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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Hezbollah Scores Perfect Hit at Israeli Occupied Border Town

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The recent perfect attack on the Zionist occupied town of Saliha and its environs by Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement the Hezbollah that blasted to bits an Israeli military vehicle leaving its occupants dead and wounded including a top commander is being hailed as a strategic move that could change the rules of the struggle.

Saliha was the scene of a bloody massacre of its people during the Israeli war of 1948 when its Muslim population was completely wiped out. The structures in the village, with the exception of an elementary school for boys, were also destroyed. Israeli forces blew up the village mosque, killing 60-94 people who were inside.

In 1958 the Zionist occupiers led by General Moshav Avivim changed Saliha's name to Avivim, and in 1963 settled it by immigrants from North Africa, mostly Moroccan Jews.

An American author and former diplomat says a recent Hezbollah operation against the occupied territories sent a warning to the Israelis that they "cannot hide anymore," and that the Lebanese resistance group is no longer "on the receiving end" of the Tel Aviv regime's raids.

Michael Springmann made the remarks in an interview with Press TV on Monday after Hezbollah's al-Manar TV broadcast footage of two anti-tank missiles hitting a moving Israeli armored vehicle, killing and wounding its occupants.

The attack came in response to an Israeli air raid last week that martyred two resistance fighters in Syria.

Commenting on the retaliatory operation, Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah warned that there were "no more red lines" in the group's confrontation with the Tel Aviv regime, and that in case of any future Israeli act of aggression, "all your border, your forces and your settlements" would be at risk.

Springmann further said that Hezbollah's operation "changed the entire game" and sent a warning message to Israel that the occupying entity would not be permitted to launch cross border attacks and violate Lebanese sovereignty with impunity.

Hezbollah signaled that "we're not going to be on the receiving end forever... We're going on the offensive, and we will attack you in occupied Palestine, not just in the southern part of Lebanon or the northern part of Lebanon or wherever."

The ex-US diplomat also pointed out that Israel is "afraid of" its people finding out about the regime's "precarious" position and is thus lying about the casualties of Hezbollah's attack.

"The whole thing is that they are afraid of the people in Israel realizing what a precarious position they are in and that their claim to annex the illegal colonies in the West Bank [is] going to create more than an uproar. So, I think in the future the Israelis are really concerned about what the people think of their government and what will happen should [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu push things a little bit too far," he added.

Springmann further described resistance as the sole option to confront the Israeli regime, saying Hezbollah's operation conveys a message that "the way you deal with the Israelis is to fight back."

'Iran Able to Resume Production of 20% Enriched Uranium in 2 Days'



Iranian technician works at a nuclear facility.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Spokesman of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Behrouz Kamalvandi on Tuesday warned that if European states drag their feet in supplying Tehran with 20% enriched uranium, the country enjoys the capability to resume its production within 2 days.

"If the signatory states to the nuclear deal delay selling the 20% (enriched nuclear) fuel, it is Iran's right to provide its needed fuel," Kamalvandi said.

"If the Islamic Republic of Iran decides, it can have 20% enriched fuel within one to two days," he added.

Kamalvandi, meantime, said that Iran has not made any compromise on its heavy water other than what has been stated in the nuclear deal.

He also dismissed any secret talks between the AEOI and Washington other than the negotiations which were held within the framework of the nuclear deal.

His comments came two days after chairman of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission Mojtaba Zonnour called on the government to increase the level of its enriched uranium to 20% and install the IR6 and IR8 centrifuges as a third step in scaling down its undertakings under the nuclear deal if the EU failed to do its commitments.

Rapporteur of the Iranian parliament's Presiding Board Asadollah Abbasi also blasted Europe for breaching its promises to help Iran sell its oil and normalize trade ties, warning

that Tehran will definitely continue modification of its nuclear deal undertakings.

"The Europeans were due to buy oil from Iran and provide monetary and banking services to compensate for the U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear deal, but they haven't cooperated with Iran, and rather unfortunately further accompanied the US sanctions against Iran," Abbasi said.

