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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

No End to Plight of Rohingya Muslims, While Criminal-in-Chief Remains Unindicted

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

It is now two years since the Myanmar military, the Tatmadaw, descended upon Rakhine state for a renewed campaign of terror and violence against the country's long-persecuted Rohingya Muslims, yet the world looks the other way as over a million refugees continue to eke out a pathetic existence in the squalid makeshift camps of Bangladesh's Cox Bazar.

The UN only resorts to cosmetic measures, while the US, which likes to call itself the defender of democracy is totally indifferent to the genocide of Muslims.

The wealthy Arab states for their part, especially Saudi Arabia, uses their oil riches to kill fellow Arab Muslims in neighbouring Yemen, in addition to assisting the Zionist archenemies of Islam to carry out air raids on Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq.

This has enabled the Myanmar military to commit unspeakable crimes against the Rohingya Muslims, whose men are hacked to death; children are burned alive; and women and girls raped in thousands.

The irony is that the prime culprit behind these crimes against humanity remains unpunished.

In other words, the International Criminal Court remains unmoved from taking any action against Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, let alone indict this brutal woman for war crimes and genocide.

According to reports, Suu Kyi, a former prisoner of conscience-turned-de facto head of state who still seems to be the darling of the West, unabashedly defends the Myanmar military's brutal crimes.

Jilted by her Pakistani lover of her student days in Britain, this brutal Buddhist lady continues to fan the flames of hatred against the Rohingya Muslims.

Suu Kyi is Islamophobic as was evident during her recent visit to Hungary, where she shamelessly joined far-right Premier Viktor Orban to bemoan the "continuously growing Muslim populations" in their respective countries.

A racist to the very core, she is feted by like-minded senior officials of countries harbouring hatred of Muslims, including her fellow 1991 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos Horta, and US Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

She plays a racist role similar to the infamous Joseph Goebbels of Nazi Germany.

According to Azeem Ibrahim, author of "The Rohingyas: Inside Myanmar's Hidden Genocide," by providing the Myanmar generals with cover at every step, she emboldened and encouraged the military to commit the worst crimes against Muslims.

In view of these facts, will the international community, which claims to care about human rights, take action to tackle the perpetrators of genocide in Myanmar?

The question is likely to remain unanswered, since despite some mild travel bans on a few Myanmar generals, nothing whatsoever has been imposed against Suu Kyi, despite her being stripped of various awards by Amnesty International and the cities of Oxford, Edinburgh, and Paris.

These are nothing but cosmetic measures to deceive world public opinion, and will not redress the plight of Rohingya Muslims – the victims of murder, rape, torture, sexual slavery, persecution and enslavement.

Two years have passed since the mass expulsion of almost a million Myanmar Muslims from their ancestral homes, but no solution appears for the end of their plight in the squalid refugee camps of Bangladesh.

Iran's Deterrent Power Prevented U.S. Aggression

Chief of Staff General Baqeri:



A file photo of Iran's indigenous Khordad 3 air defense system.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's top military commander said on Wednesday the Islamic Republic's deterrent power prevented the U.S. from taking an action against the country following Tehran's downing of an intruding American drone.

"If the U.S. came close to taking action against us after the shooting down of the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle but changed its mind under the pretext that several people would be killed, it is because of our deterrence power," head of the Chiefs of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Baqeri said.

He added that Iran's strong deterrence power emanates from the Iranian thought and prudent measures of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

The Iranian nation has stood tall

in the defense and security sectors despite all problems thanks to the Islamic Revolution, he concluded.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced on June 20 that its air defense force had shot down an intruding American spy drone in the country's southern coastal province of Hormozgan.

In a statement, the IRGC said the U.S.-made Global Hawk surveillance drone was brought down by its Air Force near the Kouh-e Mobarak region — which sits in the central district of Jask County — after the aircraft violated Iranian airspace.

The IRGC said that it had used the indigenous Khordad 3 air defense system, first unveiled in 2014, to shoot down the sophisticated American drone.

Shortly afterwards, Iran provided the map coordinates of the precise

spot where the drone was shot.

Hours after the incident, the U.S. military confirmed that one of its drones had been shot but claimed that the incident took place in international airspace.

On the same day that the drone was shot down, U.S. President Donald Trump took to Twitter to call off a retaliatory strike on targets in Iran, citing casualties. He also said later in the day he was ready to talk with Iranian officials.

"What I'd like to see with Iran, I'd like to see them call me," Trump told reports at the White House.

Iran says its military power is solely for defensive purposes and does not pose any threat to other countries. The Islamic Republic says, however, that will give a crushing response to any act of aggression against its territory.

