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In the Name of the Most High
Viewpoint

Travesty of Justice by Bahraini Regime

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

In what could be called a clear travesty of justice, if not injustice in its most ignominious form, former parliamentarian and the Leader of Bahrain's al-Wefaq Party, Sheikh Ali Salman, while still in prison since 2015 on a 4-year dubious sentence on trumped up charges that were acquitted on 18 June this year, has been handed a life sentence by the kangaroo court of the repressive Aal-e Khalifa minority regime.

The news has shocked the Bahrainis and the free world, but there is ominous silence in the western media.

No western leader, in spite of pretensions to human rights and democracy, has said anything against this gross violation of justice.

Without the least doubt, on the heels of the illegal US sanctions on the Islamic Republic for Iran's adherence to the letter and spirit of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action (JCPOA), and Saudi Arabia's macabre murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, Turkey, which have tarnished Washington's image, the weird verdict against the venerable religious leader of the Bahraini people by another American client regime, has further exposed to the whole world the ugly inhuman face of the Donald Trump Administration.

The White House is run by shameless hoodlums whose only goal is to destabilize West Asia through unelected, unrepresentative, tyrannical, and terrorist minority regimes, which brutalize the people they rule and poke their dirty noses in the affairs of other countries like Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Bahrain, and Yemen.

Bahrainis are groaning for long under the sandals of the Aal-e Khalifa minority regime, yet the intrusive US which claims to respect peace and security, continues to base its unwanted 5th Fleet in that Persian Gulf island state.

Since 2011 Bahrain has seen the worst form of human rights abuses by the ruling regime, including desecration of mosques and hussainiyahs, detention of peaceful protestors, kidnappings, imprisonment, torture, murder, and revoking of citizenship of the sons of the soil who have been living in Bahrain for long centuries, well before the Aal-e Khalifa pirates of the Khor Abdullah waterway between Basra and Iraq seized Bahrain at the turn of the 19th century with British help at a time when Qajarid Iran was at one of its most weakest positions.

Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa Director, Heba Morayef has called for the immediate and unconditional release of Sheikh Ali Salman and the quashing of his politically motivated conviction and sentence.

This Egyptian lady, who is a well-known human rights activist, has rightly said: "Sheikh Ali Salman is a prisoner of conscience who is being held solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression."

She also denounced the international community's silence on the continued crackdown on peaceful protests and the ignoring of Bahrain's human rights record.

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman, Bahram Qassemi, said: "This verdict will leave no room or any doubt in the public opinion and the international community that the Bahraini government does not intend to improve the situation, but it seeks to intensify its crackdown and worsen the conditions."

Sheikh Salman the 52-year-old secretary general of the dissolved al-Wefaq National Islamic Society has been charged with alleged spying for neighbouring Qatar in order to overthrow the Aal-e Khalifa regime.

It is an absurd claim rejected by both the government of Qatar and the people of Bahrain, who, following the brutal crushing of their demands for civil liberties since 2011, have become more committed to the overthrowing of the Aal-e Khalifa regime.

They think that they can do it by themselves without any help for any other country, despite the blind support of the regime by the US and the West, given the intense hatred of the Aal-e Khalifas by the Bahraini people, including the Sunni minority.

Intelligence Minister: Iranian Plot Claims in Denmark 'Zionist Conspiracy'



Police vehicles block the street leading to the Oeresund Bridge near Copenhagen on Sept. 28, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi said on Monday claims that Tehran plotted to kill a terrorist in Denmark was an Israeli conspiracy that sought to harm Tehran's relation with the European Union.

Denmark claimed last week that a police operation there in September stemmed from an Iranian plot to kill a terrorist. It said a suspect in the case, a Norwegian citizen of Iranian descent, has denied wrongdoing and was being held in pre-trial custody until Nov. 8.

The operation was linked to a separatist anti-Iran group that Tehran has blamed for a September attack on a military parade in the city of Ahvaz that killed at least 25 people.

Iran has voiced its readiness for

all-out cooperation with Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to find the truth behind the alleged assassination plot falsely blamed on Iran, Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said on Sunday.

Iran's readiness for cooperation was expressed in a meeting between a senior foreign ministry official and the ambassadors of the three European countries to Tehran, he said.

During the talks, the Iranian official once again dismissed the European allegations leveled against Tehran, describing them as part of the Zionist regime's plot and clumsy scenarios.

"At the meeting, the Iranian foreign minister's assistant and director general of European affairs an-

nounced that Tehran was ready for all-out cooperation, including in security areas and launch of joint fact-finding investigations, with the respective countries," Qassemi said.

The official has also laid emphasis on the responsibility borne by Norway, Sweden, and Denmark to confront terrorism, saying sheltering those who have officially claimed responsibility for the recent terror attack in Iran's Ahvaz is unacceptable.

