

Diabolical Arab Duo Destabilizing Sudan

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Sudan is in flames, its people brutally suppressed for insisting on their civic rights to elect a legitimate government, its trigger-happy military rulers gunning down peaceful protestors, and its so-called brotherly Arab states whose oil riches lure hundreds of thousands of Sudanese to seek employment in Saudi Arabia and the UAE, seditiously and satanically manipulating the situation in the interests of the US and the Zionist regime.

The crisis in Sudan is the result, on one hand of the naivety and lack of political awareness of its people, and on the other hand of the corruption of its greedy politicians, whose lust for wealth makes them bite the bait of the big billionaires of the Persian Gulf.

General Omar Hassan al-Bashir, who during his 30 years in power since ousting the democratically elected civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq al-Mahdi, had mostly pursued an anti-American policy by aligning himself with pseudo Islamic elements and indulging in massacres of the people of the south and of Darfur that resulted in UN sanctions on Sudan and his indictment as terrorist by the International Criminal Court, suddenly changed track in 2015 on receiving the "right price" from Saudi Arabia and the UAE to send thousands of troops to Yemen against the popular Ansarallah Movement.

This presented Riyadh and Abu Dhabi with a golden opportunity to make inroads into his administration and to buy influence among his senior military officers, as part of the plot to pave the way for repeat of the Egyptian model in Sudan.

It was too late for Bashir when he realized his folly of having trusted the rulers of these two regimes, and when he tried to assert his independence late last year by his surprise visit to Syria where President Bashar al-Assad personally received him at the airport, the US and its two chief West Asian clients, decided that it was time to get rid of him through their agents in the Sudanese army.

It was repetition of the successful plot that Saudi Arabia and the UAE had carried out in Egypt to overthrow the elected Ikhwan-al-Muslimin-led government by first flattering and funding President Mohammad Morsi, and then stabbing him in the back through their hireling in the army, General Abdul-Fattah as-Sisi.

Sudan now takes its orders from abroad, which means the protestors demanding civilian rule from the generals who rule it, will have to pay a heavy price.

The civil disobedience movement that has been started was the right step by the awakened people, who now need to bring the different sectors of the society on the single platform of national unity, but they should be on guard against infiltrators on the payroll of their enemies bent upon turning Sudan into a second Egypt through brutal suppression of the masses.

So what happened on June 3 seems to be sampling of the sacrifices in store for the people of Sudan. The armed forces mercilessly attacked sit-ins in the capital, Khartoum, and in other cities, killing people and injuring over 500, in addition to gang raping doctors, disfiguring bodies of protesters, and burning tents erected by them on the streets and public squares.

The two main culprits committing these atrocities against their own people for paltry sums received from Saudi Arabia and the UAE, are Lt. Gen. Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan and Lt. Gen. Mohamed Hamdan, known as Hemei, who are heading the Military Council. Hamdan leads the Rapid Support Forces, the paramilitary force created by re-branding the notorious janjaweed militias that conducted the genocide in Darfur, while Burhan oversees more than 10,000 Sudanese troops in Yemen.

Fortunately, parallels to Egypt were not lost on the Sudanese protesters, who have been chanting, "Either victory or Egypt," and warning the people of the seditious policies of Riyadh and Abu Dhabi.

They rightly point out that the diabolical duo of Saudi Arabia and the UAE are responsible for destabilizing of the Arab/Muslim World from North Africa to West Asia, as is evident by takfiri terrorism in Syria and Iraq, the four-year war in Yemen, the selling out of Palestine to the Zionists, the brutal repression of the people of Bahrain, the civil war in Libya, and now the open alliance against the Islamic Republic of Iran with the US and Israel, the two sworn enemies of Islam and Muslims.

President Rouhani: U.S. Has No More Arrow in Quiver Against Iran



President Hassan Rouhani addresses a cabinet session in Tehran, June 12, 2019.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- President Hassan Rouhani has said Washington has practically exhausted all its capacity to pressure Iran.

Addressing the Iranian nation, Rouhani said the U.S. has imposed the most unprecedented sanctions which cannot be compared even with those under the Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

He added that the maximum pressure approach taken by the U.S. is considered as a clear symbol of "economic terrorism".

"The Iranian nation shall know that America's pressure against our country has reached its peak, and the capacity (for more pressure) is practically nearing its end," the Iranian president said.

Rouhani touched on the Monday

visit by German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas to Tehran to salvage the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.

"The fact that a European foreign minister explicitly says during his visit to Tehran that the U.S. is on the wrong path, that maximum pressure on Iran will fail, and that everyone has been awestruck by Iran's prudence over the past year means that the Europeans know how their partner is making a mistake," Rouhani said.

The Trump administration has threatened to punish any country or company that buys oil from Iran. It has also slapped sanctions on Iran's petrochemical and steel industries.

"What the U.S. has done against the Iranian people is a clear exam-

ple of economic terrorism. This will go down in history as what executioners do against the Iranian people," Rouhani said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Sunday that the United States is exerting pressure on Iran out of "frustration" and "weakness".

"The U.S. puts pressure on Iran out of weakness and frustration. However, we will weather this pressure," he said during a ceremony held at Allameh Helli High School in Tehran.

