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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Ten-Day Dawn Enters 42nd Year

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Yesterday on the 12th of the Iranian month of Bahman (February 1), the nation marked the start of the Ten-Day-Dawn in remembrance of the memorable return home of their beloved leader, Imam Khomeini (RA), in 1979 from 15 years of exile and the resounding triumph ten days later of the Islamic Revolution that threw into the dustbin of history the British-installed and the U.S.-backed Pahlavi Shah, and along with him over a quarter century of American hegemony over Iran.

Today, as Islamic Iran is all prepared to mark the 41st anniversary of the victory of the grassroots movement and enter into its 42nd year, proud of its astounding achievements in almost all fields ranging from stem cell technology to the nuclear fuel cycle and aerospace to the ballistic defence system in the face of four decades of illegal sanctions and economic terrorism, the U.S. continues to wring its hands in frustration at the impending end of its undue influence in the whole region.

We all remember how millions of Iranians had converged on the streets of Tehran leading to Mehrabad Airport in 1979 to catch a glimpse of the Father of the Islamic Revolution, spreading roses in the path of his motorcade as it moved slowly towards the Behesht-e Cemetery, from where he preferred to address the nation.

The words of the Sage of the Age from the abode of the seemingly dead to the ears of the apparently alive continue to reverberate till this day, transcending the time zone and inspiring the second and third generations of Iranians, whose devotion, coupled with their millions-strong presence whenever circumstances require, are firm proofs of the durability and universality of his thoughts.

He spoke with conviction and succeeded in establishing the uniquely popular religious system of government in Iran which is now a role model for most of the people of the region, as is evident by his portraits the public displays from Africa to Central Asia and throughout the Subcontinent, as well as in the West, to the chagrin of the Great Satan whose forty years of intricate plots have all come to a naught, including the 8-year war imposed through Saddam and the terrorist bid to seize Iraq and Syria.

Even the recent cowardly killing of General Qassem Soleimani by the terrorist Donald Trump has badly boomeranged on the U.S., shattering its myth of military invincibility as the devastated Ain al-Assad base holds testimony, and endearing the martyred commander to all freedom-loving people who gathered in millions not just in the cities of Iran to pay him tribute, but also turned out in hundreds of thousands in neighbouring Iraq, as well as in Pakistan, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon and other countries.

The fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran is the mainstay in the region and beyond, and has exposed hypocrites and terrorists, including the U.S. president, as Godless cowards, is due to the foresight of Imam Khomeini who lived and breathed Islam and left no stone unturned in fostering Shi'ite-Sunni solidarity through the Islamic Unity Week on the Prophet's birthday and mobilizing the Ummah for the cherished goal of liberating Palestine and Islam's first Qibla, Bayt al-Moqaddas, from the yoke of the despicable Zionists.

He predicted the end of communism, and it is no more. He foretold the eventual collapse of capitalism, and it is on its last legs. He prophesied the weeding out of the cancerous tumour called the Zionist entity, and its death throes are evident for all despite the vain bid by Trump and his criminal clique to save tottering Israel through the self-defeatist 'conspiracy of the century'.

Washington is indeed at the end of its wit. It is bewildered. Its threats, theatrics, and tweets to the few traitors to indulge in violence and vandalism, have miserably failed. Even the rubbish films produced by pro-Zionist Hollywood as part of the US-Israeli policy of Iranophobia and Islamophobia, have met with failure.

According to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the multiplicity of U.S. threats show the power of the Islamic system, for; if the Islamic Republic did not enjoy high power and influence, the ill-wishers of the Iranian nation would not embark on futile efforts.

It is the grassroots support of the people that makes the Islamic Revolution indomitable, because a light which has a Divine Source, in accordance with the holy Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and his Infallible Ahl al-Bayt, cannot be extinguished. No wonder, Imam Khomeini had remarked: "Our Revolution was explosion of light."

IRGC on U.S. Cover-Up of Iran's 'Slap':

'Brain Injury' Metaphor for Missile Attack Fatalities



Damage from some of the ballistic missiles fired by Iran is visible at Ain al-Assad air base.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- The spokesman for the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said Saturday Washington's alleged numbers of "brain injuries" in its troops following the Iranian retaliatory missile strike on the Ain al-Assad airbase represent the number of dead troops.

"We conclude that what the United States announces to be related to brain injuries from the attack on Ain al-Assad to be a metaphor for dead U.S. troops," Brigadier General Ramezan Sharif wrote for Iran's Vatan-e-Emrooz daily.

"I believe that the term 'brain trauma', whether mild, moderate or severe, reflects the number of dead, which they hesitate to for-

mally announce," he said.

The spokesman said "brain injuries" is an unusual and vague expression in common military terminology wherein all injured troops, even mild ones, are classified as being "injured".

Sharif noted that his assessment regarding U.S. casualty numbers was based on obtained information regardless of the fact that 11 large missile impacts from the Iranian attack are expected to cause "considerable casualties" among U.S. troops.

On January 8, Iran retaliated to the assassination of General Qassem Soleimani by launching a volley of ballistic missiles at the U.S.-

occupied Ain Al Assad base in Iraq and another outpost in Erbil in the semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan.

