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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Awakening of Iraq

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These days forty years ago when the people of Iran on the call from exile of the Father of the Islamic Revolution were staging million-strong rallies throughout the country against the British-installed and U.S.-backed Pahlavi regime and calling for end of a quarter century of American-Israeli hegemony, the greatest impact of this grassroots movement was having on the people of neighbouring Iraq.

Imam Khomeini (RA) who after fourteen years in holy Najaf, had recently taken up residence in Paris on a visit visa, had so inspired the ulema of Iraq, especially Ayatollah Seyyed Mohammad Baqer as-Sadr, that the masses living in repression under rule of the Godless Ba'ath minority regime, were saying in hushed tones and in some rare cases, publicly, "al-Youm Iran Ghadan Iraq" (Today Iran tomorrow will be Iraq).

It is another thing that shortly after the victory of the Islamic Revolution in February 1979, Ayatollah Sadr, who had called on the Iraqi Muslims to absorb themselves in the path and teachings of Imam Khomeini in the same manner that the latter had absorbed himself completely in Islam, was imprisoned by the tyrant Saddam and soon brutally martyred on the assumption that the events in Iran will not be repeated in Iraq.

The Americans were also delighted and in September 1980 ordered Saddam to impose the devastating 8-year war on the Islamic Republic, thinking that they were about to kill two birds with one stone – overthrow Imam Khomeini and create bad blood between the Iranian and Iraq Muslim.

Washington failed in its satanic plot, thanks to the Islamic spirit of resistance of the Iranian people, among whose legion of heroes of the holy defence was Qassem Soleimani, and fighting alongside them against the Ba'athist dictator and his U.S. masters were thousands of patriotic Iraqi Muslims like Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis,

In 2003 Saddam, outlived his use, was overthrown by his masters and in 2006 executed, but neither the American occupiers succeeded in endearing themselves to the Iraqis nor did they succeed in checking the age-old influence of Iran on the fellow Muslims of Mesopotamia.

The Great Satan, however, continued to plot against the Iranian and Iraqi Muslims by hiring a few hundred thugs and traitors to indulge in vandalism and shouting of hateful slogans in a vain attempt to undermine the legal governments of the two countries and to create a rift between the two peoples.

When such devilry failed, because of massive assemblies like the annual Arba'een pilgrimage when the fraternal spirit of the Iraqi and Iranian Muslims is at its peak, the harebrained criminal Donald Trump in a cowardly act of terrorism martyred both General Soleimani and General Abu Mahdi.

The result was the eruption of a massive volcano of anger against the Americans on both sides of the border, the latest being the grand million-man march of the Iraqi people in Baghdad, with the unanimous demand of Death to the U.S. and End to the American occupation.

The placards, the posters, the burning of the effigies of Trump and the American flag, gave one the impression that this might be Tehran. It was the Iraqi capital where people calling for liberation of their country, similar to their fraternal and friendly neighbours, the Iranian people, displaying their resolve to kick out the U.S.

Insha Allah, this mass awakening will end once and for all the presence of CENTCOM terrorists in not just Iraq but throughout the region.

Threatens to Assassinate Gen. Qa'ani U.S. Officially Unveils 'State Terrorism' as a Tactic



An Iraqi woman holds a placard during the funeral of Major General Qassem Soleimani and nine others in Baghdad.

WASHINGTON/TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The successor to the Iranian commander assassinated in a terrorist U.S. drone strike would suffer the same fate if he followed a similar path, the U.S. special representative for Iran said, according to Asharq al-Awsat newspaper.

U.S. President Donald Trump ordered the Jan. 3 drone strike in Iraq that martyred General Qassem Soleimani along with Iraq's top anti-terror commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

Iran responded to the assassination of General Soleimani by launching missiles at U.S. targets in Iraq on Jan. 8 which forced American leaders to keep the scale of destruction under a shroud of secrecy.

After Gen. Soleimani's martyrdom, General Esmail Qa'ani was named the new head of the Quds

Force, an elite unit in the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) that handles actions abroad. Qa'ani has pledged to pursue General Soleimani's course.

"If Qa'ani follows the same path of killing Americans then he will meet the same fate," U.S. envoy Brian Hook told the Arabic-language daily Asharq al-Awsat.

Iran said on Thursday the U.S. threat to assassinate the new commander of the Quds Force is in fact an official publicizing of state terrorism.

"The remarks by this State Department official are an official publicizing and blatant unveiling of targeted and state terrorism by the United States," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said.

"Now, after the Zionist regime, the U.S. is the second regime to officially announce that it has em-

ployed the resources of its government and armed forces for terrorist acts and that it will continue them in the future," he added.

