

## Emerging Facts of Khashoggi's Murder Might Shake Thrones and Roll Heads

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After 18 days of lies and denial of facts, Saudi Arabia has finally – following consultations with the US – sheepishly admitted its killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, but as expected made a clumsy attempt to absolve the Heir Apparent of the macabre murder in its Istanbul consulate by laying the blame (for possible execution as scapegoats) on “rogue” interrogators, as immediately trumpeted by Trump, although Turkey, which rejected Riyadh's multi-million dollar bribe to hush up the matter, has yet to announce details of undiplomatic crime on its soil.

The latest preposterous lie from the regime in Riyadh and its blind endorsement by the US president as “credible” not just exposes Mohamed bin Salman (MBS) as a fiendish maniac willing to commit any imaginable crime, but rips the mask of hypocrisy off the face of Donald Trump, whose greed for petro dollars makes him ignore basic human rights as is evident by his refusal to stop the sale of deadly weapons for the killing of more and more Yemeni men, women, and children.

World public opinion, including the American media and many politicians think the dastardly dismemberment of the Washington Post Correspondent with a bone saw could not have been a spontaneous act without the precise orders of MBS and perhaps a green signal from the corridors of power in Washington.

The name of MBS' bosom pal, Jared Kushner, the Jewish son-in-law of Trump, is already in circulation as the person who wanted Khashoggi to be silenced for good, since his writings were laying bare the totalitarian Saudi system that tolerates not even the slightest dissent, and with it the complicity of the presidential clique in the White House in squeezing scores of billions of dollars from Riyadh.

The questions being raised are: Can MBS get away with his latest act of crude terrorism – glimpses of which the world saw in the crimes against humanity of the Saudi-supported takfiri terrorists in Syria and Iraq?

Would Trump and team remain unscathed from the unfolding scandal whose full dimensions are about to unravel for a shocked civilized world?

The answers to these and related questions will hopefully be found once the Turkish government, ignoring pressures from Washington and bribes from Riyadh, safeguards its integrity and independence by disclosing details of the crime on its soil and the names of persons and governments involved, as well as consequences for the perpetrators, so that such acts of state terrorism does not occur at diplomatic missions anywhere in the world.

Jamal's case is of vital importance for Turkey, since he is the grandson of Dr. Mohammad Khaled Khashoggi (actual pronunciation Khashoqchi or Spoon-maker) the Turkish citizen from Kayseri in central Anatolia who settled in Mecca after disintegration of the Ottoman Empire, and served as personal physician to Abdul-Aziz Aal-e Saud, the desert brigand of Najd for whom Britain created Saudi Arabia in 1932 after he had seized the dominions of the Istanbul-backed dynasties of the Aal-e Rashid of Ha'el and the Hashemites of Hijaz.

Ankara would be doing a great service to the peace and stability of the region and the American-disturbed international order if it reveals the facts, no matter the heads of certain troublemakers were to fall.

MBS, whose strings of crimes include the martyrdom of the scholar Sheikh Nimr Baqer an-Nimr, the reducing to rubble of the centuries old historic quarters of the city of Awamiyya, the detention and mysterious killing of rival kinsmen of the Saudi clan, the hijacking of Lebanese prime minister, Sa'd al-Hariri, cannot be allowed to go scot-free this time after having destroyed Yemen and killed so far 20,000 of its people, in addition to displacing hundreds of thousands of others and threatening millions with famine and starvation.

Human conscience is thirsty for realities, not myths or dubious accounts, in view of the fact that Jamal Khashoggi, after all, was neither an innocent figure nor a dissident in the real sense of the word.

It was an open secret that he had ties to the CIA as well as to American arms manufacturers through his late uncle the multi-billionaire Adnan Khashoggi, one of Saudi Arabia's most powerful weapons dealers.

This means his death has deep connections to the CIA, Saudi Intelligence, and the Zionist Mossad, since he represented the shadowy world of collaboration that sometimes exists between journalism and the intelligence agencies.

Indeed, as advisor to Turki bin Faisal Aal-e Saud, the head of Saudi intelligence for 24 years who also served as ambassador to Washington and then London, Jamal, who doubled as a journalist, had become a regime critic and sought asylum in the US only after internal power struggles broke out between Saudi princes.

He was an advocate of the Saudi destruction of Syria and Iraq, and an ardent supporter of MBS' war in Yemen to stop alleged Iranian influence before he fell out and realizing it was impossible for Riyadh to defeat the well-entrenched popular Ansarallah Movement, constantly called for end of war and dialogue – ideas which did not go well with MBS.

In short, justice demands divulging of the plain truth, whether or not MBS survives as Heir Apparent or Trump trumpets threats, theatrics, and tweets at the free world, in a vain bid to cling on to power he certainly does not deserve.

# Iran Urges Swift Action by Pakistan on Kidnapped Guards



Iran's military Chief of Staff Muhammad Hussein Baqheri, center right, and his Pakistani counterpart Qamar Javed Bajwa, center left, chair a security meeting in this file photo.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Chief of staff of the Iranian armed forces on Saturday urged Pakistan to make an effort to release the Iranian border guards who were kidnapped recently and transferred to Pakistan.

“Considering the bilateral agreements between the two countries’ armed forces on ensuring the security of common borders, we expect the Pakistani armed forces to take necessary measures and push for the immediate release of the abducted (Iranian) soldiers and border guards,” Muhammad Hussein Baqheri said in a telephone conversation with his Pakistani counterpart Qamar Javed Bajwa.

Baqheri also urged Pakistan to reinforce the presence of its security forces along the common borders with Iran, to promote security and

stability in those areas, and to prevent acts of terrorism.

