

In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Chain Reaction of God-Liberated Khorramshahr Still Continues

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The Islamic Republic marks May 24 as the Day of Resistance every year, since the epic liberation of Khorramshahr on this day in 1982 from the year-and-a-half (577 days to be exact) occupation of this once thriving port city by Saddam of the US-supported repressive Ba'th minority regime of Baghdad.

Yesterday, the 37th anniversary of the epic victory of the Bayt al-Moqaddas Operation that coincided this year with the eve of the 19th of the fasting month of Ramadhan, the day the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali (AS), was struck the fatal sword blow on his head while engaged in the morning prayer, reminds us again – to quote the Father of the Islamic Revolution – it was God Almighty Who liberated Khorramshahr.

These days, as we commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of the Victor of the crucial battles that were jointly imposed on Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) by the Arab pagans and the Israelite infidels to try to wipe out Islam, we realize the chain of victories Divine Assistance has continued to grant Muslims in Iran and the region, thanks to their spirit of resistance and sacrifice by following firmly in the footsteps of Imam Ali (AS).

Saddam was a heartless tyrant – as all Godless cowards who acquire power are, including the Zionists, their newfound cousins the Arab reactionary regimes, and Donald Trump – and thus his ignominious end is no surprise for the God-wary, let alone his failure to keep his promise: “So powerful is my war machine, if Iranians succeed in retaking Khorramshahr, I will hand over to them the keys of Basra.”

Glory to God, today Basra and all of Iraq are in the hands of our Iraqi brethren, whom we had staunchly supported during the 8-year war the US had imposed upon us through Saddam, and have continued to support them to stand firmly on their feet against American pressures, after recently supporting them with advisors, training and weapons to save their country from the macabrely murderous takfiri terrorists, whose chief sponsor Saudi Arabia had spent scores of billions of dollars to prop up the Ba'thist regime, its war against Iran, and its periodic bouts of massacre of Iraq's long-oppressed Shi'a Arab majority and the ethnic Kurds.

It means, we should never heed the words of the wayward, whether their verbal promises, whether their written commitments to any accords bearing their own signatures, whether their pretensions to peace, whether their threats of war, or whether their denial of any intentions to attack.

In other words, the believers rely only on their own prowess; the acumen of the intellect granted by God; their political prudence; their spirit of resistance; their ability to invent, innovate, and improvise in all fields, including defence; and their selfless sacrifices to achieve immortal martyrdom in order to materialize their upright objectives.

To be more precise, the victory of right over might is solely indebted to the Infinite Power of the Almighty Creator, Who without the least doubt supports those who strive relentlessly in His Path for promotion of peace, stability and justice against the devilish designs of the satanic elements.

We are thus the least perturbed by the economic terrorism of the US, its over-inflated military might, its supposedly sophisticated technology, and its war dance to try to trap us in renegotiations on our nuclear, missile, aerospace, cyber, and other inalienable rights, including our fraternal ties with the legal governments, people, and popular mobilization forces striving against terrorism, American hegemony and the illegal rule of the unrepresentative regimes, and last but not the least, the fast approaching goal of the liberation of Islam's former qibla, Bayt al-Moqaddas.

This is the message of the liberation of Khorramshahr and the chain reaction of liberations of the peoples of the region that the Iranian Muslims triggered through the Bayt al-Moqaddas Operations, resulting in not just the liberation of Iraq from the Ba'thists and then the US occupation, but the liberation of southern Lebanon, the liberation of Gaza, the liberation of Syria's terrorist-occupied territories, the liberation process in Yemen, and the aspirations of liberation of the people of Bahrain, mainland Arabia, Afghanistan, and other lands, especially Palestine from which the Zionists will be definitely driven out.

Ayatollah Khamenei: Youth Will Witness Demise of Enemies of Humanity



Ayatollah Khamenei meets a group of students in Tehran, May 22, 2019.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's youth will witness the demise of the occupying regime of Israel and American civilization, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said late Wednesday.

“You young people should be assured that you will witness the demise of the enemies of humanity, meaning the degenerate American civilization, and the demise of Israel,” Ayatollah Khamenei said in a meeting with students.

The Leader hailed the Iranian youth as the main players in building a brighter future for the country, saying they can make a huge difference in Iran's governing system and foil the enemy's soft con-

spiracies.

Ayatollah Khamenei also said from the outset he did not believe in the 2015 nuclear deal.

U.S. President Donald Trump pulled out of the nuclear deal with Iran last year and reimposed sanctions, saying the accord did not address the Islamic Republic's missile program and influence in the region.

