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Viewpoint

## Power & Precision of Iran's Missile Defence System Aborts U.S. Ambitions

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*As images emerge, albeit slowly, in the U.S. media of the extensive devastation in equipment, armaments, and aircraft, inflicted on the Ain al-Asad airbase in Iraq by Iran's missile barrage last Wednesday as a precursor of the vengeance to come for the unpardonable crime of Donald Trump and his team of terrorists in their cowardly killing of General Qassem Soleimani in Baghdad, the western press is rife with reports of the pinpoint accuracy of the Islamic Republic's projectiles, especially since neither any person was killed at the base nor the much publicized sophisticated air defence system of the Americans could provide any protection.*

*Patriot, THAAD, or whatever the American arms dealers like to call their brands and sell them at exorbitant prices of billions of dollars apiece to the reactionary Arab regimes, while gifting the better ones to the illegal Zionist entity, the myth of their super sensory powers was shattered when some of these highly advanced pieces placed at Ain al-Asad, failed to even detect the incoming Iranian-made missiles.*

*It projected to the regime in Washington and to the whole world the power and precision of Iran's missiles, coupled with the political prudence of the Islamic Republic in hitting where it hurts, rather than causing the unnecessary deaths of hundreds of the poor American soldiers.*

*In the words of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, it was a hard slap on the face of Trump, as an indication of the events to come if the Americans do not end their undesirable presence in the region.*

*It means Iran, Iraq, and the Resistance Front reserve the right of the real retaliation for the innocent blood of Martyr Soleimani, Martyr Abu Mahdi al-Muhanddis of Iraq, and their martyred colleagues.*

*As a matter of fact, the process has already started for closure of all American bases in the entire region stretching from South-Central Asia to West Asia and Africa, with the Iraqi government pressing the U.S. for complete withdrawal and the Iranian government formally declaring Pentagon (the U.S. War Department) and the whole CENTCOM apparatus as terrorists.*

*Iran's defensive power as well as its diplomacy has bewildered Trump and his comrades-in-crimes against humanity.*

*That was the reason Donald the dotard, after threatening to commit war crimes in Iran by targeting 52 sites, including cultural ones (the heritage of humanity), twice cancelled his press conference following the Ain al-Asad strike.*

*When the U.S. president finally appeared before the TV cameras to deliver a confused statement, it was one of apparent retreat from his earlier threat, though mixed with his usual lies. He clearly looked a deranged person, fearful that the next Iranian faster-than-the-speed-of-sound ballistic missile might rattle Washington itself.*

*There was the possibility that one wrong military move against the Islamic Republic would bring the Wrath of God upon American bases and the intruding fleets in the region, shattering once and for all the myth of U.S. invincibility.*

*In addition to billions of dollars of American equipment reduced to debris, any swift Iranian retaliation will definitely cause hundreds of billions of dollars of cancelled weapons contracts, as was the case last year when India cancelled the order for 30 Global Hawks, following Iran's downing of the said sophisticated drone that was on a spying mission over southern Iran.*

*Therefore, in view of these undeniable realities, it is time for saner minds to prevail in Washington for full scale withdrawal of all American troops from the entire region, as it has reportedly begun to close down the al-Hasakah base in Syria, instead of procrastination and refusal to heed the directives from the Iraqi government, since it is better for the Yankees to return home in peace to their loving families, rather than be transported to cemeteries in body bags.*

*Martyr Soleimani might not be physically present in our midst, but his legacy is alive and active against terrorists of all shades, whether state or non-state actors, and this warrants regional states to coordinate policies and live in peace, instead of seeking the unwarranted umbrella of American military protection, which only causes tension, misery, crises, wars and bloodshed, all to the advantage of Israel, the true devilish friend of the Great Satan.*

## Heavy Floods Wreak Havoc in Southeast Iran



People carry their luggage on their shoulders through floodwaters in the village of Hajiabad in Sistan and Baluchestan province, on Jan. 13, 2020.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Heavy floods in southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan and two neighboring provinces have killed one person and wounded several others.

Thousands of people are displaced after severe rainfall and flooding blocked roads and destroyed houses Kerman, Sistan and Baluchestan and Hormozgan provinces.

Morteza Salimi, the head of

Rescue and Relief Organization of Iran, said one person had died and another remained missing.

Flooding has also blocked rural roads link more than 500 villages, officials said.

In about 40 town and villages in Sistan and Baluchestan, authorities rescued at least 1,248 people and provided emergency accommodation for some 327 people.

Flooding has also affected 300 villages in Kerman Province,

where many villages are also covered by heavy snow, according to local official Majid Saeedi.

"Links to the rural areas remain blocked due to the long distance from the main roads and the mountainous areas," he said.

Since the rainfall started on Friday, the province has received more than 100 millimeters of rain, which according to officials, is equivalent to the average annual rainfall in the region.

## PM Qureshi: Pakistan Will Not Join Any War

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said Islamabad will not join any war in the region but will continue to play a vibrant and positive role for establishment of lasting peace.

Qureshi made the remarks late Sunday in a meeting here with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani amid heightened tensions in the Middle East following the U.S. assassination of a top Iranian general earlier this month.

