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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Time for Afghan Muslims to Defeat Daesh's Devilish Designs

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The Saturday night act of terrorism at a wedding in Kabul that left some seventy guests martyred and over two hundred others injured, raises several questions, the first and foremost of which is: "Are the terrorists who unabashedly claimed to have bathed in blood an auspicious Islamic matrimonial ceremony of joy into a mass funeral of grief, Muslim?"

The answer to this question is in fact an answer to all other questions in this regard, such as: What pleasure do the dastardly Daesh derive from such devilish deeds?

Why do they dance to the tune of their overseas masters to kill fellow Afghans, to disturb the peace of towns and cities, to destabilize the country, to distort the image of the religion which they hypocritically claim to follow, and to destroy the future of Afghanistan?

We are not concerned here, whether the blast was the result of an explosive-filled car parked in advance at the "Dubai City Function Hall" of Kabul, or was triggered through a remote control device as is the normal method for cowardly terrorists who usually hire an unsuspecting poor person for a paltry sum to carry a suitcase and then blow him up to bits from a safe system in order to claim it was an act of self-sacrifice for a seeker of paradise.

Sure, paradise is for the true believers, and the unsuspecting one used as bomb fodder by the terrorists might be in the heavenly company of the martyred victims of the terrorist blast, while the blazing fires of the eternal inferno is the destination of Daesh and similar terrorist outfits, including those rare brainwashed suicide bombers strapped with explosive belts.

The answer on the real identity of Daesh is thus obvious, but since they are not Muslims at heart, it doesn't mean these terrorists secretly profess a different faith, such as Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and the like.

The ringleaders of these terrorist outfits are in fact Lucifer's brood, and this is the reason these Godless elements masquerade as 'puritanical Muslims' to dupe and brainwash the ignorant in order to distort the image of Islam.

They snugly fit into the devilish designs of the Great Satan (the US), which, following their defeat in Syria and Iraq, transported them to Afghanistan to further worsen the situation of a badly battered Muslim country so as to make it a perpetual hotbed of ethnic and sectarian violence.

This explains Daesh's frequent targeting of the Persian-speaking Hazara Shi'a Muslim community of Afghanistan, as is evident by the Saturday night act of terrorism in Kabul while an Islamic marriage was underway.

The fact that this latest act of terrorism occurred in a city long familiar with checkpoints and razor wire, and that too on the threshold of the 100th anniversary of Afghanistan's independence from British rule when security is heavier, means the terrorists and their bags of explosives received safe passage.

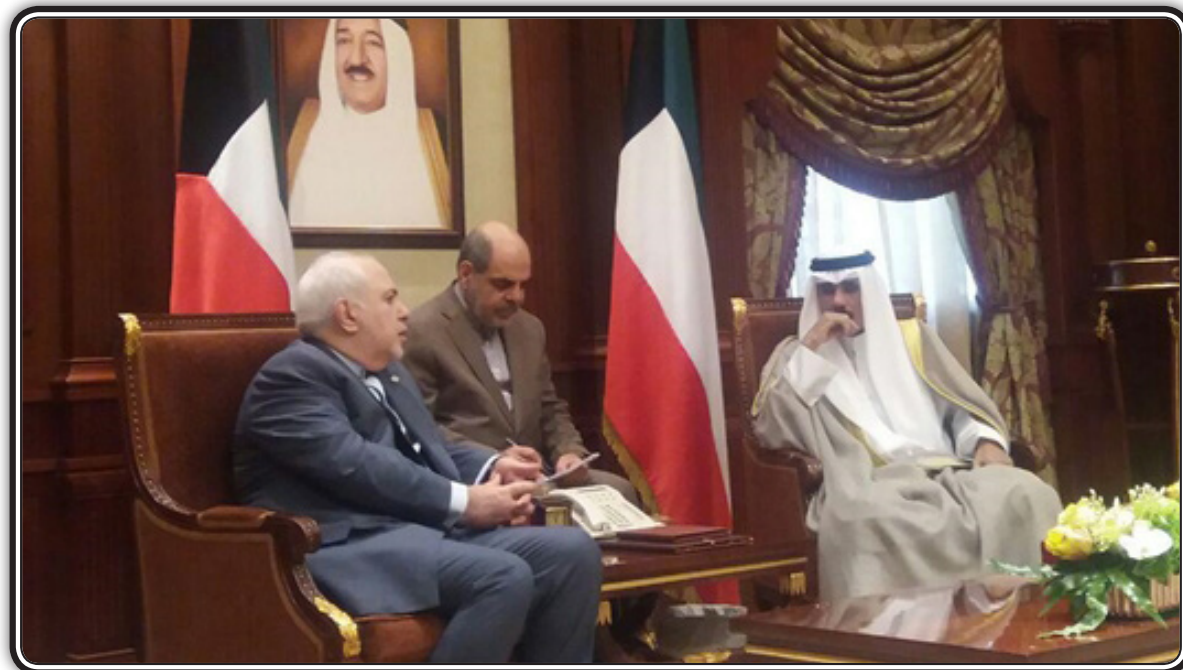
Not from the government, which barely controls the country, but from the US occupation forces whose ubiquitous presence on the streets of Kabul, is a green light for the Daesh terrorists to roam freely around.

