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### In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

## War or Talks, Both Out of Question

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*In a prudent move that should speak volumes of Islamic diplomacy the Leader of the Islamic Revolution deftly defanged Donald the Dotard, giving the ignorantly arrogant US president a sampling of the decisive defeat that awaits him if he does not desist from his quixotic approach towards Iran.*

*Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, in his after-Iftar speech on Tuesday to a large gathering of civilian and military officials, coolly and rationally analyzed the current situation, and brushing aside Washington's tantrums, theatrics, threats, and terroristic tweets of military build-up to try to trap Iran in renegotiating the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) from which the US unilaterally and illegally withdrew, not only ruled out the prospect of any war but termed talks with the American regime as "highly poisonous".*

*Now, it is useless for rogues like Mike Pompeo and John Bolton to rave and rant against Iran, since it is out of question for the Islamic Republic to discuss anything about its inalienable right to further develop missile defence technology and step up cooperation with the regional governments and popular movements, while any attempt to ignite flames of even a limited armed confrontation means definite destruction for the Americans and their comrades-in-crimes.*

*As pointed out by the Leader, animosity towards Iran is deeply rooted in the US administration ever since the Iranian people overthrew the American-backed Pahlavi potentate to establish the system of popular religious rule, therefore it is unwise to think that any good will result from talks with Washington, and "Of course no one among our officials seeks to negotiate. Obviously no dignified and wise Iranian would negotiate national strengths."*

*Noting the highly flawed estimations and perceptions of Trump and his team, he said: "Their president claims there is a protest against the government in Tehran every Friday. For his information, anti-government protests are not on Fridays but on Saturdays, and moreover, these are not in Tehran, but in Paris (the capital of France by the Yellow Vests)."*

*The US, which is beset by myriads of problems, including social ills, such as widespread drug abuse, 31 percent of mass shootings in the world, as many as 2.2 million prisoners, and 40 percent children born out of wedlock, is not its own master, but the slave of the barbaric illegal Zionist entity, which dictates the foreign policy of a rapidly declining America.*

*As Ayatollah Khamenei pointed out: "Although we do not underestimate the enemy, we are the least awed by its over-inflated might. So no one should fear the apparent power of the US; neither their grandeur nor the wealth of the Korahs of the Persian Gulf. Their real power is much less than the uproar they make."*

*Despite the Leader of the Islamic Revolution's outlining of the undeniable facts, it would be naïve to expect any dawning of realities at the White House for defusing a crisis of its own making, since demagogues devoid of commonsense persist in their disorderly behaviour until their headlong fall.*

*Neither we think the big three European powers who are signatories to the JCPOA will fulfill their commitments, both because of their being beholden to the US as part of the Western alliance and the long history deception towards Iran, of Britain, France and Germany.*

*As for the Arab regimes, similar to Israel, they lack any legitimacy and fearful of their survival for long, will continue to cause mischief in the region as agents of imperialism and Zionism, until they vanish from the scene, as was the case of Saddam.*

*Therefore, the Islamic Republic needs to be on high alert against all sorts of economic and military plots, and take due measures for strengthening its national interests, for the ultimate victory belongs to the righteous.*

## President Rouhani: Iranians to Overcome Pressures With Resistance



President Hassan Rouhani makes an address during a meeting with Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in Tehran, May 14, 2019.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday night underlined Iran's readiness to counter U.S. sanctions, assuring that the Islamic Republic will definitely weather economic pressures with "resistance and steadfastness".

"We will undoubtedly pass this stage with people's resistance and steadfastness, and better management and planning," Rouhani said at a meeting with Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei here.

Rouhani said the last Persian year which ended on March 21 was a hard year for Iranians, especially in terms of their livelihoods and economic pressures.

"If we can exercise more supervision over imported goods, we will be able to reduce people's problems and overcome the sanctions," the presi-

dent added.

Rouhani touched on the U.S. administration's bid to bring Iran's oil exports down to zero, saying, "We can replace oil incomes with non-oil ones."

"With their miscalculations, the Americans thought they could bring the great Iranian nation to its knees, and they set dates for it, but the Iranian people stood strong and steady.

"Today, the enemies are working hard, sending their fleet in the morning, and giving a phone number in the evening," he said, referring to reports that the White House had contacted the Swiss to share a phone number the Iranians could call U.S. President Donald Trump.

John Bolton, President Trump's national security adviser, announced on Sunday that the U.S. was sending the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier

and its associated strike group to the waters near Iran to "send a message".

