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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Countdown to the End of the Zionist Regime

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The Intefadha, or Uprising, whose 31st anniversary the Palestinians and their supporters marked yesterday on December 9 with wide scale protests in their usurped homeland and in other countries, re-emphasized the fact that armed struggle to end the illegal existence of the Zionist regime is the only solution to their 70-year long plight.

The Intefadha, which has its roots in Islamic values and for the first time saw the vociferous chants of God's Majesty (Allah-o-Akbar) reverberating throughout the usurped land of Palestine, changed the nature of the struggle that was hitherto led by so-called nationalist, secular, and socialist parties, lacking the necessary spirit to sincerely confront Israel and always looking for a chance of compromise with their mortal enemies, even if it meant betrayal of the Palestinian cause.

The Intefadha ended once and for all the theatrical struggle led by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who was time and again deceived by Israel and its godfathers, and was a bolt from the blue for Israel and its accomplices-in-crimes, including certain Arab regimes, conspiring to push into oblivion the chronic question of occupation of Palestine.

Without the least doubt, the Intefadha was inspired by the Islamic Revolution in Iran, whose indomitable spirit the Palestinian Islamic movements, such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which were considered marginal groups, discovered rather late when they came into contact with Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorism movement, the Hezbollah, as a result of the exile of several Palestinian Islamic activists to no man's land near the Lebanese border by the Zionist regime – although the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA) had designated in 1979 the Last Friday of the Fasting Month of Ramadhan as World Qods Day to mobilize Muslims and conscientious people all over the globe for supporting the Palestinian cause.

It was indeed a monumental discovery for the Palestinian Muslims and they have never looked back ever since, going from strength-to-strength by acquiring unthinkable defensive armaments, such as missiles and drones, and blunting on several occasions, albeit through high sacrifices in men and material, the full scale military assaults of the Israeli army.

Starting from the hurling of stones at the Zionists military in 1987, the Palestinians now possess incendiary projectiles, and Insha Allah (God Willing) will soon have more sophisticated means of defence, even in the West Bank, to defeat their mortal enemies and end the illegal existence of the Zionist entity.

It is worth recalling that the Second Intefadha started in Bayt al-Moqaddas on 28 September 2000, following the desecration of the sacred al-Aqsa Mosque by Ariel Sharon the Butcher of over 5,000 Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps of southern Lebanon in 1982.

Though Sharon, exploited criminal sentiments amongst the Zionist to become Prime Minister the next year, but towards the end of his terrorist tenure in January 2006 he was struck by Divine Wrath and after eight agonizing years in the state of coma, he plunged into the fires of hell on 11th January 2014.

This means the Palestinian struggle is a sacred one, which no power can stop. And with the stepping up of the campaign, the day will soon dawn when, as the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, has prophesied, there will be only one single country called Palestine stretching from the River Jordan in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west and from Sinai in the south to the borders of Lebanon in the north.

This is not a delusion as was evident recently by several non-Muslim activists in Europe and the Americas, such as Marc Lamont Hill of the US, who last month in his speech at the UN General Assembly in New York, said in explicit words that the only solution is one single country called Palestine from the River to the Sea.

To recall the prophetic words of the Late Imam Khomeini "the cancerous tumour called Israel should be weeded out from the region."

Iranian Foreign Ministry: U.S. Behind Worst Humanitarian Disaster in Yemen



U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Persian Gulf Affairs Timothy Lenderking speaks at the UAE Security Forum in Abu Dhabi on Dec. 9, 2018.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran hit out at the U.S. on Sunday, saying it is behind the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Yemen by providing arms and financial support to aggressors.

"The United States has caused one of the biggest human catastrophes in Yemen, as admitted by international organizations, through providing financial and political support and giving weapons to the aggressor forces," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said.

His remarks came after Timothy Lenderking, the U.S. deputy assistant

secretary of state for Persian Gulf affairs, claimed that Iran did not appear interested in a long-term peace settlement in Yemen.

Iran has been "keeping the flames (of war) stoked and the Saudis bogged down in the conflict" for years, Lenderking said at the third UAE Security Forum at New York University Abu Dhabi.

His claims came as a Saudi-backed delegation and Houthi representatives met face-to-face for the first time at peace talks in Sweden on Sunday.

Qasemi rejected allegations that Iran had requested to send a delegation to the talks in Stockholm. "Since the beginning of the crisis in Yemen, the Islamic Republic has emphasized the need for Yemeni-Yemeni talks free from any foreign intervention and the ongoing talks in Stockholm are of a Yemeni-Yemeni nature," he said.