“The way (the nuclear deal) was put into action, I didn't have much faith (in it),” Ayatollah Khamenei said. “And we repeatedly told the president and the foreign minister and gave them notice.”

Two weeks ago, Iran notified the remaining signatories to the deal - China, France, Germany, Rus-

sia and the United Kingdom - that it would halt some commitments under the nuclear deal, a year after the United States unilaterally withdrew from the accord.

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed that the role of the Leader does not include intervention in executive affairs unless the entirety of the Islamic Revolution is at risk.

“I believe that the Leader should not meddle in executive affairs unless there is a risk that the entirety of Revolution's movement is endangered.”

Ayatollah Khamenei invited the nation to take promising measures towards a brighter future for Iran.

“We need a public movement in

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Iran's Foreign Ministry: Imminent Visit by PM Abe to Tehran 'Far From Reality'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran's Foreign Ministry on Friday dismissed reports of an imminent visit to Tehran by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as “far from reality”, saying the trip will take place at an “appropriate time”.

Japan's NHK national television said earlier Friday Abe was considering visiting Iran as early as mid-June, the first such trip in four decades.

Japan has been a major buyer of Iranian oil for decades. The report on plans for a visit by Abe came a week after Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif visited Japan and met the prime minister and Foreign Minister Taro Kono.

NHK said Abe was likely to discuss his plan for a Tehran visit with U.S. President Donald Trump when the latter visits Japan from Saturday, and that a final decision might rest on the results of that.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi was quoted as saying that President Hassan Rouhani

had invited Abe to Tehran “a while ago, and he replied he will visit at an appropriate time.

“Some published reports are far from reality and have no credibility,” Mousavi added.

Asked about the state of preparations for such a visit, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga also denied the NHK report.

“Our country has traditionally had friendly relations with Iran,” he said, adding that Japan hoped to be able to contribute to peace and stability in the Middle East.

Mousavi said, “Iran and Japan have had a historic and friendly relationship, and there has always been dialogue and consultations between officials of the two countries.”

No Japanese prime minister has visited Tehran since 1978, not long before the Shah of Iran was toppled by the Islamic Revolution.

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U.S. Senator, FM Zarif Had Dinner: Report

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein had dinner with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, it was revealed Thursday morning.

The Senator's team told Politico Playbook that the dinner between the two, which occurred a few weeks ago when Zarif was in the U.S., was “arranged in consultation with the State Department”.

“The office was in touch with State in advance of the meeting to let them know it was happening and to get an update on

U.S.-Iran activity,” Feinstein's office said.

She was also seen in an elevator at the Capitol recently with Zarif's contact information pulled up on her iPhone.

An official with the Department of State, however, said they did ask Feinstein to have dinner with the Iranian diplomat.

Feinstein is the former chair and vice chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee and is currently in the minority as a Democratic member of the Senate.

Zarif is American-educated, and

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The Holy Qur'an

And they serve beside Allah what can neither harm them nor profit them, and they say: These are our intercessors with Allah. Say: Do you (presume to) inform Allah of what He knows not in the heavens and the earth? Glory is to Him, and supremely exalted is He above what they set up (with Him). The Holy Qur'an (10.18)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:29
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	04:13
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	05:54

Iran's FM Holds Talks With Pakistani Leaders

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) – Iran's foreign minister on Friday lashed out during a visit to Islamabad at Donald Trump, assailing the American president for his tweet this week warning Iran not to threaten the U.S. again or it would face its “official end.”

Muhammad Javad Zarif said “Iran will see the end of Trump, but he will never see the end of Iran.”

Zarif also chastised the Trump administration for designating last month Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist group — the first such U.S. designation for an entire division of another government.

The Fars news agency quoted Zarif as saying that though Trump “accused the Iranian nation several times with this title (terrorist), he is the one that deserves it.”

The foreign minister also warned of anarchy in the Middle East if world powers do not unite to stop U.S. aggression.

“We are witnessing today how the U.S., with its bullying approach, is putting sanctions on Iran,” he said, adding that “regional states have to stand up against the sanctions for their own interests.”

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Ramadhan Day-to-Day Applications

19th day

“اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّرْ فِيهِ حِطِي مِنْ بَرَكَاتِهِ، وَسَهِّلْ سَبِيلِي إِلَى خَيْرَاتِهِ، وَلَا حِجْرَ مِنِّي قَبُولِ حَسَنَاتِهِ، يَا هَادِيًا إِلَى الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ.”

“O Allah, Let me have an ample share of (this month's) blessings, and make easy for me the path of righteousness and deprive me not of its bounties. O One Who guide to the right path.”