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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Return of the Prodigal!

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The recent visit to Iran of a prominent Iraqi religious leader and his participation in the mourning ceremony in Tehran on the Day of Ashura for Martyrs of the Tragedy of Karbala, while seated next to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, with the Commander of the elite Qods Force sitting beside him, seems to have surprised, if not shocked, the US, Israel and the reactionary Arab regimes.

For the Islamic Republic of Iran and the revolutionary people of Iraq, as well as for the Resistance Front in the whole region, there was no element of surprise in Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Moqtada as-Sadr's warm reception by Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and the place allotted to him at the VIP platform beside Major-General Qassem Soleimani.

The message was loud and clear. The pictures of the gathering published by the official websites of the two fraternal and friendly countries, indicates that Iran and Iraq attach special importance to their national sovereignty, territorial integrity, cultural affinity, political practicability, economic homogeneity, and religious solidarity.

It means both the neighbours share identical views on the peace, security, stability, and independence of the entire region, which should be cleared of all vestiges of terrorism, including the illegal presence of CENTCOM terrorists.

Sadr, whom the western and Arab media had portrayed as a prodigal, ready to sacrifice Iraq's independence by drifting away from his roots for a few favours from the Persian Gulf sheikhdoms and his former enemy, the US, has made all calculations go awry by visiting Iran at the right time and choosing the Ashura occasion to announce his unity with the Resistance Front.

Whether Washington, the Zionist entity and the heretical Wahhabi clique of Riyadh likes it or not, Iraq and its various popular forces, including those led by Sadr who heads the largest parliamentary bloc in Baghdad, are one and the same.

They share the same views as Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, or for that matter the heroic Ansarallah of Yemen, and the Palestinian liberation groups.

All these independent minded forces take inspiration from the Islamic Republic of Iran, since Tehran continues to steadfastly adhere to the timeless movement of Imam Husain (AS), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

In other words, the Resistance Forces consider Seyyed Moqtada Sadr among the pillars of the regional movement against American imperialism, Zionism and Arab reactionaries, side by side with Hezbollah Secretary General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah and Ansarallah Leader Seyyed Abdul-Malik Badreddin al-Houthi.

No wonder, Trump, Netanyahu and the Saudis are already beginning to see their dreams of dominating the region turning into nightmares.

Iran Self-Sufficient in Medicine in Next 3 Years



A drugstore employee picks medicine from a shelf in downtown Tehran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran will achieve self-sufficiency and produce all the medicine it needs in three years' time, Minister of Health and Medical Education Saeed Namaki said on Sunday.

Namaki said Iran now meets 97% of its domestic need for medicines, and intends to domestically produce all the drugs it needs by the next three years with the cooperation of some 1,200 knowledge-based companies.

"Collaboration with Asian countries, especially Indonesia, is very important for Iran, and we are prepared to expand our cooperation with this country," said Namaki in a meeting with his Indonesia counterpart Nila Moeloek.

"Iran stands ready to work with Indonesia in the field of solvents' industry, vaccination, health tourism, medical treatment, research and education," said the Iranian

health minister.

"We have 66 medical science universities which meet our educational needs, and we are ready to receive health tourists from Indonesia," he said.

The Iranian minister touched upon the eradication of measles, malaria and tetanus in infants as well as efforts to uproot diseases which are common between humans and cattle.

He also referred to the conclusion of three agreements between Iran and Indonesia on health cooperation.

"We are ready to share experience and know-how with Indonesia in pharmaceuticals, stem cell and organ transplant technologies," said Iran's health minister.

In the meeting, the two sides also signed a health action plan under which the two countries will work together in joint production of vac-

cines and medicines, public health, contagious and non-contagious diseases, emergency medical services and health management in times of natural disasters.

Another senior Iranian official said the country has a bright future in quantum physics as more research centers and labs are being built to encourage young Iranians to enter the field.

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi said the country would open a first large laboratory dedicated to quantum physics in a year.

"Related experts and managers are working day and night to finish this job as soon as possible," said Salehi while addressing a summer course on quantum sciences and technology in Tehran.

The official said Iran had compiled its own roadmap for development

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Unilateralism Threatens Global Peace: Iran Envoy

UNITED NATIONS (Press TV) -- An Iranian diplomat has condemned unilateral and meddlesome policies as key contributors to rising terrorism and a major threat jeopardizing global peace and security.