The official further underlined the need for joint efforts to identify the terrorist elements who have found shelter in Europe, Qassemi said, adding the issue was also raised in phone conversations with foreign ministers of Germany, France, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Condemns Life Sentences for Opposition Leaders

Bahrain Intent on Intensifying Suppression: Iran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has condemned Bahrain over the jailing for life of three senior opposition leaders, saying Manama is seeking to "intensify its suppression" of dissent.

Bahraini Sheikh Ali Salman and two of his aides were sentenced on Sunday for "acts of hostility" against Bahrain and spying for rival Persian Gulf state Qatar.

The ruling against Salman, who headed the now-banned Al-Wefaq movement, has been called a travesty by rights groups.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said the verdict "leaves no doubt for the international community that the government of Bahrain... intends to intensify its suppression."

He called on Bahraini officials to "put aside their police state methods and use real and serious dialogue with the opposition and critics," in a statement published late Sunday.

Qassemi also said Manama should refrain from issuing "inhumane verdicts against its people".

Salman and the two aides had been acquitted by the high criminal court in June, a verdict the public prosecution appealed.

A close ally of the U.S., the UK and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain is due to hold elections on November 24 and the sentences will again raise questions about the west's willingness to put security concerns ahead of human rights in the Persian Gulf.

In Bahrain the U.S. and UK each have military bases, the latter funding, for years, aspects of the country's human rights, prisons and police work.

The Bahrain public prosecutor statement said the court sentenced Salman and Sheikh Hassan Sultan, and Ali Alaswad, members of the Al-Wefaq movement, to life in jail for spying for Qatar.

Iran Backs Afghan Peace Talks as Russia Hosts Taliban

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif said here Monday Iran strongly supports the ongoing peace process in Afghanistan.

Iran believes there is no alternative to national dialogue to restore peace to Afghanistan, Zarif told chairman of the Afghan High Peace Council (HPC) Muhammad Karim Khalili.

Tehran also supports efforts by the Afghan High Peace Council to forge national unity and cohesion and accelerate the peace process in Afghanistan, he added.

Zarif cited terrorism, espe-

cially the presence of Daesh, as the most significant threat to Afghanistan, saying Iran is ready to help fight the menace and facilitate the peace process in its neighbor.

For his part, Khalili elaborated on efforts made by his council to strengthen national unity and foster trust among Afghans.

"We thank the Islamic Republic of Iran for its support to fast-track the peace process in Afghanistan and expect it not to halt this support," he added.

Members of the High Peace Council (HPC), an Afghan body overseeing efforts to start peace

talks, are expected to attend multilateral peace talks in Moscow Friday even though the Afghan government has rejected them.

Senior Taliban officials said on Monday the Afghan Taliban will join the talks hosted by Russia.

Russia invited 12 countries and the Taliban, who are fighting to restore their rule after their 2001 ouster, but the United States and the Afghan government declined.

Officials said representatives from Iran, China, Pakistan,

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The Holy Qur'an



Go ye, then, for four months, backwards and forwards, (as ye will), throughout the land, but know ye that ye cannot frustrate Allah (by your falsehood) but that Allah will cover with shame those who reject Him.

The Holy Qur'an (9:2)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:48
Evening (Maghreb)	17:24
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:05
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:31

Putin's Special Envoy in Tehran:

Russia, Iran Vow to Support Syrian Army, Cleanse Idlib

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran and Russia on Monday pledged to support Syrian armed forces in their fight against foreign-backed terrorists as the Russian president's special envoy for Syria Alexander Lavrentiev visited Tehran.

Iran's Secretary of Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said the common goals of the two countries are to support the Syrian government and help it combat terrorism, preserve Syria's territorial integrity and use political mechanisms to let the Syrians determine the future of their country.

Lavrentiev travelled here on Russian President Vladimir Putin's order to report on the results of a recent summit in Istanbul by the leaders of Russia, Turkey, France and Germany.

Ankara, which supports militants seeking to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad, and Moscow recently brokered a deal to create a demilitarized zone in Syria's Idlib region.

Shamkhani hailed Russia's deployment of the S-300 missile defense system to Syria after the downing of a Russian aircraft during an aerial operation attack on the Arab country by Israeli warplanes.

The Iranian official said the level of cooperation between Iran and Russia shows the Zionist regime's negative role in Syria has not impacted their joint efforts.

Lavrentiev hailed the constructive role which Iran is playing in the political process and peace in Syria.

Russia, he said, is interested in continuing its cooperation with Iran on restoring security and peace to Syria.

The official also said the two countries' priority is to cleanse the rest of Syria, especially Idlib, from terrorists.