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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Imam Khomeini's Legacy Firmly Binds Yemen with Iran

By: S. Nawabzadeh

In 1980 when President Ali Abdullah Saleh of what was then the 'Yemen Arab Republic' (informally 'North Yemen') severed diplomatic ties with Iran, citing support for Saddam of the repressive Ba'ith minority regime of Baghdad, he was neither supporting any efforts at Arab unity nor was he apprehensive of Tehran's thriving economic ties with his rivals in Aden, the capital of 'People's Democratic Republic of Yemen' (informally 'South Yemen').

He was rather scared of the attraction of the predominantly Zaydi Muslims of the country he ruled for the magnetic personality of the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Seyyed Rouhallah Khomeini al-Musavi (RA), since according to the Zaydi doctrine any virtuous descendant of Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA) – the Impeccable Daughter of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) – who rises against tyranny is the "Imam of the Age".

A horrified Saddam had told an equally terrified Saleh of the necessity of war to overthrow or at least undermine the Islamic Republic, in order to crush the aspirations for revolutions on the Iranian model, of the "Ithna Ash'ari" (Twelver) Muslims of Iraq and the Zaydi Muslims of Yemen, whose success would sound the death knell for all the British-created non-entities in the region, especially Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

This was also sensed by the US and the illegal Zionist entity, but so strong was (and is) the satanic urge in these two powers, that they resorted and continue to resort, to every devilish design, despite their string of failures, to try to prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran's steadily growing influence in the region and beyond.

It was crystal, however, to that Sage of the Age, who in fact was a humble follower of the real and rightful Lord of the Age, Imam Mahdi (AS – may God hasten his reappearance for establishing the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice), that sooner or later, not just the people of Iraq, Yemen, Palestine and Lebanon, but all over the Muslim World, will sooner or later rise up to reassert their rights by throwing off the yoke of tyrannical regimes and the hegemony of Washington.

Right, however, cannot be suppressed for long by might. It is now history how Saddam having lost his 8-year war, met his ignominious end on the gallows after hiding in a foxhole, while the Iraqi people with the support of their Iranian brethren have become masters of their own destiny – offering in the process thousands of martyrs to the Islamic cause when confronted by the American occupation which was followed by the abortive bid of the macabrely murderous Takfiri terrorists to take over the country with Saud assistance.

If the Zionists have met more than their match in Lebanon and in Gaza, in Yemen also, the political landscape has positively changed with the popular Ansarallah Movement dedicating thousands of martyrs to blunt the US-backed Saudi-Emirati bombing and the bid to divide the country into South and North again (after the 1990 unification), while the traitorous Saleh lost his miserable life as he tried to flee to the enemies of his own homeland.

This reality was fully evident on Tuesday, August 13, in Tehran when the Spokesman of Yemen's legal government, Mohammad Abdus-Salaam, while presenting the letter of the Leader of the Ansarallah Movement, Seyyed Abdul-Malik Badreddin al-Houthi, to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, did not mince words when he said on behalf of the indomitable mujahideen of his country:

"We consider your leadership to be the continuation of that of Prophet of Islam and of the Commander of the Faithful Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS). And we believe your stance is inspired by Imam Ali (AS) in support of the oppressed people of Yemen in accordance with Imam Khomeini, and is thus a source of blessing and very heartwarming."

To the exasperation of the Americans, the British, the Zionists, the Saudis, and all other reactionary forces trying in vain to dent the invincibility of the Resistance Movement (as Saleh and Saddam roll in agony in their graves), Ayatollah Khamenei, confident of the victory of the Yemeni people, promised continued Iranian assistance to their just cause, and called on all Yemenis – whether Shi'a or Sunni – to knit ranks to rid their country of the aggressors, to resolve their differences through inter-Yemeni talks, and to preserve the unity of the historic land which was enlightened with Islam by the peaceful efforts of the Prophet's Vicegerent, Imam Ali (AS).

Iran Warns of Plots to Divide Yemen



A member of UAE-backed forces stands guard as supporters of Yemen's southern separatists rally in Aden, Yemen August 6, 2019.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran on Wednesday said it supports a unified Yemen, warning against plots aimed at dividing the war-ravaged Arab country.

"The coalition of Saudi and Emirati invaders, along with their mercenaries, who have over the past five years failed to break the will of people by using advanced weaponry, massacre and massive destruction and now see their defeat in the face of the spirit of resistance and resilience of people across Yemen, are seeking to partition Yemen through a suspicious plot," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Moussavi said.

He expressed hope that a halt to the war in Yemen would pave the way for the country's different political groups to launch intra-Yemeni negotiations toward forming an inclusive government.

The Iranian official echoed warnings by Leader of the Islamic Revolu-

tion Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei who called for strong resistance against the Saudi-led plots to divide Yemen.

Ayatollah Khamenei told a visiting Yemeni delegation headed by Houthi spokesman Muhammad Abdul-Salam in Tehran late Tuesday that Saudi Arabia and the UAE and their supporters have committed great crimes in Yemen, but they will certainly not succeed.

"They are after Yemen's disintegration, which requires to stand firm against this conspiracy and support a unified and united Yemen and its territorial integrity."

Emirati-trained troops allied to the Southern Transitional Council last week captured army bases and the presidential palace in the strategic port city of Aden in clashes with Saudi-backed troops allied to former Yemeni president Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi.