Mousavi said Washington's recourse to terrorist acts is a clear sign of "weakness, desperation, and confusion" among the officials of the American regime.

He condemned "impudent remarks and terrorist acts" by U.S. leaders, calling on the international community to also condemn them, "because the continuation of this trend would sooner or later befall everyone."

Russia also chastised the U.S. threat to assassinate the new Quds Force commander, calling it "unacceptable."

"I state once again that such statements are unacceptable for us. Such remarks have been made beyond rights and law, and representatives

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Paper Says Europeans Not Seeking Sanctions

EU Extends Timeline for Iran Dispute Mechanism

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- The EU's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on Friday he had extended the time available to discuss ways to save the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran under a dispute mechanism triggered by France, Germany and Britain.

"There is agreement that more time is needed due to the complexity of the issues involved. The timeline is therefore extended," he said in a statement.

On January 14, Borrell was notified by Paris, London and Berlin that they had triggered the dispute mechanism, in theory starting a 15-day process to resolve issues with Iran. However, in practice it is not clear when the 15-day period should start because Iran has not formally recognized the consultation process, officials have said.

Borrell said the joint commission that regulates the Iran nuclear deal will meet in February but did not

give a date.

The Wall Street Journal on Thursday cited European diplomats as saying that the so-called EU3 will avoid triggering sanctions against Iran and tolerate Tehran's suspension of its 2015 nuclear deal commitments.

The U.S. daily reported that European diplomats don't expect Iran to reverse the suspension of its nuclear deal commitments and that the diplomats "privately say they are prepared to tolerate those steps".

Iran has said it suspended its obligations under the nuclear deal in cases where other signatories of the deal failed to uphold their commitments.

According to the WSJ report, however, European diplomats are preparing to extend discussions for the "foreseeable future" and "well beyond" the dispute mechanism's 60-day deadline.

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FM Zarif's Response to Saudi Arabia's Jubeir:

Normal Countries Don't Operate Abattoirs at Consulates

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Friday turned the tables on Saudi Arabia's hawkish minister of state for foreign affairs Adel al-Jubeir, calling on Tehran to act like a "normal country".

"Normal" countries don't operate abattoirs disguised as consulates," Zarif tweeted.

"Normal" countries don't attack their neighbors, cause a humanitarian crisis, and refuse to talk," he said, taking swipes at Saudi Arabia over its five-year military intervention in Yemen and the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside its diplomatic mission in Istanbul.

"Nonetheless, WE don't set pre-conditions for dialog," Zarif added, responding to Jubeir's delusional remarks that Iran had to change its behavior before Saudi Arabia would be willing to sit down and have a dialogue with the country.

"The Iranians have to show good faith, the Iranians have to change their behavior and their policies," Jubeir told CNBC's Hadley Gamble at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

His comments followed the Iranian foreign minister's announcement that the country is "open to dialogue with its neighbors." Zarif

wrote in Arabic in Twitter Thursday that Iran is ready to participate in "complementary work that is in the interest of the region."

"If they want to be treated as a normal country, they should act as one," Jubeir said in his typical self-conceited tone.

He also accused Iran of attacking ships and oil facilities in the kingdom, referring to 2019 attacks in the Gulf of Oman and Saudi Arabia.

While Yemeni fighters took responsibility for the attack on Saudi oil facilities, Iran characterized attacks on oil tankers as false flag operations which the U.S. used to

The Holy Qur'an

Has not the account reached you of those before you, of the people of Nuh and Ad and Samood, and those after them? None knows them but Allah. Their apostles come to them with clear arguments, but they thrust their hands into their mouths and said: Surely we deny that with which you are sent, and most surely we are in serious doubt as to that to which you invite us.

The Holy Qur'an (14:9)

PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	12:16
Evening (Maghreb)	17:43
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:43
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:10

Defense Minister Gen. Hatami: Iran to Respond to Threats With Sophisticated Arms

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Hatami said Thursday Iran will respond to any threat with high sophisticated defensive weapons.

In an address to a conference here on quality standards of the armed forces, General Hatami said Iran possesses all the components of power and the necessary determination to respond to any act of aggression.

Iran will combat any threat at any level with its high-quality defensive arms, the minister added.

Hatami said Iran's recent missile attack on U.S. military airbases in Iraq, carried out in retaliation for the American assassination of top Iranian commander General Qassem Soleimani, was a public demand.

The U.S. would have become ruder and repeated its criminal acts if the missile attack had not taken place, he added.

"The hard slap in the face by the

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