Perhaps, this was Washington's way of warning the Afghans still resisting the US occupation that even if they do not heed Donald Trump's threats to kill at least ten million men, women, and children in a few days, there are plenty of American agents in the country willing to massacre compatriots, and if the need arises, "obliterate Afghanistan".

The onus is now on the Afghan Muslims to organize self-defence through mobilizing of popular forces, as was successfully done in Syria and Iraq to defeat and drive out Daesh.

Unless, the Hazara and other communities correctly analyze the situation and rise to the occasion to defend their homes, hearths, heritage, and Islamic faith, the future of the young and next generation will be in jeopardy, if not genocide on a national scale – as was the Daesh plot for Iraq which was exposed and aborted, thanks to the timely help from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Zarif Holds 'Good Talks' With Kuwaiti Leaders



Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif, left, holds talks with Kuwaiti Crown Prince Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jaber Al-Sabah in Kuwait City on Aug. 18, 2019.

KUWAIT CITY (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Sunday wished Kuwait's 90-year-old Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah a "speedy recovery" after holding "good talks" with the Persian Gulf state's officials.

Sheikh Sabah, who ascended to power in January 2006, was seen in public last week during Muslim prayers and appeared in good health.

There has been no word on the emir's health in official media or Kuwaiti newspapers, though it is commonly made public if he is admitted to hospital or travels abroad for treatment.

"Good talks with Kuwaiti crown prince (Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad Al-Sabah) and foreign minister. Praying for Emir's speedy recovery," Zarif wrote on Twitter.

Zarif said that during the talks, he stressed that Iran's proposal for a regional dialogue forum and non-aggression pact would eliminate the

need to rely on foreign powers.

Unlike its strained relations with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, Iran maintains good ties with Kuwait, which has acted as mediator to improve ties between Tehran and Arab Persian Gulf states.

Sheikh Sabah had a pacemaker implanted in 2000 and underwent a successful urinary tract surgery in the United States in August 2007.

In his talks with Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Iranian foreign minister said "foreigners" have no place in the region and have to leave.

Zarif, who received a warm welcome from Kuwait's crown prince, expressed Iran's readiness to expand "brotherly" ties between the two countries, saying it will serve the interests of the region and its stability and security.

The minister touched on escalating tensions in the Middle East and the need for increasing cooperation

among the regional states and said, "We are the ones who will definitely remain in this region and foreigners are meant to leave."

Later on Sunday, Zarif met and discussed regional issues and the existing conditions in the Persian Gulf with his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Sabah al-Khaled al-Hamad.

The two sides reviewed various aspects of bilateral ties, regional issues with special emphasis on Syria and Yemen, the ongoing situation in the Persian Gulf region, important international issues as well as other topics of mutual interest.

The Iranian foreign minister arrived in Kuwait on Saturday, and later in the day held an official meeting with members of Iran-Kuwait Friendship Association, exchanging views on regional issues.

In a post on his Twitter account on Saturday night, Zarif said he was "in Kuwait for high-level talks" after a busy day of "active diplomacy".

President Rouhani:

Foreign Forces Root Cause of Afghan Problems

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Sunday said foreign forces in Afghanistan are the root cause of problems in the country and the entire region.

"The presence of foreign forces in any regional country will only serve to create problems," Rouhani said in a meeting with new Afghan Ambassador to Tehran Abdulghafour Lival.

