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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Game-Changer Strikes in the Yemeni War

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Thursday's two direct hits scored by Yemen's defenders on strategic targets of both the rebels of the south and their roguish backers over a thousand kilometers away, are being hailed as game changers in the four-and-a-half year war imposed by Saudi Arabia.*

*The popular Ansarallah Movement's arsenal of drones and ballistic missiles, accumulated over the past decades by the Yemeni government, are systematically shattering the American-equipped defences of the Wahhabi regime of Riyadh.*

*If the missile-drone strike on the military parade of the UAE-supported rebels around Aden dismantled an expeditionary force that was being trained for aggression against the legal government based in the capital Sana'a, the long range ballistic missile that destroyed Saudi military installations in Dammam on the Persian Gulf coast, a thousand and four hundred km away, was a bolt from the blue for the over-inflated Saudi Heir Apparent, Mohamed bin Salman (MBS), who had dreamt of bombing Yemen into submission in a couple of weeks.*

*The prowess of the defenders of Yemen and the effectiveness of their weaponry have turned into tin-coated toys the expensive military hardware supplied by the Americans to the Saudis.*

*As observers point out, the tide of the war is now turning against the aggressors and the invaders, and in favour of the Yemeni people. The Almighty Lord says in Holy Qur'an: "And say, 'The truth has come, and falsehood has vanished. Indeed falsehood is bound to vanish.' (17:81)*

*It is evident that this change in the tide of the war and the regional developments in West Asia is a clear sign from our Lord that truth always triumphs over falsehood.*

*No one had ever thought that the Ansarallah would be capable of conducting such kind of operations. The Hawk and the Walrus (Mike Pompeo and John Bolton) had never thought that their dream would be turned into a nightmare.*

*Their devilish plots against the Islamic Republic and the Resistant Front have failed, and the defenders have demonstrated the will and power of determined nations against the aggressors.*

*The Yemenis have shown to the world that the real power is not hiding behind huge arsenals filled with various types of WMDs, but it is the will of the oppressed people fighting for their legal rights, with meager resources, just relying on their indigenous efforts and having complete trust in their Lord.*

*The day will soon come and the world will see that the milking cows of the Persian Gulf will be left un-nourished once their wealth runs out, and will be fit only for the slaughter house.*

# Trump Says He Wants Talks, Then Sanctions Zarif



Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif speaks to reporters in this file photo.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The Trump administration imposed sanctions this week on Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif for doing his job. That's not a joke.

The first sentence of the Treasury Department's announcement of the sanctions says that Zarif was being punished because he "acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

The administration also contends that the foreign ministry under Zarif has cooperated with Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, an influential military branch of the Iranian government that the U.S. designated as a terrorist organization earlier this year. But that's just a variation on the same argument — that Zarif is a representative of the government that employs him.

The sanctions bar Americans from engaging in business dealings with Zarif and also freeze any property he has in the United States. But Zarif took to Twitter, President Trump's preferred forum for diplomatic pronouncements, to mock the sanctions and note that they would have no effect on him

or his family "as I have no property or interests outside of Iran."

Trump has said that he wants to negotiate with Iran on a new agreement after he withdrew the U.S. from the 2015 international agreement that placed significant restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, restrictions Iran was honoring. Sanctioning a country's chief diplomat is a strange way to encourage it to come back to the negotiating table. Who exactly is he planning to negotiate with?

Bizarrely, administration officials suggest that the action against Zarif doesn't jeopardize new talks with Iran because the foreign minister isn't all that significant a figure in his country. That seems to contradict Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo's description of Zarif as a "key enabler" of Iran's agenda.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani hit out at the United States for "childish behavior" and acting out of fear.

"They (Americans) are resorting to childish behavior... They were claiming every day 'We want to talk, with no preconditions' ...and then they sanction the foreign minister," Rouhani said in remarks carried live on state television.

"A country which believes it's powerful and a world superpower is afraid of our foreign minister's interviews," Rouhani said in an apparent reference to numerous interviews Zarif gave to U.S. media when he visited New York for a United Nations meeting in July.

"When Dr Zarif gives an interview in New York, ... they (Americans) say Iran's foreign minister is misleading our public opinion," Rouhani said. "What happened to your claims of liberty, freedom of expression and democracy?"

"The pillars of the White House are made to tremble by the words and the logic of a knowledgeable and self-sacrificing man and diplomat," Rouhani said.

Zarif lived in the United States from the age of 17 as a student of international relations in San Francisco and Denver, and subsequently as a diplomat at the United Nations in New York, where he was Iranian ambassador from 2002 to 2007.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) denounced the sanctions as "ridiculous" and "illegal". "By imposing sanctions on the respectable foreign minister, the Americans once again demonstrat-

ed their anger at the spread of the Islamic Revolution's inspiring and anti-arrogance discourse, and unveiled their mischief and animosity toward the dignified Iranian establishment and nation," it said in a statement.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying slammed Washington's decision at a press briefing in Beijing on Thursday.