Despite initially claiming that the attack resulted in no casualties, the Trump administration has since gradually announced casualties from the Iranian attack, most recently claiming that 64 U.S. troops have suffered from "traumatic brain injuries".

The spokesman said based on common death-to-injury ratios resulting from explosive blasts in military conflicts, the number of injured from such attacks is usually "three to four times" larger than the number of dead.

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Official: U.S. Not Letting Up on 'Maximum Pressure'

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- A decision by the United States to lift sanctions on one of two units of the Chinese tanker company COSCO was not a sign that the Trump administration was letting up on its "maximum pressure" against Iran, a senior U.S. official said on Saturday.

The lifting of sanctions on Friday by the U.S. Treasury Department partially reversed its punishment on the company for transporting Iranian oil after China complained about the measure in trade talks with Washington.

The Treasury said it deleted COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Co from its sanctions list but continues to blacklist a second unit - COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Seaman & Ship Management Co Ltd.

"This administrative de-listing should not be misinterpreted as a change in policy," a senior administration official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"Our maximum pressure campaign continues as before; we will sanction any sanctionable activity."

China is the world's only major importer of Iranian oil despite sanctions President Donald Trump unilaterally reimposed on Tehran's petroleum exports in 2018 after withdrawing the United States from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal between Tehran and six world powers.

The U.S. announced on Thursday that it has opened a banking channel via Switzerland to provide humanitarian aid to Iran.

Cancer and organ transplant patients in Iran were the first to benefit from the new channel, the Treasury Department said.

It wasn't immediately clear how significant the humanitarian channel will be but the move is unlikely to assuage critics, including European allies, who have criticized the Trump administration from quitting the 2015 nuclear accord and ramping up sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program.

Opponents of the U.S. approach have long said the administration's restrictions make it hard to trade even basic items such as food and medicine.

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El Pais Reveals:

MKO Funded Far-Right Spanish Party for Favor

MADRID (Dispatches) -- The Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO), a foreign-backed terrorist group responsible for killing thousands of Iranians, bankrolled the foundation of the Spanish far-right Vox Party and paid salaries to some of its top members, a report says.

The leading Spanish newspaper El Pais reported earlier this week that the party "was created in 2013 with around €1 million" donated between December 2013 and April 2014 by a front-group led by the MKO.

The money was used to fund the party's campaign in the 2014 European Parliament elections along with various other party

expenses such as paying the rent for the party's first headquarters in the capital, Madrid, and buying computer equipment and furniture.

According to the report, the party received its first financial transfer from the MKO on the same day that it was registered as a political party in the Spanish Interior Ministry's records on December 17, 2013.

The party currently has the third largest constituency in the Spanish parliament with 52 lawmakers.

El Pais added that in the month following the group's establishment, two of the party's prominent lawmakers, Ivan Espinosa

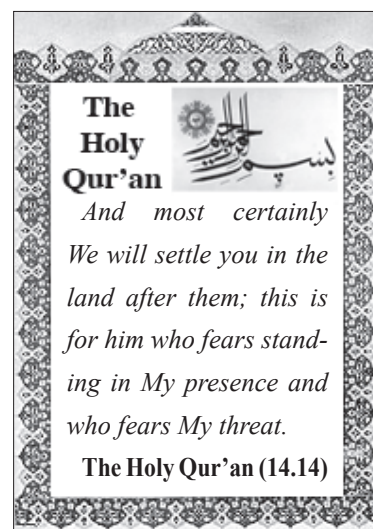
de los Monteros and Santiago Abascal — who currently leads the party — began earning monthly salaries from the MKO for up to eight months.

The two received around €65,000 in total. A third Vox lawmaker, Javier Ortega, turned down the offer for a salary.

The report did not elaborate on whether other party members also received MKO salaries and what possible objectives the MKO pursued in bankrolling the group.

According to the report, Monteros and Abascal were aware of the source of their income.

The money was funneled to



PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	17:51
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:38
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:04

No Injuries as Jetliner Skids Off Runway

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- An Iranian jetliner skidded off a snowy runway in the western city of Kermanshah due to low visibility on Saturday.

Officials said there were no injuries and that the plane overshot the landing strip by only a few meters. The Iran Air flight coming from the capital, Tehran, had not experienced any technical problems, they added.

The official news agency IRNA said one of the plane's wheels slipped six meters due to heavy snowfall when it was in taxiway after landing.

This is the second time in a week that a plane skidded off the runway in Iran.

On Monday, an Iranian passenger airliner carrying some 150 passengers skidded off the runway and into a highway next to the airport in the southern city of Mahshahr, after losing its landing gear in a hard landing.

Iran is still coping with the aftermath of the January accidental downing of a Ukrainian airliner over Tehran. The plane was shot down earlier this month amid heightened tensions with the United States, killing all 176 people aboard.

the group with the mediation of Alejo Vidal-Quadras, the party's original founder and first president.

El Pais noted that Vidal-Quadras, among other Spanish politicians, had been a guest speaker in events organized by the MKO on more than 15 occasions.

The MKO, which was effectively neutralized in Iran more than three decades ago, has been given refuge by certain foreign governments in order to continue its destabilization activities against Iran.

The U.S. government considered the MKO a terrorist group before it removed the group from its terrorism list in 2012.