The fresh round of talks opened in the Swedish town of Rimbo on Thursday under the auspices of the UN in an effort to find a political solution to the conflict which has raged for years amid Saudi attacks and Western military support for the kingdom.

The negotiations mark the first attempt since 2016 to end the war, which has also left tens of thousands of Yemenis dead since early 2015.

Qasemi said Iran has repeatedly expressed its explicit and full support for the United Nations' mission in Yemen to find an appropriate political

The Holy Qur'an

Know they not that for those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, is the Fire of Hell?— wherein they shall dwell. That is the supreme disgrace.

The Holy Qur'an (9:63)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:57
Evening (Maghreb)	17:11
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:34
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:04

solution as the only way to solve the crisis in the impoverished country.

"Iran's approach comes at a time when the United States has issued the permit for a devastating and inhumane war against the Yemeni people by adopting a partial, destructive and imbalanced policy," he said.

Lenderking said on Sunday the U.S. government wants to continue support for the Saudi war on Yemen despite mounting criticism over the humanitarian crisis in the impoverished country.

Lenderking said Washington's backing for the Saudi war is "necessary" and that its discontinuation "sends a wrong message."

"Obviously there are pressures in our system ... to either withdraw from the conflict or discontinue our support of the coalition, which we are strongly opposed to on the administration side," he told the security forum in the UAE.

Qasemi said Iran hopes the negotiating parties would adopt "independent and peaceful" approaches to put an end to any intervention by foreign parties and terminate the suffering of the oppressed Yemeni nation.

Police Arrest 10 Suspects Over Chabahar Bombing

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian police said Sunday that 10 people had been arrested in connection with a terrorist attack in southeastern Iran that killed two police officers.

Terrorist Ansar al-Furqan has claimed responsibility for Thursday's assault in which an explosives-laden car was driven into a police station in the port city of Chabahar.

The authorities have rejected the claim of responsibility for the attack, relatively rare in Iran, which also injured around 40 people.

Police chief Hussein Ashtari said 10 people had been arrested, according to the Fars news agency, without giving any

details.

Ansar al-Furqan released a photo of the alleged terrorist on Saturday, identified as Abdullah Aziz, according to the Site Intelligence Group, which monitors takfiri activities.

Iran has said the United States, Saudi Arabia and the occupying regime of Israel support terrorist groups to carry out subversive acts against the Islamic Republic.

Ashtari said the bombing plot in Chabahar was foiled in time thanks to the vigilance and courage of police forces, without which the casualties would have been far higher.

He explained that the vehicle exploded before entering the police station.

Navy Plans Military Drills in Indian Ocean

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's navy plans to stage military drills in the Indian Ocean in the coming months, deputy navy commander for coordination Hamzeh Ali Kaviani has said.

The exercises are aimed to "boost Iran's naval performance in international waters and to display the country's military prowess," he said.

The maneuver will be held this winter within the perimeters of Iran's southern territorial

waters and high seas and the navy's submarines and destroyers will take part.

Iran conducts military drills from time to time to enhance the defense capabilities of its armed forces and to test modern military tactics and its equipment.

The Islamic Republic maintains that its military might poses no threat to other countries and that its defense doctrine is merely based on deterrence.

Larijani: U.S. Fomenting Wars to Hamper Asia's Growth

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani says the U.S. has fomented wars and created terrorist groups in Asia to prevent the continent's growth and development.

In an address to the closing of an anti-terrorism conference in Tehran, Larijani said wars and terrorist activities in Asia are being spawned by foreign countries, mostly by the U.S.

"Countries like the U.S. pursue malign goals by waging wars in our region, because the next century belongs to Asia," he said.

Asia has a combination of powers with the potential for growth, Larijani said, pointing to China's rising power, Russia's role in regional stability, and the great capacities and human resources of Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan.

Parliament speakers of the six countries attended the second conference on the challenges of terrorism and inter-regional

connectivity held in Tehran on Saturday. They agreed to hold the third conference in Istanbul in 2019.

Speaking to reporters, Larijani said the participants discussed taking practical steps to fight terrorism.

In their final statement, the six Asian countries emphasized that the fight against terrorism should not be limited only to the elimination of terrorists and terror organizations but should fully address the root causes of the scourge.

Peace and enduring progress, they said, are prerequisites for expansion of relations as well as integrity and convergence among countries as they underline the importance of interaction and dialogue among them.

Earlier on Saturday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani called on all neighboring and regional countries to step up an all-out fight against terrorism and extremism, saying major powers had created and supported terrorist groups.