"We have taken note of the statement of the U.S. side and the reaction of Mr. Zarif himself. The position of the Chinese side on this issue is very clear. China opposes unilateral U.S. actions ... We think it is not facilitating the solution of the problem," Hua said.

The European Union also regretted the U.S. decision, stating that it intends to keep working with the Iranian foreign minister.

"We regret this decision, and from our side, we will continue to work with Mr. Zarif as Iran's most senior diplomat, and in view of the importance of maintaining diplomatic channels," Carlos Martin Ruiz de Gordejuela, the spokesman of the European Commission for the international cooperation and development, said.

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## UAE, Iran Sign Border Security Agreement

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran and the United Arab Emirates on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance maritime border security cooperation.

The document was signed by the commander of Iran's border police, Brigadier General Qassem Rezaie, and Emirati Coastguard Commander Brigadier General Muhammad Ali Mosleh al-Ahbabhi here.

The event took place after officials from Iran and the UAE met for the first time in six years in the Iranian capital to discuss ways of boosting maritime security.

Following the session, Rezaie said the document was inked in line with efforts to boost border cooperation and interaction between

the two countries.

He added that regular meetings between officials of the two countries could help further increase border interaction, facilitate matters for the countries' businessmen and fishers, and fight attempts aimed at disrupting maritime security.

Al-Ahbabhi, for his part, described the MoU as a "positive step" which can serve the two countries' interests in the region, beef up border security, ease border control and facilitate crossings.

Tehran and Abu Dhabi held their last such gathering in Tehran in October 2013. The latest meeting comes following a chain of naval accidents in the region's waters.

In May, explosions hit four commercial vessels from the UAE and Saudi Arabia off the Emirati port of Fujairah in the Persian Gulf.

A month later, two blasts hit a Japanese and a Norwegian-owned vessel in the Sea of Oman. Iranian naval forces gave a quick response to the distress calls from those ships and rushed to rescue their crew members.

The United States soon tried to implicate Iran in the incidents to suggest that the Islamic Republic was trying to retaliate for bids by Washington and its allies to trouble the Islamic Republic's international oil sales.

On June 15, however, Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul-

lah bin Zayed Al Nahyan said his country did not have enough evidence to blame any country for previous month's naval attacks.

Japan and Germany also refuted Washington's accusations against Iran in the second incident.

Iran has roundly rejected Washington's claims of Tehran's involvement in such incident. It has also voiced concern about adventurism by foreign players to disrupt maritime navigation in the Persian Gulf region.

Tehran has also said that, one way or another, it would sell its oil despite the illegal and unilateral U.S. sanctions against Iran, but has categorically rejected recourse to violence to make that happen.

## FM Zarif: U.S. Should Stop Isolating Itself

TEHRAN (Tasnim) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Friday reacted to the U.S. government's move to leave the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty with Russia and said the international commerce and power are shifting and exiting from the treaty cannot reverse that.

"Int'l commerce & power

are shifting: neither #Economic-Terrorism against China & Iran nor exiting #INF Treaty with Russia will reverse that," Zarif said on his Twitter account.

"As Iran's regional dialog & non-aggression pact advance, #B\_Team shrinks. U.S. should stop isolating itself & adapt to new global realities," the Iranian top diplomat wrote in his

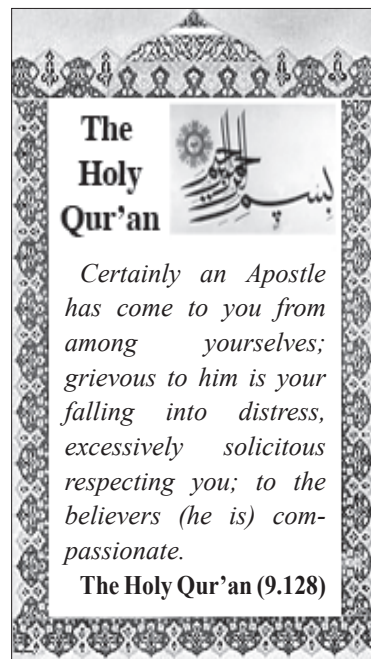
tweet.

The United States formally withdrew from a landmark nuclear missile pact with Russia on Friday after claiming that Moscow was in violation of the treaty, something the Kremlin has repeatedly denied.

Washington signaled it would pull out of the arms control treaty six months ago unless

Moscow stuck to the accord, but Russia said that was a ploy to exit a treaty it said the United States wanted to leave anyway in order to develop new missiles.

The 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) was negotiated by then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.



PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	13:11
Evening (Maghreb)	20:27
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:37
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:13