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Viewpoint

No End in Sight to Saudi-UAE State Terrorism in Yemen

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

It is rather unfortunate that more and more Yemenis are being killed as a result of the armed invasion of Yemen by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and their military backing for a fugitive from justice, who while living cozily abroad in Riyadh likes to call himself the president of Yemen.

Mansour Hadi is a criminal on whose head rests the blood of the 120 odd mostly Yemeni soldiers killed in Ma'rib a couple of days ago as a result of a missile attack by the defenders of Yemen's independence on a military camp where mercenaries were being trained for terrorist assaults on areas under control of the Sana'a-based legal government of Yemen.

In addition, some 200 other soldiers suffered varying degrees of injuries, while the others fled in different directions never to return. It means almost an entire battalion of would-be terrorists recruited by Saudi Arabia and the UAE has been wiped out.

It is not known whether the dead and the wounded in Ma'rib included any soldiers of fortune from Sudan, or the military personnel of the two aggressor Persian Gulf regimes.

Normally, the Saudis and the Emiratis avoid battlefield presence and prefer the poor Yemenis or African slave-soldiers to do the dirty work of killing and looting for them, because the life and death of these mercenaries are not worth a dime for the oil-rich sheikhs.

It is now five years that the killing fields of Yemen, after having passed the hundred thousandth fatality toll six months ago, continue to claim more victims, as a result of the skillful exploitation by the two invader regimes of the tribal and sectarian differences among the people of Yemen.

With the U.S., Britain, France, and the illegal Zionist entity providing state-of-the-art weapons to the two invading countries as well as political support at international forums, which quite unjustly back the Saudi stooge Hadi and call the Ansarallah defenders of Yemen's independence 'rebels', the bloodletting is expected to continue.

In revenge for the Ma'rib attack, coupled with their own inability to face the Ansarallah on the battlefield, the Saudis as usual are expected to bomb market places, schools, and mosques, while the Emiratis may spur their mercenaries to shell Hodeidah or die while trying to kill fellow Yemenis.

Such criminal actions will leave the defenders of Yemen with no choice but to target troop formations in southern Yemen and to rain down a few more ballistic missiles on industrial and military installations in Saudi Arabia – perhaps similar to last September's precise targeting of Aramco's oil installations in the Abqaiq-al-Khuraiis region.

Ironically, the indirect talks that Riyadh has started with Oman's mediation with the Ansarallah-led government of Yemen, are not for ending the war but are a ruse to stop Yemeni ballistic and drone retaliation on Saudi targets for the regime's acts of state terrorism.

Under the circumstances, peace appears remote, while the Stockholm talks under the UN auspices are part of the plot by agents of the invaders to buy time and lull into inaction their adversary so that more bombs could be dropped on the people of Yemen by aircraft of the heretical Wahhabi cult, which regards fellow Muslims as infidels to be killed.

In view of these undeniable facts, it is time for the people of Yemen, whether the southern Sunni tribes or the northern Zaydi Shi'a tribes, to differentiate between friends and foes.

Neither Riyadh has any respect for the Yemenis, their life, their self-dignity, their welfare, and their future, nor has Abu Dhabi any affection for them, other than to use them as slave-labour in the UAE or as cannon fodder in the unwinnable war against the popular Ansarallah Movement.

The crisis will end only when the people of Yemen put aside their tribal, political, and sectarian differences, to cooperate with each other as Muslims, and start talks with each other, without the involvement of either Saudi Arabia or the UAE. Then only will peace, stability, and democratic rule prevail.

Riyadh, however, will hate to see such a development and in league with Abu Dhabi will play spoil sport, since a strong Yemen with democratic institutions and led by a truly representative government, may inspire the subjugated people of Najran, Hejaz, and the oil-rich Eastern Region to assert their own freedom from the tentacles of the spurious British created fiefdom called Saudi Arabia.

Correction

The finishing words in our Viewpoint of Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 on page 2 must read "the United States of America" and not as printed. The error is regretted. Editor

Gen. Soleimani Continues to Inspire Resistance

FM Zarif:



This photo shows a national conference held in Tehran on Monday Jan. 20, 2020 to commemorate Gen. Soleimani and Iraqi top commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis and their companions martyred in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif said Monday the late commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps' Quds Force continues to inspire anti-U.S. resistance even after his martyrdom in an air raid by terrorist American forces in Iraq, which took place on direct order of U.S. President Donald Trump.

In a meeting here with his visiting Venezuelan counterpart Jorge Arreaza, Zarif said, "Lt. Gen. Qassem Soleimani was a prominent figure of the resistance front, which continues to inspire resistance even after his martyrdom."

He thanked the Venezuelan government and nation for their ex-

pression of sympathy with Iran after the heartbreaking assassination of General Soleimani and the recent downing of a Ukrainian passenger plane near the Iranian capital by mistake.

The top Iranian diplomat said the spontaneous turnout of huge masses of people from countries across the world in ceremonies held to commemorate the commander's martyrdom showed their hatred of the US terrorist move.

Zarif added that huge crowds of Iranian mourners attended the funeral processions of the assassinated commander, calling for a "legitimate" measure to be taken to counter the US bullying.

On January 3, the United States assassinated Lt. Gen. Soleimani, among others, in an air raid on an airport in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Soleimani has earned reputation as the Middle East's most revered anti-terror commander due to his indispensable contribution to defeating terrorist outfits such as Daesh across the region.