During the meeting, the Pakistan foreign minister said Tehran and Islamabad enjoy "deep historic, religious, cultural brotherhood".

He also appreciated Tehran restraint in the wake of dangerous U.S. provocations and said the region could not afford any more tension or confrontation.

"Pakistan will not join any war in the region; however, it will continue playing a vibrant and positive role for establishment of peace in the region," Qureshi said.

FM Qureshi also thanked Leader of the Islamic Rev-

olution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and President Rouhani for supporting Pakistan and the Kashmiri people.

Rouhani lauded peace building efforts by Pakistan, stressing that Iran did not want to increase tensions in the region. "Relations with Pakistan are very important for Iran and we recognize much the significance of expanding ties between the two countries," he said.

Rouhani said Tehran and Islamabad can deepen their relations and not allow certain terrorists groups threaten the security of the two countries' shared borders.

He said the leaders of the United States and the Israel, along with leaders of terrorist groups around the world such as Daesh, were happy with the assassination of top Iranian commander General Qassem Soleimani.

In a message posted on Twitter early Monday, FM Qureshi said he had held a constructive and positive meeting with the Iranian president.

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## European Leaders Seek to Pressure Iran After 'Slap'

PARIS (Dispatches) -- The leaders of Britain, France and Germany have called in a joint statement on Iran to return to full compliance with their 2015 nuclear deal despite their failures to protect Tehran against U.S. sanctions.

"It is essential that Iran return to full compliance with its commitments under the agreement," French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson said.

The Europeans' call on Iran to fully comply with the nuclear deal stands in contrast to their failure to protect the Islamic Republic from unilateral U.S. sanctions on Tehran after Washington abandoned the accord.

Tehran has particularly been disappointed with the European trio's failure to protect its business interests under the deal after the United States' withdrawal.

After patiently watching for more than a year and seeing

no clear action from the other signatories of the nuclear deal, Iran invoked Articles 26 and 36 of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) to let go of some of the limitations put on its nuclear work.

In their statement Sunday, the European leaders said the Iranian countermeasures "must be reversed".

"We have made clear our regret and concern at the decision by the United States to withdraw from the JCPOA and to reimpose sanctions on Iran," they said, repeating their much-heard refrain in the standoff.

"We remain committed to the JCPOA and to preserving it; we urge Iran to reverse all measures inconsistent with the agreement and return to full compliance," they added.

So far, Tehran has broken free of some limitations of the accord in five stages, the last of which came on January 5. The country has made it clear that it will reverse its measures as soon as Europe finds practical ways

to shield mutual trade from the US sanctions.

While Europe appears reluctant to rock the boat in its relations with Iran, it has dangled the threat of triggering a mechanism that could result in UN sanctions being reimposed on Tehran.

European diplomats have been cited as saying that unless Iran passes a certain threshold, the bloc will not push toward sanctions, but it is unclear what the Europeans' breaking point would be.

In their Sunday statement, they called on Iran "to refrain from further violent action or proliferation", saying they "remain ready to engage with Iran on this agenda in order to preserve the stability of the region".

Such rhetoric is likely to further irritate Iran which is already aggrieved by the Europeans' failure to condemn U.S. assassination of a top Iranian military commander and even enunciation of support for the

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The Holy Qur'an



*On the day when the earth shall be changed into a different earth, and the heavens (as well), and they shall come forth before Allah, the One, the Supreme. And you will see the guilty on that day linked together in chains. Their shirts made of pitch and the fire covering their faces hat Allah may requite each soul (according to) what it has earned; surely Allah is swift in reckoning.*

The Holy Qur'an (14.51)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:13
Evening (Maghreb)	17:32
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:45
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:14

Senior Hezbollah Official:

## Iran's Strikes Ended U.S. Myth of Invincibility

LEBANON (Dispatches) – A senior Hezbollah official said Monday Iran's missile strikes on U.S. military bases in Iraq in retaliation for the assassination of General Qassem Soleimani shattered the United States' myth of invincibility.

"Iran, by bombing the bases, exposed the American arrogance and put an end to the U.S. invincibility myth. It demonstrated that it stands ... prepared for any confrontation," Nabil Qaouk, the deputy head of Hezbollah's executive council, said in a memorial service in Lebanon's southern town of Khiam.

The cleric said the assassination of Gen. Soleimani marks the end of the American presence in Iraq and the region, "so the United States no longer has a future in the region".

The Iranian missile attack on Ain al-Assad air base marks the start of a retaliation, which will not end until the full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and West Asia, he added.

On Sunday, Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said the Iranian missile strikes sent the message that all American targets in West Asia are within the range of Iranian missiles.

"This attack was also a message to the Zionist entity... Let stupid (Zionist PM Benjamin) Netanyahu know the wrong spot he has put his entity in," Nasrallah said.

"Look at the faces of the U.S. leaders... Do they look like victorious faces?" he said.

The Hezbollah chief then slammed mainstream Arab news networks for underreporting the Iranian strikes and the extent of damage.

The U.S. assassination has drawn a wave of condemnation from officials and movements throughout the world, and triggered huge public protests across the region.