"Today, the world's democratic principles and international regulations are increasingly and openly being ignored," Iran's envoy to the United Nations General Assembly Farhad Mamdouhi said in an address to the 20th anniversary of the body's adoption of the Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace in New York.

He added that the existing and emerging threats at regional and international levels are hindering the countries' efforts to promote peace and security.

The Iranian diplomat emphasized that withdrawal from international organizations, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the UN Human Rights Council, as well as international accords such as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change are examples of arrogant policies emanating from unilateralism, referring to Washington's exit.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Mamdouhi said that peace and security can only be achieved through collective cooperation among governments and based on respecting the interests of all countries.

He stressed the importance of promoting multilateralism within the framework of a broad comprehensive decision-making approach in order to firmly counter ex-

treme unilateralism.

"We should play an active role in promoting and defending multilateralism as a proper framework for presenting sustainable methods to solve the existing challenges," the senior Iranian diplomat said.

He noted that dialog and cooperation can ensure the establishment of sustainable peace and development across the world.

In an interview with China's state-run Xinhua news agency published late last month, Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif said the "violent unilateralism" relentlessly pursued by the United States has posed a serious threat to the international system and other countries.

"We believe that the United States is pushing a new sort of violent unilateralism, an extremist unilateralism, which destroys all the foundations of global order," Iran's top diplomat said.

U.S. President Donald Trump has pulled out of several agreements and treaties since taking office in January 2017.

Last month, Washington officially pulled out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with Russia – a Cold War-era treaty on the elimination of their medium-range and shorter-range missiles, which included missiles carrying both nuclear and conventional warheads.

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Most of Flooded Homes in Khuzestan Repaired

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Of the 16,500 homes that were in need of repair after the March and April flooding in Khuzestan, 13,000 have been completely repaired, director of a headquarters tasked with coordinating the reconstruction of flood-affected areas says.

Nasrollah Dehqani told the Ministry of Road and Urban

Development's news portal that a total of 20,184 dwellings had been registered in the list of damaged or wrecked homes in the wake of floods, noting that repairs to the remaining buildings will be carried out by late October.

He also noted that reconstruction of the other 3,600 houses destroyed by the flood will be-

gin as soon as the weather conditions allow for open-air construction activities.

Thousands of people in Khuzestan were evacuated in April after torrential rains inundated residential areas and farms.

People in more than 200 villages had been evacuated in the oil-rich province and housed in makeshift tents.

The Holy Qur'an



The way (to blame) is only against those who ask permission of you though they are rich; they have chosen to be with those who remained behind, and Allah has set a seal upon their hearts so they do not know.

The Holy Qur'an (9.93)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:59
Evening (Maghreb)	19:29
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:23
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:47

Canada's Sale of Iran Assets 'Economic Terrorism'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The spokesperson for Iran's Guardian Council has denounced Canada's move to seize and sell Iran's assets as a blatant act of state-sponsored economic terrorism.

In a post on his Twitter account, Abbas-Ali Kadkhodai said the Canadian government's expropriation of the Iranian assets amounts to an act of state-sponsored economic terrorism.

"Economic terrorism is a ploy in which the Western governments misuse the legal instruments to impound or expropriate the economic interests and resources of the other nations, without fair judicial procedures. Canada's expropriation of Iran's state-owned assets is a blatant example of state-sponsored economic terrorism," he said.

The Ottawa government's action against Iran contradicts the principles of international law, including the sovereignty of states, Kadkhodai added, calling on the Iranian Judiciary to take action against Canada in accordance with a law passed in March 2012 which authorizes the Islamic Republic of Iran's Justice system to hear lawsuits against the foreign governments.

The Global News announced on Thursday that tens of millions worth of seized Iranian properties had been sold off in Canada and the proceeds handed to alleged victims of terrorist attacks which have nothing to do with Iran.

According to a document filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice last month, the victims got a share of the money earned through the sale of Iran's buildings in Ottawa and Toronto.

The Ottawa property, which had been the Iranian Cultural Centre, was particularly valuable.

Marketed as a "transit-oriented development opportunity on the apron of the University of Ottawa," it sold to a Montreal developer for \$26.5-million.

In addition to the proceeds of the sale of the properties, the alleged victims were awarded a share of some \$2.6-million seized from Iran's bank accounts. Documents also list a Toyota Camry and Mazda MPV.