be losing the 110 billion dollar weapons order from Saudi Arabia for the massacre of more innocent human beings.

Therefore, who is more isolated on the world scene? The USA of Trump or the Islamic Republic of Iran!

Iran, Iraq Agree to Coordinate Arbaeen Procession



Arbaeen in Iraq draws millions from Iran and other regional countries, with pilgrims trekking the road between Najaf and Karbala.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran and Iraq have signed a major memorandum of understanding on coordinating the Arbaeen procession that would see more than 2.5 million Iranian pilgrims travelling to the Arab country.

Hussein Zolfaqari, director of an Iranian headquarters set up for Arbaeen, said Sunday the document provides for the two countries to jointly manage the event through a series of measures coordinated between them.

He said 29 Iranian organizations and 12 committees in Iraq are making arrangements for the religious event.

Zolfaqari further referred to measures already taken to facilitate the pilgrimage, saying 84 kilometers

of new main roads have been constructed and that the Khosravi border crossing in western Iran has been equipped with 60 new gates.

A new drinking water pipeline has been constructed in Chazzabeh border crossing with the daily capacity of serving 300,000 people, he said, adding that the number of certified pavilions along the procession road to Karbala has reached 1,945.

The pilgrims travelling from Najaf to Karbala on foot can also have Internet access, the official said.

Zolfaqari, however, warned Iranian pilgrims not to visit Iraq without a valid visa, saying illegal crossing would carry a punishment of up to six months in prison.

Arbaeen, one of the largest religious

gatherings in the world, comes 40 days after Ashura, the martyrdom anniversary of the third Shiite Imam.

Each year, a huge crowd of Shia Muslims converge on Karbala, where the holy shrine of Imam Hussein (AS) is located, to perform mourning rites. This year's Arbaeen falls on October 30.

On Saturday, Iranian police chief Brigadier General Hussein Ashtari assured that his forces would provide full security for citizens those traveling to Iraq for the occasion.

Speaking to reporters here, Ashtari touched on necessary arrangements made by the policy, saying all security measures have been taken several months ago.

IRGC: Iran to Counter Foreign Threats 'at Any Level'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Deputy head of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Brigadier General Hussein Salami said on Sunday Iran's armed forces are fully prepared to counter foreign threats "at any level".

"Today, Iran has reached a stage in which it has forced the enemy to retreat from the strategic region," Salami said. "The enemy's regional influence is gone, while

the influence and power of Iran has grown steadily in the region," he added.

The commander said the U.S. is politically isolated and numerous alliances are emerging against it where many former friends of the Americans are confronting Washington today.

"As Leader of the Islamic Revolution (Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei) has said, we will wit-

ness heavier defeats of the arrogant front," Salami said.

The Leader highlighted Iran's regional achievements and the defeat of the hegemonic powers in September, saying the Islamic Republic's powerful resistance has caused U.S. goals in the region to remain abortive.

"The world's political and intelligent analysts are stunned and acknowledge the fact that Iran, by relying on God and counting on national power, has defeated the world powers in the region," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

The Leader cited Syria, Iraq and Lebanon as the examples of the failure of U.S. conspiracies in the region and said they are signs of God's power and the realization of God's promises that if you assist God, God will help you succeed and persist.

MP: EU to Unveil Iran Package Before Nov. 4

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – An Iranian lawmaker said on Sunday a European package of measures to safeguard Iran's benefits from the 2015 nuclear deal would be announced before November 4, when a new round of U.S. sanctions against Tehran comes into force.

Chairman of the parliament's nuclear committee Mojtaba Zolnoor said the Europeans have almost reached a conclusion on their measures to "neutralize" the sanctions, Tasnim news agency reported.

Iran and Europe have made decisions on the matter and the packages have been prepared that will be announced before the new U.S. sanctions kick in, he added.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi made it clear in September that the Europeans should come up with concrete strategies in order to confront the U.S. before November 4 or see the Islamic Republic decide wheth-

er to remain in the 2015 nuclear deal.

Even if not fully in force, at least the framework of the European mechanism for sustained trade with Iran under the fresh round of American sanctions must be defined until November 4 and part of it should be working, Araqchi said.

The European Union said in September that its members would set up a payment system to allow oil companies and businesses to continue trading with Iran in a bid to evade sanctions after the U.S. withdrew from the nuclear agreement between Tehran and world powers.

With the United States and the dollar dominating so much of global trade, the statement said the new mechanism would "facilitate payments related to Iran's exports (including oil) and imports, which will assist and reassure economic operators pursuing legitimate business with Iran."

The Holy Qur'an

This is a sufficient exposition for the people and that they may be warned thereby, and that they may know that He is One God and that those possessed of understanding may mind.

The Holy Qur'an (14.52)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:50
Evening (Maghreb)	17:47
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:47
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:11

South Africa, Iran Discuss Defense Cooperation

PRETORIA (Dispatches) – Military officials of Iran and South Africa have held their second meeting of a commission for defense cooperation.

The meeting, held in South Africa's administrative capital of Pretoria, was co-chaired by General Muhammad Ahadi, director of the Iranian Defense Ministry's international affairs department, and South Africa's deputy defense minister.

The Iranian general highlighted South Africa's place in Iran's foreign policy, saying the two countries can work in close cooperation to address regional and international crises, fight against terrorism, oppose weapons of mass destruction, pursue multilateralism, combat poverty and inequality, and fight against separatism and extremism.

The two sides also explored avenues for expansion of ties in various fields of military training, military medicine, and demining plans.

General Ahadi also held a meeting with South Africa's Minister of Defense and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Nolutshando Mapisa-Nqakula.

In December 2016, Iran's former defense minister, Brigadier General Hussein Dehqan, visited South Africa where he signed a memorandum of understanding to boost military interaction between the two countries.

The MoU entails programs to ensure regional and international peace, stability and security, as well as efforts for decisive fight against terrorism. The document is also aimed at promoting mutual cooperation on maritime security, training courses, and exchange of experience in the battle against organized crimes.

Military Member Arrested Over Ahvaz Terror Attack

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has arrested a member of its military in connection with a gun attack on a military parade in the city of Ahvaz last month which martyred 25 people, Fars News agency reported Sunday.

A terrorist separatist group supported by Saudi Arabia claimed responsibility for the attack. Daesh militants also claimed responsibility. Neither group provided conclusive evidence to back up their claim.

"Eleven people were summoned and one was arrested, all of whom were military, and the case has been sent to Tehran," Gholam-Hussein Mohseni Ejei, spokesman for the judiciary, was cited as saying by Fars. Ejei did not provide any further details.

Separately, Iran's Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi said his ministry had helped to uncover and destroy "300 teams of militants," the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported on Sunday.

Alavi did not give further details on the identities of the militants, nor did he indicate when the cells were uncovered.