The strike also led to the martyrdom of second-in-command of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis along with eight other Iranians and Iraqis.

In retaliation, the IRGC fired volleys

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Iran Rejects Dual Nationals in Plane Tragedy

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran considers so-called dual nationals aboard a Ukrainian plane that was shot down accidentally this month to be Iranian citizens, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Monday.

Iran does not recognize dual nationality. Many of the 176 people killed in the disaster were Iranians, but Canada claims 57 of them also held Canadian citizenship.

"We have informed Canada that Tehran considers dual nationals who were killed in the plane crash as Iranian citizens ... Iran is mourning their deaths," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi told a weekly news conference here.

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko told reporters on Monday that his country would press Iran to hand over the black boxes from the crash at a meeting with a visiting Iranian delegation on Monday.

Ukraine would convey the message to visiting Minister of Roads and Urban Development Muhammad Eslami, that returning the black boxes would show that Iran wanted an unbiased investigation of the crash, Prystaiko said.

"His main task is to apologize and acknowledge what happened. We hope that we can go a little further than just political discussions and discuss practical problems. Among them in particular is the return of the black boxes," Prystaiko said.

Iran had said on Sunday it was trying to analyze the black boxes from the airliner, denying an earlier report it would hand them to Ukraine. All 176 aboard the flight died.

Canada said there were still no firm plans for downloading the recorders. Ottawa and other capitals have called for the black boxes to be sent abroad.

The Iranian military has said it downed Ukraine International Airlines flight 752 in error amid U.S. threats of aggression against the Islamic Republic after Iran's response to Washington's assassination of General Qassem Soleimani.

Ukraine held a ceremony at Kiev's Boryspil airport on Sunday as the bodies of 11 citizens, including nine crew, were returned to Ukraine.

University to Accept PhD Students in Satellite Studies

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Chairman of Iran's Science and Technology University Jabbar Ali Zakeri said on Monday the university will accept PhD students in satellite engineering studies in the new academic year.

"The IUST already has post-graduate students in that major, helping considerable improvement in the capability of Iranian elites and scientists in the area of designing and building satellites," Zakeri said.

He said the university has acquired considerable achievements including the design of the satellites Zafar 1 and 2, which are about to be launched into space.

Chairman of Iran Information Technology Organization Morteza Barai said Zafar 1 will be first launched into space, but if any complications arise, Zafar 2 will be its replacement.

Telecommunications Minister Muhammad Javad Azari Jahromi said on Sunday the two newly constructed satellites have passed pre-launch tests and would be transported to the nation's space center later in the day for eventual launch.

Officials have not said when they will launch the satellites, but Iran often coordinates its launches with national holidays. It will celebrate the 41st anniversary of the Islamic Revolu-

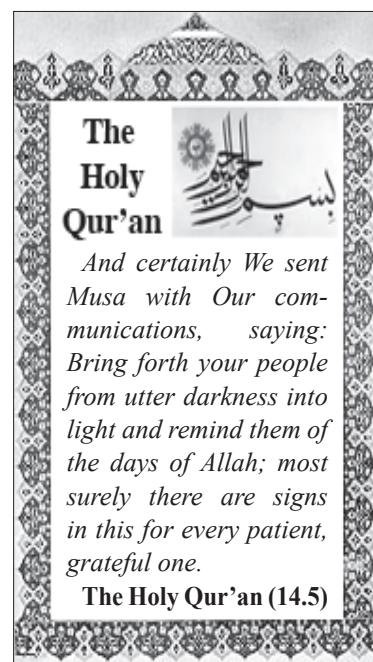
tion next month.

Media reports said the 90-kilogram (200-pound) Zafar satellites each have four high-resolution color cameras and will monitor and transmit data on natural resources as well as agricultural and environmental developments.

The Zafar 1 satellite, which will be placed 500 kilometers above the earth's surface, can orbit the planet 16 times a day, each taking 90 minutes.

Iran has sent several satellites into orbit over the past decade, and in 2013 it launched a monkey into space.

The country launched its first locally-built satellite, Omid



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)	12:15
Evening (Maghreb)	17:39
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:44
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:12

Cyberattack in Plane Downing Ruled Out: MP

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- A senior Iranian lawmaker said on Monday human error was proved to be the cause of the recent Ukrainian plane crash and the possibility of a cyberattack has been ruled out.

The remarks were made by chairman of the National Security Commission of the Iranian parliament, MP Mojtaba Zonnour, who cited the General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces as the source of his claims.

"The defense system had not been given orders to target and shoot, and even if we assume that the defense system and the operator involved were disconnected from the headquarters, the person should have not ... fired at will," Zonnour said.

Even "the disconnection between the operator and the system, and the headquarters has not been proved yet," he added. "So, the incident is accounted for by human error, and it was the operator who committed the error."

Speculations about the disruption of Iran air defense system by a possible cyberattack came up after a Ukrainian airliner was shot down outside Tehran on January 8.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps accepted responsibility for the downing of the flight.

(Hope), in 2009. The country also sent its first bio-capsule containing living creatures into space in February 2010, using Kavoshgar (Explorer)-3 carrier.

In February 2015, Iran placed its domestically-made Fajr (Dawn) satellite into orbit, which is capable of taking and transmitting high-quality photos to stations on Earth.

In January 2019, the Payam (Message) satellite was launched into space with an aim to collect environmental information; however, technical problems that occurred during the final stage of the launch prevented the spacecraft from reaching orbit.