"The Europeans' companionship with the U.S. in implementing the sanctions and helping them to leave more impacts is not acceptable to Tehran," he added.

Abbasi said when Tehran has no hope on the other side to implement its undertakings, it will certainly take the third and next steps and will resolve its problems itself.

Army Chief: Iran's Borders Secure

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran's Army Commander Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said on Tuesday that full security prevails along the country's borders thanks to the efforts by the Armed Forces.

Addressing a military ceremony, Major General Mousavi said, "The security, calm and suitable conditions along the country's borders have been achieved with the genuine efforts of the military forces."

"A series of recent measures taken by the Army in this regard have not been publicized for special security reasons and intelligence considerations," the commander added.

The general explained that certain operations by

the Army remain undisclosed for safeguarding the country's interests.

What is important enough for the Army is that it has stood against the enemy and that "the enemy is feeling the pain of our slap on its face," he added.

He added that conducting major missions has more value when done without being reflected in the media, adding, "The mere fact that we put our lives on the line against enemies and they feel our slap in their face is enough for us."

Mousavi handed awards during the ceremony to some Army personnel who had had major roles in some recent missions of the force in different sectors such as air defense, and navy.

LNG Exports to Afghanistan Rise 400%

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Doqaroon Customs Director General Mohammad Kuh Gerda said on Tuesday that Iran's export of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to Afghanistan from the border crossing of Doqaroon has increased by 4 times in the past 5 months since the start of the local calendar year on March 21.

Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Iran's northeast to neighboring Afghanistan quadrupled in the past five months, Kuh Gerda said.

"So far 98,417 tons of

LNG were exported to Afghanistan through Doqaroon border customs, showing a four-time rise in export of such product in compare to the corresponding period last year," Kuh Gerda said.

Iran exported 44,929 tons of LNG to Afghanistan during the same period last year, he added.

Over 10 trucks load Iran's LNG at Doqaroon Customs each day, heading for Afghanistan, according to the official.

80% of the exported energy is made up of raffinate and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG),

Kuh Gerda added, noting that 100% of Iran's energy exports to Herat in Afghanistan through Doqaroon Customs.

Doqaroon is located 18 kilometers from the city of Taibad bordered with Afghanistan in the Northeastern Khorasan Razavi Province.

"Doqaroon Customs capacity is 350,000 tons of LNG exports, that's why we have installed the most modern facilities there," its director general stressed.

The Holy Qur'an

[9.78] Do they not know that Allah knows their hidden thoughts and their secret counsels, and that Allah is the great Knower of the unseen things?

The Holy Qur'an (9.78)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:03
Evening (Maghreb)	19:47
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:11
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:38

Pakistani, Iranian FM's Discuss Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) - Foreign Minister of Pakistan Shah Mahmood Qureshi held a telephonic conversation on Tuesday with Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on current developments in Kashmir.

Pakistan Foreign Ministry in a statement said the two officials agreed to remain in contact and continue to work together for peace and stability in the region.

It said that Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif emphasized the importance of resolving disputes through dialogue and discussions.

After recent tensions with India over disputed Kashmir region Pakistan foreign minister is reaching out his counterparts from all over the world to explain Pakistan's position on Kashmir.

The tension between India and Pakistan increased when India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced his decision to roll back the semi-autonomous status of Kashmir, revoking the special authority of officials in Jammu and Kashmir.

Zarif Off to Dhaka to Attend IORA Summit

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif left for Bangladesh on Tuesday in continuation of Tehran's diplomatic talks with partners on bilateral and international issues.

Heading a high-ranking politico-economic delegation, Zarif will visit the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka to hold high-level talks with senior officials of the East Asian country.

The Iranian diplomat will also attend the third IORA Blue Economy Ministerial Conference, which will be held in Dhaka on September 4-5.

He will hold meetings with the participating figures from different countries on the sidelines of the event.