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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

The Debacle in Hodeidah

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Defeated, disgraced and disillusioned, despite the death and destruction they wreaked upon civilians for days on end, the dastardly duo of Saudi Arabia and the UAE, in a face saving move to avoid further humility, have declared halt to their aggression on the Yemeni port city of Hodeidah.

They proffer the excuse that they want to give peace a chance to prevail.

Really! Do Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and their accomplices in state terrorism against the people of Yemen, believe in peace?

If they were peace-loving, these totalitarian, foreign-appointed regimes, which do not represent the people they rule in the spurious states created for them by the British colonialists, would never have imposed this devastating war on Yemen or tried to interfere in the affairs of the only country of the Arabian Peninsula with a democratic system of government, which like all republics has its share of internal differences.

If they had any concern for the peace, security, and welfare of the Yemenis (Arab Muslims like them), they would not have sadistically watched with glee the sufferings of the famine and disease-stricken people – the result of indiscriminate bombing of the infrastructure, coupled with the land, sea and air blockade of the country.

If Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and their godfathers, the US and Britain, have any iota of conscience they will admit their their-and-a-half-year blunder and leave Yemen alone to the resolve of its people to peacefully settle whatever differences they have amongst themselves.

The truth of the matter is that the people of Yemen, especially those rallying under the banner of the popular Ansarallah Movement to safeguard the integrity and independence of the country, have proved more than a match for the well-equipped but cowardly aggressors.

It is clear to the whole world that for the past year all attempts to occupy Hodeidah by the superpower-supported Saudis and Emiratis, who largely use some poor and misled sections of the people of Yemen as cannon fodder, rather than risk the life of their own citizens, have ended in defeat and failure.

They are stuck in a quagmire and desperately want to extricate themselves either through the subterfuge of so-called peace talks with the Ansarallah in the hope of hoodwinking at the negotiating table, or to continue to dole out a handful of dollars to some of the tribes of southern Yemen, as well as the takfiri terrorists being nurtured by Riyadh, to be sacrificial goats for them on the warfronts.

Every trick the aggressors have tried, such as the brutal bombing of residential areas, marketplaces, schools, etc., in a bid to break the resolve of the defenders have come to a naught.

That is the reason they are trying to impose a so-called peace on the Yemenis, who fortunately have the intellect to understand that an imposed peace is worse than an imposed war.

So the onus is now on the UN, which, if it is really an impartial world body, should first and foremost stop calling the Ansarallah as 'Houthi rebels' and start referring to the Saudis and Emiratis as aggressors and war criminals.

It should make clear that any peace talks should be between the Yemeni factions, without the presence of any outside parties at such talks, including the Saudis and the Emiratis, who ought to pay war indemnity to the people of Yemen in hundreds of billions of dollars.

They only can the crisis in Yemen will be resolved and the people of that land saved from the famine and diseases.

Moreover, the UN should look into the grievances of the people of Yemen, and force Riyadh to return the provinces of Najran, Asir and Jizan, which Abdul-Aziz had seized from Yemen in 1934 with British help, shortly after he had been gifted with the spurious state called Saudi Arabia.

Anything short of these realities will be nothing but continuation of the stalemate that will eventually end with the end of Saudi Arabia, which neither Britain nor the US can avert.

IRGC Chief General Jafari: Hostile Saudi Moves Will Not Go Unanswered



Chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Muhammad Ali Jafari

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has said the United States is on the verge of collapse and the "total annihilation of this evil power" will come soon.

"The United States is a regime formed on the basis of capitalism, racial discrimination and hegemonism," Major General Muhammad Ali Jafari told an event Qazvin Thursday.

He said Western and American officials have admitted "defeat" in their opposition to Iran, and the "might and dignity" of the U.S. have suffered.

Jafari also said that the U.S. is "much weaker" as a world power than it was four decades ago, when

the Islamic Revolution succeeded in toppling the Western-backed regime in Tehran.

Trump has taken a far more confrontational approach toward Iran after his predecessor Barack Obama tried to improve relations with the Middle Eastern nation.

Jafari also said the Saudi regime's empty talk against Iran will not go unanswered, adding Tehran's response will be "covert but painful". Riyadh's rants are out of Riyadh's anger at the Islamic Republic's gains in the region, he added.

"Iran's numerous successes in the region -- especially in Syria, Iraq and Lebanon -- has thrown Al Saud into intense confusion, and it is seeking to give Iran a response

with such passive moves," said Jafari.

Iran's regional role, he added, irks Riyadh's rulers as it has led to "the awakening of nations in the region" and boosted the resistance movement.