Ayatollah Khamenei hailed the "faith, resistance, intelligence and Jihadist spirit of the Yemeni people against a brutal and rampant aggression", saying they will emerge victorious against the invaders.

"Any faithful nation which believes in the Almighty God and the divine promise will definitely win and hence, victory will be with the oppressed and Jihadist Yemeni people without any doubt," the Leader said.

The Leader reiterated his support for "the struggle of Yemen's faithful and resilient men and women" and asked the Yemeni delegation to extend his greetings to "the beloved and Mujahid brother Seyyed Abdul-Malik Badreddin as well as the faithful and resilient Yemeni nation".

"We promise you that the Yemeni nation, as one unit, will continue to stand up and resist against aggression until complete victory," Abdul-Salam said.

Campaign Launched to Gather Int'l Aid for Flood Victims

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- An independent campaign has been launched in Iran in order to attract international aid in cryptocurrency for flood victims in the face of U.S. sanctions which have choked off foreign funds.

The campaign is hoped to provide an alternative route after U.S. sanctions prevented the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) from obtaining any foreign financial aid to assist victims of the flooding that started in early March and carried through April.

A statement released by the local cryptocurrency community on Tuesday said it had decided to launch the campaign because the international bank accounts of the IRCS have been blocked due to the U.S. sanctions.

"The choking U.S. economic sanctions, put in place in several tranches after President Donald Trump in May 2018 unilaterally withdrew from Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, have cut off the flow of international aid to Iranian flood victims," the statement said.

"This is while humanitarian causes are deemed non-sanctionable under international law."

At least 76 people were killed after the heaviest rains recorded in the country in 70 years more than two-thirds of the country in 28 provinces. Surging rivers burst their banks, sending an avalanche of floodwaters into villages and towns which drove hundreds of thou-

sands of people from their homes.

The flooding caused an estimated \$2.5 billion in damage to roads, bridges, homes and farmland, Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli has said. It affected 4,400 villages, damaged 14,000 kilometers of roads and destroyed more than 700 bridges.

While U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said at the time that Washington was ready to help via the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the IRCS said no foreign cash help had been given to the society.

According to the statement of Iran's local cryptocurrency society, "the volume of financial and non-financial international aid to Iran's flood victims has been insignificant compared to responses witnessed to natural catastrophes in other countries".

That means Iran has had to rely on its own resources to cope with the disaster, and so it does. Since its onset, the tribulation has triggered a deluge of humanitarian aid flowing in from every corner of the vast country.

However, the volume of damage is so high that people living in affected areas still face a number of small and major challenges months after the floods first hit.

Members of Iran's local cryptocurrency and blockchain ecosystem are convinced that they can still bring international donors on board.

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FM Zarif Congratulates Hezbollah on 2006 Victory

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif has congratulated Lebanon on the anniversary of the victory of the country in a 2006 war waged by the occupying regime of Israel, stating that the Lebanese nation and Hezbollah resistance movement dispelled the myth of Tel Aviv's "invincibility".

"The Lebanese people and the Islamic resistance front


proved to the world the fact that the Zionist regime can be defeated. The regime, no matter how hard it tries, cannot wage wars, stoke tensions and cause bloodshed of the people of the region," Zarif said in an exclusive interview with Lebanon's Arabic-language Al-Ahed news website on Tuesday.

"This was a triumph for the entire (Middle East) region, international rights and international

relations. The peoples of the region and the world are indebted to the resistance of the Lebanese people, the Islamic resistance front and Hezbollah, which stood against the arrogance of the Zionist regime and faced the terrorism of Daesh group, which was a scourge for the whole world," the top Iranian diplomat pointed out.

On Sunday, the head of the parliamentary bloc of Hezbol-

The Holy Qur'an



Certainly an Apostle has come to you from among yourselves; grievous to him is your falling into distress, excessively solicitous respecting you; to the believers (he is) compassionate.

The Holy Qur'an (9.128)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:09
Evening (Maghreb)	20:14
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:50
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:23

Aliyev, Rouhani Stress Need to Expand Relations

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- President Hassan Rouhani has stressed the need for the promotion of bilateral relations between Iran and Azerbaijan in all areas in a phone conversation with his Azeri counterpart Ilham Aliyev.

The Iranian president extended congratulations to the Azeri government and nation on the occasion of Eid al-Adha, which marks the culmination of the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

He described Azerbaijan as a "friendly and brotherly" country to Iran, voicing confidence that the amicable ties would further deepen.

Rouhani highlighted the importance of exchanging visits by officials of the two countries in efforts to expand mutual cooperation. He also expressed hope for the speedy implementation of agreements already signed between the two countries.

Aliyev, for his part, said Tehran-Baku ties were growing thanks to efforts made by the two sides, expressing certitude that the trend would continue.

On Monday, Russia, Azerbaijan and Iran signed a deal on the joint development of a feasibility study for a project to connect the energy systems of the three countries.

The agreement was signed by Russia's System Operator and state power grid holding Rosseti, Azerbaijan's state power producer Azerenerji, and Iran's Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Company Tavanir.

lah said his group will teach the Zionist regime a lesson in case it launches a new act of military aggression against Lebanon.

"The Israeli enemy is preparing to wage a war against us but the resistance is ready to face it with our men, society and capacity," Muhammad Raad said during a ceremony in Lebanon's southern village of Harouf.

He highlighted that the Tel Aviv
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