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Iranian MP: Joining U.S. Mission to Harm Australia

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- An Iranian lawmaker says Australia's standing in the Middle East has been damaged by the decision to join the United States in patrolling the Strait of Hormuz.

Kamal Dehghani Firouzabadi, the deputy chair of the Iranian parliament's foreign relations committee, said Australia was taking a big risk by moving military forces to the region.

"I don't think there'll be material damage to Australia. The damage will be to the reputation and prestige of Australia," he said.

"Those who take part in this coalition are responsible for the damage caused by this coalition."

Dehghani spoke to the ABC inside the Iranian parliament and was responding to Prime Minister Scott Morrison's announcement that an Australian warship and surveillance plane would be sent to protect shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

"It was very surprising for me to hear that Australia joined the coalition, because the United States is making repeated mistakes, including pulling out of the nuclear agreement," he said.

"This was a multilateral agreement reached by the whole world."

Dehghani said Australia's move to the strait was unnecessary. He said Iran already protected oil tankers in the region.

"We still haven't figured out who attacked the ships," Dehghani said of recent mysterious attacks on several vessels in the Persian Gulf.

"But whoever was behind this tension is benefiting from all this. It might be the United States, it might be Israel, or it might be the backward nations like Saudi Arabia, UAE or the terrorist organizations that get their money from them.

"Donald Trump had already stated the U.S. is trying to milk the cow of the Arabian states. They are doing this with Islamophobia. I'm very surprised they are milking the cow of Australia with this strategy."

Outside the mosque, Tehran residents expressed defiance, and pride.

"It's the same as the war in Iraq," said one white-bearded veteran of that eight-year war. "All the countries are against us. It doesn't matter if it's the United States, Australia or the United Kingdom.

"We will stand together and fight them. I fought in that war. I will grab a gun and fight again."

Another worshipper said it showed "that our flag is raised even higher."

"It shows how important we are, and with resistance we will be victorious," she said.

Another resident added: "These sort of moves ... they also make us express our hatred more to Trump and his allies."

Official: Iran Advancing Nuclear Program

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi says the Islamic Republic is dynamically advancing its civilian nuclear program, stating that it has recently launched a plant that can manufacture dozens of advanced centrifuges on a daily basis.

On a visit to an under-construction national ion therapy center in the city of Karaj,

Salehi said his agency has lately inaugurated a modern hall, which has the capability to produce 60 state-of-the-art centrifuges per day.

He further noted that Iran has already installed advanced IR-6 centrifuges regardless of certain states' protest, and is currently testing a newer generation of centrifuges dubbed IR-8.

The Iranian nuclear chief hoped that the country's ion

therapy center, with an estimated construction cost of 200 million euros, would be completed and fully come on stream within the next five years.

Salehi underlined that the work on building two 1,000-megawatt nuclear power plants, which started two years ago with an estimated cost of \$10 billion, will continue.

He pointed out that said Iran has never halted its peaceful nuclear

The Holy Qur'an

And from among those who are round about you of the dwellers of the desert there are hypocrites, and from among the people of Medina (also); they are stubborn in hypocrisy; you do not know them; We know them; We will chastise them twice then shall they be turned back to a grievous chastisement.

The Holy Qur'an [9.101]

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:05
Evening (Maghreb)	19:55
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:05
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:34

Zarif Hails 'Constructive Talks' With Japan Officials

TOKYO (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Wednesday said he had held "constructive" negotiations with Japanese officials on a range of issues, among them bilateral relations.

In a Japanese language post on his Twitter account, Zarif said that he had met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Foreign Minister Taro Kono in Tokyo on the second leg of his three-nation Asian tour.

He also described as "constructive" his talks on strengthening bilateral ties, alleviating tensions in the Persian Gulf and securing the benefits of the 2015 multilateral nuclear agreement for the Iranian people.

Speaking at the beginning of a meeting with Abe in the Japanese city of Yokohama, Zarif stressed the need to respect for the rights of all countries under international law.

"As our President (Hassan Rouhani) has said, we are not at all seeking heightened tensions," he said. "We believe every country should be able to enjoy its rights under international law."

Abe, for his part, said he hopes to continue tenacious diplomatic efforts to help stabilize the Middle East, which is currently grappling with tensions.

On Tuesday, Zarif sat down with Kono in Tokyo, where the latter expressed Japan's readiness to make diplomatic efforts to help settle regional issues.

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program and will never do so.

"I would like to explicitly tell the people that we will continue our movement towards fulfilling our nuclear objectives and we have never stopped and will never stop in the future," Salehi noted.

He said the AEOI used to produce 10 tons of uranium for years, while the volume stood at 30 tons last year.

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