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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

No Tears for Pharaoh Mubarak

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Egyptians shed no tears yesterday on hearing of the death of Hosni Mubarak who had terrorized them for thirty long years before being forced to leave the presidency in August 2011 due to 18 continuous days of protests by millions of people in Cairo, whom his brutal forces could not disperse despite gunning to death over a thousand of them.

The Egyptians, however, aren't able to celebrate his death with public festivities since there is nothing to rejoice in a country which after a brief 2-year period of freedom that Mubarak's protégés in the military ended in 2013 is again groaning under the jackboots of generals clad in civilian clothes, subservient to the US and over-friendly with the illegal Zionist entity.

Who can dare celebrate the death of a Pharaoh for whom a state funeral has been planned and three-days of mourning declared by those who have imprisoned tens of thousands of Egyptian Muslims and last June poisoned to death in the courtroom the country's only democratically elected president. Mohamed Morsi.

Although so far no senior American official has feigned grief on the death of one of Washington's dearest dictators, the racist child-killer Benjamin Netanyahu has expressed "deep sorrow" and called Mubarak a "personal friend".

Tyrants mourn tyrants, and this is yet another proof of the brutal nature of Hosni Mubarak, who for the overwhelming majority of Egyptians was the symbol of all that was wrong with their country, which during his nearly three-decade rule was rife with political repression, widespread corruption and economic stagnation for everyone, but a few elites.

He kept Egypt backward, while his two sons, Alaa and Jamal prospered, becoming multimillionaires. Among their crimes was illegal profiting from the selling the Al-Watany Bank of Egypt to the National Bank of Kuwait in 2007, for which they were convicted and jailed following their father's downfall, but freed by General Abdel-Fattah as-Sisi's regime in 2015.

Rigged elections were Mubarak's hallmark and for five consecutive terms he got himself elected as president by polling over 95 percent of the total votes cast each time during his reign of terror, when for every 40 Egyptians there was one secret serviceman to watch their activities, in addition to the 450,000 state security forces, and the 850,000 strong army.

The 91-year old Mubarak was lucky to escape alive with a hand injury on 6th October 1981, when his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, whose treason including the signing of the scandalous Camp David Accord with Israwl, was executed in a revolutionary manner during a parade by Khalid al-Islamboli who sprayed the reviewing stand with bullets.

Convicted and sentenced to life in prison in June 2012, Mubarak was acquitted when General as-Sisi took the reins of government through a military coup backed by the US and Israel, and financed by Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

The acquittal stunned Egyptians, and tens of thousands of them had poured into the streets of Cairo to show their anger against the dubious court, but were brutally suppressed.

The Kangaroo courts of Cairo may have absolved Mubarak of treason against Egypt and crimes against Islam, but now the modern day Pharaoh is standing in the Divine Court where his unpardonable sins deserve lasting punishment.

New Coronavirus Cases in Iran to Decline in Coming Weeks: Official



A group of health workers gesture to cameras at a hospital in Tehran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Head of Iran's Civil Defense Organization on Tuesday assured people that the number of new cases of the novel coronavirus in the country will decline in the weeks to come.

Jalali hailed the "national resolve and the coordination at the highest administrative levels" following the outbreak of COVID-19 in Iran, saying the efforts have resulted to "relative containment" of the disease.

It means that the number of new cases in Iran will decrease in the coming weeks and the progression of the infectious disease will enter the period of decline, he added.

The official also denounced the enemies' propaganda campaign against Iran amid the outbreak of the coronavirus, saying the adversaries are attempting to accuse the Iranian health system of falsifying the truth about the number of infected cases and the status of the patients, portray Iran's healthcare organizations as impotent by giving an incorrect comparison between Iran and other countries, overplay the deficiencies, censor the positive and promising reports from inside Iran, and foment fear in the public by spreading false news.

Brigadier General Jalali further stressed that the national efforts to contain coronavirus should not be politicized.

On Monday, the head of the Iranian Judiciary's High Council for Human Rights Ali Baqeri-Kani said countries imposing sanctions on supply of medicine to Iran are "murderers of human beings" and lack qualification to be members of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC).

Baqeri-Kani made the remarks while addressing the 43rd session of the Human

Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, where he described the unilateral sanctions imposed by the United States on Iran as the "most recent grave and systematic violation of human rights."

Emphasizing that "the Iranian nation is the major victim of such a violation," Baqeri-Kani said, "The United States has created an international sanction regime which amounts to a systematic violation of human rights at an international level."

"This new policy in practice has prevented the access to medicine and basic needs by those who are in need," the Iranian rights official said, adding, "Those who impose sanctions on medicine are not only violators of human rights but also murderers of human beings. And those who impose sanctions on life-saving medicine are not eligible to be a member of the Human Rights Council."

