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Viewpoint

## Angered by Coverage of Recent Western Fiascos: Twitter Blocks Accounts of Iranian Media Outlets



Iranians shop at a computer store in Tehran.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- A day after Twitter suspended the accounts of several Iranian state media outlets, the social networking service claimed that it acted after alleged harassment of people linked to the Baha'i cult.

However, some of the affected media outlets speculated that the suspensions were related to their coverage of Iran's seizure on Friday of a British-flagged tanker in the Strait of Hormuz.

"Account suspended. Twitter suspends accounts which violate the Twitter Rules," read English-language messages on each of the Iranian media outlets' accounts.

Mehr news agency said its Farsi-language account appeared to have been blocked late Friday following its reports on the seizure of the tanker Stena Impero in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said it seized the

tanker for breaking "international maritime rules" in the strait, a chokepoint for around a third of the world's sea-borne oil.

Mehr's Farsi-language Twitter page was inaccessible on Saturday, along with those of the official IRNA news agency and the agency of the Young Journalists' Club.

"Since last night and after seizure of a British tanker in the Strait of Hormuz the account of the Young Journalists' Club and some other users have been suspended," the YJC said on its website.

Mehr noted that its Mehr Diplomacy account, which publishes analysis and interviews on foreign policy, was also offline.

Another account taken down belonged to Ali Akbar Raefipoor, a public speaker.

None of the owners of the suspended accounts said they had been given any reason for the move by Twitter.

Iranian media outlets have recently played a central role in proving U.S. and British authorities wrong.

When U.S. President Donald Trump claimed on Thursday that a U.S. warship had shot down an Iranian drone over the Strait of Hormuz, the IRGC released footage of the unmanned aerial vehicle filming the American vessel and safely returning to its base.

On Saturday, the IRGC posted a video online on Saturday showing speedboats pulling up alongside Stena Impero and troops wearing ski masks and carrying machine guns rappelling to its deck from a helicopter.

Intercepted radio communications between a British warship and Iran's IRGC on Sunday showed that the British navy tried but failed to prevent the seizure of the British tanker in the Strait of Hormuz.

## Two Members of Security Forces Martyred

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Two members of Iran's security services have been martyred in a clash with a terrorist group in the country's southeast, IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

A member of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) and a Basij fighter were martyred after a firefought which took place late on Saturday in Saravan county of Sistan-Baluchistan province, it said.

The two martyrs were identified as IRGC commando Mohsen Naqibi and local Basij member Abdolkhalegh Derazehi.

Sistan-Baluchistan has long been a flashpoint, where Pakistan-based terrorists carry out cross-border raids.

The terrorist outfit Jaish al-Adl, which is inspired by the Takfiri ideology based in Saudi Arabia and linked to Al-

Qaeda, has in the past attacked and abducted Iranian security personnel and civilians.

The most recent attack martyred 27 Guards in a 13 February terrorist car bombing which targeted a busload of the unit in the region.

Jaish al-Adl was formed in 2012 as a successor to the terrorist Jundallah band, which waged hit-and-run attacks for a decade before it was severely weakened by the capture and execution of its ringleader, Abdolmalek Rigi, in 2010.

Iranian authorities say terrorist groups operate from safe havens in Pakistan and have repeatedly called on the neighboring country to crack down on them.

In May, Pakistan started fencing its 950-kilometer-long border with Iran in an effort to strengthen security in the area.

## Police Warn About Risks of Using FaceApp

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian police have warned about the risks of using the face-transforming FaceApp application.

The warning came after the growing use of the application by users of social networks.

"The server for this software is located outside the country and, hence, users should know that all photos and information they share with this software are transferred to a server abroad," said Colonel Touraj Kazemi, the head of the Iranian Cyber Police (ICP).

He said the ICP is looking into the security risks of the software.

"There are some points which users of this software should take into account, and use this software only if they are willing to accept those risks," the colonel said.

"Users of the FaceApp software should know that any photo or information they make available to this software are saved in a server outside the country and may be used for different purposes later on," he added.

"The second point is the software's access to different files. Given that the software can pick an image from the gallery of photos on the phone, users

should know that this software will have access to all photos on their mobile phones and may copy those images," he noted.

"At the end and after photos are processed, it is possible to publicly share them with specific hashtags, which means some users may unknowingly share their images on social media networks and come to realize what they have done only after some time," he said.

Kazemi urged users of FaceApp and similar applications to avoid using such software and, at least, study their terms of service and access regulations first if they insist on using them.

The Holy Qur'an



It is not (fit) for the Prophet and those who believe that they should ask forgiveness for the polytheists, even though they should be near relatives, after it has become clear to them that they are inmates of the flaming fire.  
The Holy Qur'an (9.113)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:11
Evening (Maghreb)	20:37
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:24
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:04

## Saudi Arabia Releases Iranian Ship

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran said on Sunday it appreciated Saudi Arabia's efforts in the return of an Iranian ship that had docked at Jeddah port because of technical problems in May.