The Islamic Republic's "responses to this regime are not mainly reflected in media or publicized and remain covert and hidden, but they are painful for them."

Jafari also highlighted the peace talks underway on the Syria situation and said "the Syrian government has asked Iran to station units of peacekeepers in Idlib and north-west of Aleppo Province".

Meanwhile, the Iranian Army

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Official: U.S. Sanctions Have Endangered Nuclear Deal

ROME (Dispatches) -- A senior Iranian official says the renewal of U.S. sanctions against the Islamic Republic has "endangered" the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and world countries.

"The new wave of anti-Iran sanctions by the U.S. puts pressure on efforts underway to implement commitments under the agreement," Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said here on Thursday.

"The consequences of the reinstatement of the sanctions on the part of the U.S. are worrisome," he told the Vatican's Foreign Minister Paul Richard Gallagher during a one-day visit to Italy.

The nuclear deal would offer the international community the guarantee that the Islamic Republic would stay committed to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), he said.

Araqchi said Washington's withdrawal could bring about insecurity across the board because it undermines international relations.

The other parties to the agreement, namely Russia, China, the UK, France, and Germany, consider the new sanctions as "a heavy blow" to the NPT, he added.

The U.S., Araqchi said, has reneged on all its commitments under the nuclear deal and damaged its reputation on the international arena.

According to the official, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has verified Iran's commitment to the nuclear deal after 13 rounds of inspections.

Gallagher said the Vatican has supported the nuclear agreement from the outset and considered it a "positive" development within the framework of regional peace, stability, and security.

The Vatican, he said, is officially opposed to the new U.S. sanctions and in step with other European countries to find mechanisms for bypassing them.

Gallagher asked Tehran to remain committed to the deal despite the sanctions.

Separately, Araqchi said the United States has turned its currency into a "weapon" and is using it to challenge the sovereignty of European nations.

"The dollar has become a weapon for the United States to force its illegitimate demands upon its European partners, practically challenging their national

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Iran: UN Rights Resolution, a 'Political Charade'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran on Friday strongly repudiated a UN rights panel resolution which faulted Tehran over its application of death penalty and women rights in the country.

The resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly's Human Rights Committee was approved Thursday with 85-30 votes and 68 abstentions.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said "certain Western countries, the occupying and child-killing Zionist regime, and some reaction-

ary regimes in the region" were behind the motion.

The resolution had been adopted by "the biggest violators of human rights," he said, adding it had "ignored realities inside Iran and were based on a selective, discriminatory, ill-intentioned, and politically-charged approaches".

Such a behavior "will compromise the international community's trust in international mechanisms and their efficacy", Qasemi said as he reiterated Iran's "seriousness in enhancing

human rights and acting on its international commitments" in this regard.

Earlier, Iran's deputy ambassador to the UN Es'haq Al-e Habib condemned the resolution, saying its architects were playing a "political charade".

He said the countries behind the motion have done everything in their power to "suppress or derail" Iranian people's "century-long struggle... for the causes of human rights and democracy".

"Orchestrating a military coup

The Holy Qur'an

But if they violate their oaths after their covenant, and taunt you for your Faith, - fight ye the chiefs of Unfaith: for their oaths are nothing to them: that thus they may be restrained.

The Holy Qur'an (9:12)

PRAYER TIMINGS

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| Noon (Zohr) | 11:49 |
| Evening (Maghreb) | 17:16 |
| Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow" | 05:15 |
| Sunrise "Tomorrow" | 06:42 |

Five Kidnapped Border Guards Freed

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Five of 12 border guards abducted in October by terrorists near the Pakistani border have been released, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Gen. Muhammad Ali Jafari said on Thursday.

The five have been "handed over to the Pakistani government" which confirmed the news and has promised to help free the Iranian guards.

The guards were abducted in a pre-dawn raid near the Loukdan border crossing in Iran's southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan province a month ago. The terrorist group Jaish al-Adl had claimed responsibility for the abduction.

Pakistan said its security forces safely recovered the five Iranian guards.

"With concerted efforts of Pakistani law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and armed forces, five abducted Iranian guards have been safely recovered," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Muhammad Faisal said in a statement in Islamabad.

Faisal said: "They are in good health, being handed over to Iranian authorities." He added efforts were being made "to recover the other guards".

Pakistan briefed Tehran about "active efforts" to locate the abducted guards during two visits by Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif to Islamabad in one month.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi blamed the kidnapping on "our common enemies unhappy with the existing close, friendly relations between Pakistan and Iran".

Jaish al-Adl, formed in 2012, is a successor to the terrorist Jundallah group which has carried out a spate of attacks on Iranians in recent years in Sistan and Baluchestan province.

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