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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Will Pakistan Cooperate With Iran in Cleansing Baluchistan of Terrorist Dens?

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

A flurry of diplomatic activities is underway between Tehran and Islamabad for the quick release of the Iranian border guards kidnapped by US-Saudi-backed terrorists near Mirjaveh in the south-eastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan and taken to a hideout across the border in Pakistan.

On Wednesday, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Pakistani counterpart Maqdoom Shah Mahmoud Hussain Qureshi were on the hotline, after the readiness announced by the Islamic Revolution Guards' Corps for a joint military operation with the Pakistani armed forces against the terrorists.

Following the change of guard in Islamabad and the election of Imran Khan as prime minister, this is the first major incident of cross-border terrorism against the Islamic Republic of Iran by terrorists based in Pakistan's Baluchistan and financed by the unholy Riyadh-Washington-Tel Aviv trinity.

The latest incident of terrorism against Iran from across its eastern borders seems to be a clumsy bid by Saudi Arabia, or more properly its de facto ruler, Heir Apparent Mohamed bin Salman (MBS) to distract attention from his gruesome murder of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, Turkey, which is threatening to cause a dangerous diplomatic rift between Riyadh and Ankara, while the US is trying to use all its Machiavellian skills to put the blame on supposedly roguish consular elements, who are likely to be executed, in order to give a clear chit to MBS – for more grotesque crimes elsewhere.

As is evident from the timing of the kidnapping, the nefarious plan of the terrorists and their masters is to force Iran into taking a rash and unilateral cross border military action that would strain the improving trend of Tehran-Islamabad ties.

Though the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran possess the necessary will, the means, and the expertise for the necessary rescue operation to free the 14 Iranian hostages, they are looking forward to the goodwill of their Pakistani counterparts, especially in view of the frequent exchange over the past year of the two countries' diplomatic, cultural, trade, security, military and intelligence delegations, for safeguarding regional stability.

Pakistan also understands that the terrorists and their backers intend to test the resolve of the new government to tackle the sensitive issue, following Prime Minister Imran Khan's recent visit to oil-rich Saudi Arabia which depends on a large Pakistani workforce – his first foreign trip after taking over the government – and his meetings with senile King Salman and the imp MBS.

Pakistani which wisely did not take sides in MBS' disastrous war in Yemen, has now become fully aware that the Rogue in Riyadh may not survive long in power, especially after his killing of Khashoggi, and even if he does, he is likely to cause embarrassment to Islamabad through his blatant backing of anti-Iranian terrorists, since the view from oil-rich Saudi Arabia of poor Pakistan is that of an 'Arab' who doles out dollars to an insubordinate for dictating policies he likes – including the continued delay in implementing the natural gas pipeline project.

It is time Islamabad summoned the courage to shun this image of uneven relations, since all factors indicate that Saudi Arabia, which is not a nation born out of people's will (like Pakistan), nor a geographical region, and neither a culturally cohesive society, but a spurious British creation, may not survive for long.

Iran and Pakistan share the longest friendly border (959 km) in the whole region with no dispute whatsoever, and therefore to avoid these unsavoury incidents by foreign-backed terrorists the government and security forces of the two countries should coordinate views and measures for weeding out all vestiges of terrorism from Baluchistan.

A piece of advice for the terrorists. Don't doubt the determination of Islamic Iran. When your accomplices-in-crimes committed recently in Ahvaz couldn't escape the vengeance of our counter-terrorism units, whether in Deir ez-Zore, Syria or whether in Iraq's Diyala, you are merely living on borrowed time and cannot escape their fate.

IRGC: Border Guards Unconscious When Kidnapped



An Iranian border guard stands watch at a checkpoint near the Pakistani border in southeast Iran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – A group of Iranian border guards kidnapped on the border with Pakistan this week were unconscious at the time, the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards (IRGC) said Wednesday, following reports that they had eaten drugged food.

Fars news agency also quoted Major General Muhammad Ali Jafari as saying that infiltrators had helped with the abduction of at least 10 border guards to Pakistan on Tuesday.

A terrorist group called Jaish al-Adl said on Tuesday it had seized the guards, which included volunteer Basij members, at the Mirjaveh border post in Sistan-Baluchestan province.

Iranian authorities say terrorist groups operate from safe havens in

Pakistan.

Jafari said "enemies" had tried unsuccessfully in the past to occupy Iranian turrets or border posts. "This time they were able to carry out their operation by bringing in an infiltrating force," he said.

"They were sure that as long as the fighters and defenders are alert, they cannot achieve their goal, so they were able to kidnap these individuals by making them unconscious."

Jafari promised the kidnappers a tough response. "This is no masterwork and God willing, they will receive our hard and crushing response," he said.

General Jafari said enemies are investing huge sums of money to foment insecurity inside Iran, but Iranian forces are determined to

counter and foil their plots.

In previous cases of cross-border clashes, Iran threatened to hit terrorist bases in Pakistan unless Islamabad took action.

However, the head of the IRGC's ground forces, Brigadier General Muhammad Pakpour, said on Tuesday that Iran was ready to conduct joint military operations with Pakistan to release the kidnapped personnel.