"We are confident that the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan has not benefited and will not benefit security of the country and Afghan people," he said, emphasizing that the U.S. only seeks to achieve its own goals by spreading insecurity in the region.

Rouhani said supports Afghanistan's sovereignty, unity and integrity and is always ready to help the country boost its stability.

The U.S. and its allies invaded Afghanistan under the guise of a war on terror to topple the very Taliban militants they are now negotiating with. Some 18 years on, terrorism rages on across the country.

Rouhani pointed to peace talks between the United States and the Taliban, saying any peace without taking into account the views of the Afghan people and their representatives would be meaningless and certainly would not last.

The Taliban currently control or have influence in about half of Afghanistan. They have held several rounds of direct talks with US officials in Doha since October 2018. The militants say they do not recognize the government in Kabul.

About 20,000 foreign troops, mostly Americans, are based in Afghanistan. The exit of foreign troops from Afghanistan is a condition set by the Taliban to extend the talks.

Rouhani condemned recent terrorist attacks in Afghanistan and expressed the Islamic Republic's determination to further enhance cordial relations with the Afghan people and government.

A bomb attack targeting a wedding in the Afghan capital of Kabul left at least 63 people dead and more than 180 others injured in the late hours of Saturday.

The Afghan ambassador, who submitted his credentials to the Iranian president, said his country attaches great importance to bolstering cooperation with Iran.

Lival emphasized that Kabul would never allow any country to use its territory against Tehran.

Separately, Rouhani hailed Iran's amicable ties with Italy as he met with the newly-appointed Italian Ambassador to Tehran Giuseppe Perrone.

Rouhani said Italy has been Iran's number-one trade partner of many long years, adding expansion of economic relations would be beneficial to both countries.

Tehran, he said, will continue to strengthen ties with Rome without paying attention to unilateral and illegal sanctions imposed by Washington.

Rouhani called on officials of the two countries to take concrete steps to increase cooperation and investment in order to serve joint interests.

AP: Iran Likely Preparing for Satellite Launch

DUBAI (Dispatches) -- Iran appears to be preparing another satellite launch despite U.S. accusations that the Islamic Republic's program helps it develop ballistic missiles, the Associated Press reported Sunday.

Satellite images of the Imam Khomeini Space Center in Iran's Semnan province this month show increased activity at the site, the agency claimed.

While Iran routinely only

announces such launches after the fact, that activity coupled with an official saying a satellite would soon be handed over to the country's Defense Ministry suggests the attempt will be coming soon, it added.

"The Imam Khomeini space launch center is usually quite empty," said Fabian Hinz, a researcher at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury In-

stitute of International Studies in Monterey, California. "Now we've seen pictures where you can see activities at this assembly center and something happening at the (launch) pad."

"If you put both together it sounds very likely there's something that's going to happen," he said.

The satellite images of the space center, taken Aug. 9, show activity at one facility there, Hinz said Sunday. Another im-

The Holy Qur'an

Never stand in it; certainly a masjid founded on piety from the very first day is more deserving that you should stand in it; in it are men who love that they should be purified; and Allah loves those who purify themselves.

The Holy Qur'an (9.108)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:08
Evening (Maghreb)	20:09
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:55
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:26

IRGC Navy Chief:

U.S., UK in Persian Gulf Mean Insecurity

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The presence of America and Britain in the Persian Gulf region brings insecurity, head of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) navy Alireza Tangsiri said on Sunday.

Tensions have spiked between Iran and the U.S. and Britain in the Persian Gulf after the United States deployed new military assets to the region.

"The presence of America and England in this region means insecurity," Tangsiri said. Iran can provide security in the Persian Gulf by forming a coalition with other countries in the region, he added.

Tangsiri said that Iran wants peace and stability in the Persian Gulf. He said if a ship that uses nuclear fuel were to be targeted in the Persian Gulf, the countries in the south of the region will not have drinking water because of contamination.

"If the region was set on fire, the foreigners would merely seek to convince regional countries that they need weapons," he said. "In fact, the United States and the United Kingdom want to insinuate that the region is insecure."

He said the seven countries to the south of the Persian Gulf plus Iran are fully capable of establishing security.

The United States has recently been attempting to persuade allies to join a coalition to patrol the Strait of Hormuz, through which about a fifth of all oil consumed globally passes.

Only the occupying regime of Israel and the UK have welcomed the idea, but most American allies have frowned at the proposal.

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