Rouhani said, "Today, we are facing a great divine test, and will undoubtedly pass this stage with resistance and steadfastness."

The president said on Monday the Islamic Republic is "too great to be intimidated by anyone".

"God willing we will pass this difficult period with glory and our heads held high, and defeat the enemy," he said at a meeting with Sunni clerics late Monday.

On Tuesday, a senior member of Iran's parliament blamed the occupying regime of Israel for the attacks on shipping for which there has been no claim of responsibility.

The attacks "appeared to be Israeli mischief," Behrouz Nemati said after a closed-door session of parliament, quoted by state news agency IRNA.

## Minister: Iran Will Defeat American-Zionist Alliance

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran will defeat the American and Israeli alliance, Iranian Defense Minister Amir Hatami said on Wednesday, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA).

"We will defeat the American-Zionist front," he said. "Iran has the highest level of defense-military preparedness to confront any type of threat and excessive demands," he added.

The United States has sent further military forces to the Middle East, including an aircraft carrier, B-52 bombers and Patriot missiles, in a show of force against what U.S. officials say are Iranian threats to its troops and interests in the region.

Separately on Wednesday, a senior Iranian official told Reuters that Tehran was ready for all scenarios from "confrontation to diplomacy" but the United States could not afford another war in the Middle East.

"Don't test us," Hamid Baedinejad, Iran's ambassador to the United Kingdom said in an interview with Sky News Tuesday.

"While we have renounced any escalation in the region, I would assure you that Iranian armed forces are fully ready for any eventuality in the region, so they should not try to test the determination of Iran to confront any escalation in the region," Baedinejad said.

Washington ordered the departure of non-emergency government employees from Iraq on Wednesday.

Zionist PM Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday the occupying regime would stand with the United States to confront Iran.

The occupying regime of Israel's energy minister on Sunday warned of serious risks to Israel's security in case tensions between Iran and the United States increase.

"Things are heating up," in the Persian Gulf, Yuval Steinitz, a confidant of the Zionist premier, told the Ynet news site. "I wouldn't rule anything out. Iran may fire rockets at Israel," he said.

Steinitz also claimed that if the standoff between Tehran and Washington escalates, Iran's allies such as Hezbollah resistance movement in Lebanon and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement in the Gaza Strip may attack Israel with their rockets.

Ali Motahhari, the deputy speaker of Iranian Parliament, dismissed the U.S. deployments in the Persian Gulf as "psychological warfare," saying Washington is "not ready for a war, especially when Israel is within our range."

Motahhari's remarks echoed those of Major General Hussein Salami, the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), who said the U.S. is waging "a psychological war" against Iran.

Another senior IRGC official said the Trump administration does not dare to wage a war on Iran.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution

The Holy Qur'an

Most surely in the variation of the night and the day, and what Allah has created in the heavens and the earth, there are signs for a people who guard (against evil).  
The Holy Qur'an (10:6)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:23
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:21
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:59

## Trump, Pompeo: U.S. Not Seeking War With Iran

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The United States is not preparing for war with Iran despite recent escalating tensions, President Donald Trump said Tuesday.

Trump dismissed as "fake news" a report that the White House is considering sending up to 120,000 US troops to the Middle East if Iran steps up work on its nuclear energy program.

He told reporters he would "absolutely" be willing to send troops, but that he's not planned for that and hopefully won't have to plan for that.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo gave the same message as he arrived in Sochi, Russia for talks with his counterpart and Vladimir Putin.

"We fundamentally do not seek a war with Iran," he said. Head of Iran the Iranian parliament's National Security Foreign Policy Committee Heshmatollah Falahatpisheh said the international community must be wary of "making crises" surrounding the "sabotage" of four commercial ships off the coast of the United Arab Emirates over the weekend.

The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns these moves, the lawmaker said, and has demanded the perpetrators be identified.

Falahatpisheh said "Iran and the United States can manage the crisis by themselves".

"But there are third parties who might make the atmosphere of the region more sensitive in terms of security by

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### Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

#### 10th day

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي فِيهِ مِنَ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ عَلَيْكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي فِيهِ مِنَ الْبَائِسِينَ لَدَيْكَ، وَاجْعَلْنِي فِيهِ مِنَ الْمُقْرَبِينَ إِلَيْكَ، يَا حَسْبَنَا يَا غَايَةَ الطَّالِبِينَ

"O Allah, make me among those who trust You, successful in Your estimation, near to You. O Besought of the beseechers."