Iran has said Saudi Arabia is funding terrorist groups on its territory.

In September, the IRGC killed four terrorists at a border crossing with Pakistan, including the second-in-command of Jaish al-Adl.

Jaish al-Adl kidnapped five Iranian border guards in 2014, releasing

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IRGC Kills 'Mastermind' of Ahvaz Terror Attack in Iraq

LONDON (Dispatches) – The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says it has killed the "mastermind" behind an attack on a military parade in the Iranian city of Ahvaz last month that left 25 people martyred.

The IRGC said in a statement that its forces had killed a man named Abu Zaha and four other terrorists in Diyala province in Iraq. One news website run by Iran's state television said Abu Zaha was a member of Daesh.

Both Daesh and a terrorist anti-Iran group have claimed responsibility for the Sept. 22 attack.

On Oct. 1, Iran said it had killed several Daesh leaders in eastern Syria in a missile strike and destroyed the militants' supplies and infrastructure.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has said those responsible for the parade attack were paid by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and that Iran will "severely punish" those behind the violence.

On Tuesday, a senior IRGC commander said Ayatol-

lah Khamenei had been worried about the lives of civilians when the IRGC sought to fire missiles at Daesh positions in Syria.

"The Leader of the Islamic Revolution was worried about possible damage to civilians in Syria's Dayr al-Zawr" when the IRGC was about to launch a retaliatory attack on Daesh positions, IRGC Aerospace Commander Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh said.

"We gave him assurances that we would just hit the positions of Daesh terrorists, and we did it," he said.

The operation, Hajizadeh said, was carried out accurately, and based on the footage captured by our drones flying over the targets in Dayr al-Zawr

"We in Kermanshah simultaneously saw the missiles hitting the targets," he said, adding Iranian drones later returned safely to the country.

According to Hajizadeh, the Leader had repeatedly emphasized that the accuracy of the missiles was the top priority for him.

The IRGC worked hard to maximize the accuracy

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U.S. Senator's Joke of Iranian DNA Result Sparks Outcry

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Sen. Lindsey Graham has joked that it would be "terrible" if he was found to have Iranian heritage.

Graham, appearing on "Fox & Friends," made the remark while commenting on the results of a DNA test released publicly by Sen. Elizabeth Warren on Monday.

Warren revealed the test's results to prove her prior claims of Native American ancestry.

Fox host Steve Doocy suggested the South Carolina Republican return to the show later with his own genetic analysis. "We'll find out who you really are," Fox's

Brian Kilmeade said.

"I'll probably be Iranian. That'd be, like, terrible," Graham responded jokingly.

The Republican senator's remark prompted swift outrage online.

Actress Yara Shahidi called Graham's remarks a "sickening display of racism and bigotry."

"Both of my parents migrated to the U.S. from Iran, along with much of my family. What's wrong with having a Persian ancestry?" CNN host Oliver Darcy said. "This comment from Graham — and the casual way in

which he delivers it and then laughs — is really off-putting."

"How terrible to have ancestors who belonged to one of the greatest civilizations in world history," MSNBC host Joe Scarborough said on Twitter. "Good God, Lindsey. Read a book."

Jamal Abdi, president of the National Iranian American Council, also issued a statement in response to what he called "racist" remarks by made by the senator.

"It is absolutely disgusting for Senator Graham to state on Fox and Friends that it would be 'ter-

The Holy Qur'an

And We did not send any apostle but with the language of his people, so that he might explain to them clearly; then Allah makes whom He pleases err and He guides whom He pleases and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

The Holy Qur'an (14.4)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:50
Evening (Maghreb)	17:44
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:50
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:13

President Rouhani Praises Defense Achievements

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – President Hassan Rouhani has praised Iran's recent achievements in producing a wide range of state-of-the-art military equipment and the country's progress in the defense sector.

In a message, Rouhani expressed his gratitude to Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Hatami and the ministry's military experts over "remarkable" progress made in defense industries.

The message came after 189 lawmakers issued a statement to appreciate headways in the country's defense sector. They said that despite 40 years of sanctions, Iran's defense industry has made remarkable advances and become a role model for overcoming embargoes.

Iranian military experts and technicians have in recent years made great achievements in manufacturing a wide range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient for an assortment of military requirements.

Iranian officials have repeatedly underscored that the country will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, including its missile power, despite outside pressures to curb it.

Back in February 2018, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei called for efforts to maintain and boost Iran's defense capabilities, hitting back at the enemies for targeting the country's missile program.

"Without a moment of hesitation, the country must move to acquire whatever is necessary for defense, even if the whole world is opposed to it," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

rible' to discover that he had Iranian ancestry from a DNA test," he said in the statement. "This is not the first time that Graham has made bigoted remarks about Iranians. In 2015, he said 'I know Iranians are liars' based on his experience in his dad's pool hall." "If you dread the notion of Iranian ancestry and believe all Iranians are liars, you are hopelessly bigoted and unfit to serve in the U.S. Senate where votes affect tens of millions of Iranians and millions more of Iranian ancestry in the diaspora," he continued.