Refuting U.S. claims that its anti-Iran sanctions do not cover supply of medicine, the official said, "Although the U.S. claims that basic needs such as pharmaceutical and commodities are not sanctioned, access to the most basic human needs are blocked due to the sanctions imposed on international financial transactions and banking."

Baqeri-Kani slammed U.S. allies and some other countries for following the U.S. sanctions policy against Iran and said, "To preserve their political and economic benefits, many states that may not approve such sanctions, not only have failed to oppose such inhuman treatment, but also supported these policies by succumbing to them."

"These acts are not only the collective punishment of a nation, but also a modern method of violation of human rights,

which should be put high on the agenda of the Human Rights Council," he added.

Iran's Vice Health Minister Iraj Harirchi announces that he has tested positive for the new coronavirus, but expresses certitude that the country will overpower the epidemic over the upcoming weeks.

"I contracted coronavirus, too," Harirchi said in a video that surfaced.

He stated that he had entered "isolation" and started treatment, but said his general health condition was favorable, and that he was currently just experiencing fever and fatigue.

Harirchi also said he was certain that the country would come out victorious in the face of the outbreak "in the next couple of weeks," saying he was giving the assurance "wholeheartedly" as the country had the "effective treatment" at its disposal.

Deputy to Iran's Prosecutor General Saeid Omrani warned that practices like hoarding will not be tolerated during a surge of coronavirus in the country.

Omrani said that the harshest penalties await those hoarding protective gears meant to confront coronavirus like face masks and disinfectants.

"There would be zero tolerance against hoarders and profiteers of these items and judges are supposed to hand down the most severe punishments to these people," said Omrani.

According to Iran's Health Ministry, the number of people who have died from the coronavirus in the country has risen to 15 and the total number of confirmed cases to 95.

At least 24 people infected with COVID-19 have recovered from the disease after being admitted to the hospital.

Iranian Spokesman:

Next JCPOA Session Unrelated to Dispute Mechanism

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Seyed Abbas Mousavi has said a forthcoming session of the JCPOA Joint Commission in Austria will have nothing to do with the nuclear deal's dispute resolution mechanism.

"The meeting that is going to be held on Wednesday, February 26, will be a regular and periodic session of the JCPOA Joint Commission that will be convened at the level of deputy (foreign) ministers and political directors," he explained.

The spokesperson also emphasized that the upcoming session will have no connection with the JCPOA's dispute resolution mechanism, and will be only a regu-

lar meeting of the Joint Commission that is held quarterly.

In May 2018, U.S. President Donald Trump pulled his country out of the JCPOA.

Iran and the remaining parties launched talks to save the JCPOA after the U.S. withdrawal, but the three EU parties to the deal have failed to ensure Iran's economic interests.

The EU's inaction forced Tehran to stop honoring certain commitments to the nuclear deal.

Iran maintains that the new measures are not designed to harm the JCPOA but to save the accord by creating a balance in the commitments.

Turkish, Iranian FMs Discuss Regional Developments

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Turkish counterpart Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu in a telephone conversation have discussed expansion of mutual cooperation and the latest regional developments.

During the phone talk, Zarif and Çavuşoğlu explored avenues for bolstering and reinvigorating bilateral relations.

The two sides also reviewed the latest regional developments in their phone conversation.

The Iranian and Turkish for-

eign ministers also discussed the recent developments related to the coronavirus epidemic in Iran and the earthquake which occurred at the border of two countries on Sunday.

At least 9 people were killed and 37 others injured on Sun-

The Holy Qur'an

O ye who believe! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong.

The Holy Qur'an (9:23)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:17
Evening (Maghreb)	18:14
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:16
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:39

Navy Flotilla Berths at Indonesia's Jakarta Port

TEHRAN (Press TV) - The Iranian Navy's 66th flotilla of warships has docked at Jakarta port in Indonesia as part of the Islamic Republic's policy of expanding its naval presence in high seas.

The commander of the flotilla, Captain Ehsan Nasiri, said on Tuesday that the combat and training fleet berthed in Jakarta after 25 days of sailing and raising the flag of the Islamic Republic in international waters in order to show the country's power of diplomacy.

He added that the fleet is scheduled to stay in Jakarta for three days and the naval forces onboard plan to meet with senior military commanders of Indonesia.

They would also participate in some sports competitions with the Indonesian Navy's personnel, the captain said.

Iranian ambassador to Jakarta, military attaché and cultural advisor as well as senior Indonesian military officials attended a ceremony to welcome the flotilla.

The 66th Iranian naval fleet, comprising of Kharg helicopter carrier and Bayandor destroyer, set sail for the trip in January from the southern Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas on the Persian Gulf.

day in Eastern Turkey when an earthquake hit the border region with Iran, authorities said. Tremors from a 5.7-magnitude quake centered in Khoy County in West Azarbaijan Province were also felt in Turkey's Van province.