"Today, we are not in the position of weakness. We are in the position of power. The U.S. has made serious mistakes. It (the U.S.) and its regional allies have felt weakness," he added.

'Arrogant' German FM Warns Iran After Visit

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran hit out at the German foreign minister over his harsh words after returning from Tehran, telling Europe that it has a right to reconsider its commitments under the nuclear deal if other signatories don't fulfill their own.

Heiko Maas threatened Tehran during a visit to Sweden that it would face "isolation" if it pulled out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and that such a move "cannot be in Iran's interest".

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Wednesday reminded the top German diplomat that the JCPOA "has several sides," and that "all of them should equally fulfill their commitments" under the agreement.

"If they cannot do so, they need to understand that we will, in return, resort to the mechanisms available to us under the JCPOA and reconsider our commitments," he said.

He went on to say, "If European friends are too much concerned about preserving the JCPOA, they should call on all parties to honor their obligations."

The JCPOA was signed between Iran and six world states — namely the U.S., Germany, France, Britain, Russia and China. Washington, however, left the accord last May, leaving the future of the historic deal in doubt.

Last month, Iran stopped to observe some of its commitments under the JCPOA and gave the other signatories 60 days to put their mere verbal support for the accord into concrete action.

Maas traveled to Iran this week in an effort to save the international nuclear deal that Tehran struck with world powers in 2015.

His trip drew widespread coverage and criticism in Iran, with the country's press saying the EU has been ineffective when it comes to granting sanctions relief in exchange for Iran's compliance with the terms of the agreement.

While media outlets close to President Hassan Rouhani's government mildly criticized positions taken by Maas, other newspapers flayed "Europe's envoy" over

his remarks.

A cartoon published by the Javan newspaper depicted Maas with blue Star of David glasses, donning a swastika armband and performing a Nazi salute.

"The stinking leftovers of Nazism and fascism have manifested themselves in the spirit of the weakest Europe in history," the paper wrote in an accompanying editorial.

Javan questioned why Maas was allowed to travel to Iran in the first place. The EU "sent its envoy to Iran to say 'Europe cannot act without America's approval,'" the paper complained. "So what's the point of this trip after all?"

The newspaper not only criticized "Europe's failure" to fulfill obligations under the nuclear deal, but also lashed out at the German foreign minister's statement defending the occupying regime of Israel.

"Supporting Israel and our close friendship with them are undebatable. They are part of the principles and convictions of Germany's government and cannot be changed. This is a responsibility that history has given us and I will not change this principle in Tehran," Maas said Monday.

The Persian daily Kayhan called the German approach toward the "illegitimate and childlike regime" of Israel as "degrading" and "nothing but slavery".

The paper also complained that Maas was "arrogant and impolite" in the way he interacted with Iranian officials.

Kayhan also lambasted a correspondent of Germany's Bild newspaper, who asked a question about homosexuals. The daily wrote: "Bild's reporter, as a representative of the German media, asked our foreign minister a shameful question: 'Why doesn't Iran respect homosexual acts?'"

Arman, a reformist newspaper, titled its article, "We cannot perform miracles," words that it noted were part of the final statement of the German minister.

"The German foreign minister's statements showed that he came to Iran with nothing in hand. Europe is

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The Holy Qur'an



And if We show you something of what We threaten them with, or cause you to die, yet to Us is their return, and Allah is the bearer of witness to what they do. And every nation had an apostle; so when their apostle died, the matter was decided between them with justice and they shall not be dealt with unjustly.

The Holy Qur'an (10:47)

PRAYER TIMINGS

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| Noon (Zohr) | 13:04 |
| Evening (Maghreb) | 20:42 |
| Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow" | 04:02 |
| Sunrise "Tomorrow" | 05:48 |

UAE Trying to Become 'Second Israel': FM Zarif

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif has said the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is attempting to become the region's "second Israel" by increasing its arms imports.

In the interview with Al Araby TV, Zarif said that "three regimes in the region believe they can maintain their security through their relations with the United States," in reference to Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Israel.

He added, however, that they would be wrong to believe the weapons can guarantee security from the U.S., as they would be used to achieve the goals of the Zionist regime.

Studies have shown that the UAE's arms imports increased by 63 percent between 2012 and 2016, and that its military spending is predicted to grow from \$23.6 billion in 2016 to \$31.8 billion by 2021, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

The increase in weapons imports and military spending reflect the increasingly interventionist policies adopted by the UAE in recent years, including its involvement in the Saudi war on Yemen, its support Libya's warlord Khalifa Haftar, and its stakes in the ports of east Africa.

To these ends, the UAE has enacted a combined strategy of funding leading figures and building its own army of foreign mercenaries while developing its armed forces with training from the U.S. military.

The vast majority of the arms the UAE, along with Saudi Arabia, imports are manufactured in the U.S., making them heavily reliant on American support.

For example, 78 of the UAE's 138 fighter planes come from the U.S. Washington, meanwhile, has approved over \$68 billion worth of deals for the two states since the start of the war in Yemen.

The UAE is also one of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries which, along with Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain, imposed a blockade on neighboring Qatar in 2017. It is also a key member an Arab alliance being pushed by the U.S. against Iran.