"Iran appreciates efforts by the authorities of Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, and Oman to secure the safe return of Iran's Happiness 1 oil tanker," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said.

Iranian media reported in early July that Saudi Arabia - Iran's regional rival - was not allowing the ship to leave Jeddah because of a dispute over the payment of repair costs.

Transport Minister Muhammad Eslami on Sunday confirmed that the Iranian tanker had been released and was being returned to the Islamic Republic.

The Happiness 1 tanker "has been released following negotiations and is now moving toward Persian Gulf waters," he said.

Saudi Arabia said on Saturday it had sent a crew member of the Iranian ship who was previously evacuated for medical reasons from a vessel off the Yemeni port of Hudaydah, to Oman.

Saudi Arabia in June said it had evacuated a crew member for medical reasons from a "suspect" Iranian ship northwest of Hudaydah after receiving a request for help from Tehran.

The Iranian had now been sent to Oman at Tehran's request after receiving the necessary medical treatment in Saudi Arabia, a source in Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry was quoted as saying by state news agency SPA.

"The ministry received a request from the Iranian foreign ministry through the Swiss embassy in Riyadh to transfer (the crew member) to the Sultanate of Oman after his health improved," the Saudi foreign ministry source was quoted as saying by SPA.

Oman traditionally seeks to play a conciliatory role in the turbulent region.

The crew member had been airlifted from the Iranian vessel Savis to a military hospital in the Saudi city of Jizan, which borders Yemen, after being seriously injured on board the ship.

## Detention of "Steno Impero" Unconnected to British Buccaneering

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Piracy never goes unpunished, even if the British buccaneers or corsairs or whatever you call those who continue to hide in the occupied Spanish territory of Gibraltar with the stolen super tanker "Grace I" and its cargo of two million-plus barrels of Iranian crude oil, think they are safe from justice.

No, Friday's detention of the British tanker "Stena Impero" in the Strait of Hormuz by the Iranian coastal guards was not a form of punishment for the regime in London or a reprisal for its act of maritime terrorism on the high seas in the hijacking of "Grace I".

It is merely the case of a vessel violating international navigation rules and causing insecurity in the vital waterway through which a third of the world's oil supplies flow, after it rammed into a fishing trawler and tried to flee by ignoring warnings from the Iranian navy which is responsible for ensuring the safety of sea traffic in this part of the Persian Gulf.

"Steno Impero", however, couldn't escape the ever-alert law-enforcement authorities of the area, and when it tried to call the British frigate "Montrose" for help, the Iranian coastal guards warned the intruding warship of the dire consequences of meddling, and after boarding the lawless tanker (as confirmed by the footage released) steered it to the port of Bandar Abbas, where the judicial officials are investigating the case.

Iran's judiciary is known for its fairness, as was evident by its prompt release of another British tanker "Mesdar" that had been guided to Bandar Abbas for due inspection, which means whatever verdict it will announce in the case of "Steno Impero" after thorough investigation, will be just and deserving.

It is unlike the kangaroo court of the British occupiers of Gibraltar which extended the illegal detention of "Grace I" by a month after expiry of the initial fortnight forcible berthing order on the absurd charge that the Iranian crude was destined for Syria - a country under European Union sanctions for thwarting the terrorist bid to overthrow the legal government of President Bashar al-Assad.

As Carl Bildt, the former Swedish prime minister and co-chair of the European council on foreign relations, has said by pinpointing the ambiguities of the British action in Gibraltar: "The legality of the UK seizure of a tanker heading for Syria with oil from Iran intrigues me. One refers to EU sanctions against Syria, but Iran is not a member of the EU. And the EU as a principle doesn't impose its sanctions on others. That's what the US does."

In view of these facts, the British regime, whose days of colonial terrorism are long past, is advised to stop its squealing and the rubbish talk of retaliation against the Islamic Republic of Iran, when the whole world knows that London cannot do anything except to drop its lip service of support for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and overtly side with the thuggish US administration of Donald Trump in its vain bid to browbeat Iran into submission.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has correctly summed up the situation in his Saturday's tweet from Caracas, Venezuela, where he is attending a meeting of the Non Aligned Movement (NAM):

"Unlike the piracy in the Strait of Gibraltar, our action in the Persian Gulf is to uphold international maritime rules. As I said in New York (at the UN HQ), it is IRAN that guarantees the security of the Persian Gulf & the Strait of Hormuz. The UK must cease being an accessory to the Economic Terrorism of the US."

As for the case of "Grace I" and the punishment for the British terrorists who hijacked it and continue to illegally hold it, justice will reach them sooner or later, irrespective of the ruling of the Iranian judiciary for the law-breaking British tanker "Steno Impero".