For his part, the Pakistani general expressed regret over the abduction of Iranian forces, and expressed hope that Pakistan would soon arrest the kidnapers and free the Iranian abductees.

On Tuesday, 14 Iranian border guards were kidnapped by a terrorist group in Mirjaveh border point in Iran's southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan Province.

The Jaish ul-Adl terrorist group, which is based in Pakistan, has claimed responsibility for the kidnap.

Baqeri called on Pakistan to take “immediate and severe” action to arrest terrorists behind the abduction.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokes-

man Bahram Qasemi said on Tuesday that Pakistan should instantly adopt all necessary measures to help release the abducted Iranian forces.

“The Pakistani government should immediately implement all necessary means and measures to free border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran and arrest the wicked terrorists,” Qasemi added.

In a letter to his Pakistani counterpart Shehryar Khan Afridi on Wednesday, Iran's Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli urged the neighboring country to spare no effort in securing the release of the abductees.

Islamabad, he added, should fully honor its obligations under bilateral security agreements, which require it to prevent attacks targeting Iranian border posts from the Pakistani side.

## ‘Stupid’ Canadian Law Hampering Ties With Iran

OTTAWA (Dispatches) — The real reason the Liberal government hasn't been able to re-establish relations with Iran is due to its adherence to a “stupid” Canadian law allowing the seizure of Iranian assets, says Canada's recently expelled ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Dennis Horak, who was expelled from Saudi Arabia in August after its rulers were incensed by a tweet from Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, offered that blunt assessment as he shed new light on another controversial moment in Canada's Middle East relations.

Six years ago, the previous Conservative government abruptly severed its diplomatic relations with Iran, shuttering its embassy in Tehran and expelling Iranian diplomats from Canada.

The current Liberal government campaigned in 2015 on re-establishing diplomatic relations with Iran but it has been unable to deliver on that foreign policy promise because Iran appears unwilling to re-engage.

Horak, who retired recently, said one obstacle is standing in the way: the passage in 2012 of Canada's Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act, which allows victims of terrorism to sue countries that are listed as

supporters of terrorism.

Among other things, the law paved the way for last year's Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that upheld the seizure of US\$1.7 billion in private Iranian assets by a group of American plaintiffs whose loved ones were killed in terrorist attacks having nothing with Iran.

“It was a stupid law. And it's still a stupid law,” Horak told a meeting of the Canadian International Council in Ottawa this week. “But we're stuck with it.”

Horak, who was the Canadian foreign ministry's director of Middle East relations in 2012, said the three major federal parties supported the law.

Then foreign affairs minister John Baird abruptly announced the Tehran embassy closure in September 2012, saying it was for the safety of Canadian diplomats.

Though he cited the attack on the British embassy in Tehran 10 months earlier that saw an angry mob storm the diplomatic compound, Baird and the Conservative government declined to say whether Canadian diplomats faced any imminent threat.

“Lost in all of the information about the reasons why, (Continued on Page 7)

## IRGC General to Announce New Defense Achievement

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – An Iranian lawmaker said Saturday the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s Aerospace Force is going to announce his forces' success in achieving an advanced military technology within the next few days.

Member of parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, Abolfazl Hasanbeigi, said Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh will make

the announcement while attending a commission meeting on Tuesday.

Hajizadeh will also brief the parliamentarians on the acquisition of an advanced technology that helps the IRGC Aerospace Force carry its missile, air defense and drone missions, the MP added.

In December 2017, General Hajizadeh highlighted the great headways that Iranian experts

have made in the military industries in recent years, saying the IRGC Aerospace Force was at the cutting edge of missile, drone and air defense technologies.

According to Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Hussein Baqeri, Iran has such advanced missile capabilities that enemies would not begin to contemplate attacking the country.

The Holy Qur'an



And certainly We sent Musa with Our communications, saying: Bring forth your people from utter darkness into light and remind them of the days of Allah; most surely there are signs in this for every patient, grateful one.

The Holy Qur'an (14.5)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:49
Evening (Maghreb)	17:40
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	04:52
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	06:16

## South Korea, Iran Plan ‘Comprehensive’ Boosting of Ties

TEHRAN (Press TV) – Iran's new ambassador to Seoul said on Saturday there is a “comprehensive plan” aimed at expansion of bilateral ties with South Korea in face of returning U.S. actions.

The plan would address the expansion of relations in political, economic, commercial, cultural, and parliamentary areas, Saeed Badamchi Shabestari told IRNA.

“The plan will be implemented in line with a timed schedule and would take priorities into consideration,” said Shabestari, who entered the Korean capital last week as the Islamic Republic's new ambassador.

The envoy regretted that the ties had been hit by America's withdrawal in May from a multi-lateral nuclear deal with Iran and its subsequent imposition of sanctions on the Islamic Republic. The first round of the bans was implemented in August and the second round is expected to take effect on November 4 targeting Iran's energy sector, including oil exports.

He, however, said the ties were “friendly and strong” in nature. The fact that the relations had been founded on “reality” would keep the countries determined to deepen the ties in face of America's “hostile and illegal unilateral actions,” he added.

The Iranian and Korean economies complement one another, he said, reminding that the volume of bilateral trade surpassed the \$12-billion benchmark last year. “I consider the mutual interactions and cooperation to be following a very optimistic trend,” the envoy noted.

The two sides have devised several courses of action to galvanize mutual economic and trade relations in face of the U.S. measures which include using the capacities offered by small and medium-sized industries and enterprises.

Seoul, which had stopped Iranian oil imports under U.S. pressure, had been seeking waivers from U.S. sanctions to continue buying Iranian crude, Shabestari said.