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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Reactionary Arab Regimes Turn Blind Eye to Zionist Desecration of al-Aqsa

By: Kayhan Intl Staff

While reactionary Arab regimes are slavishly serving American interests and dallying with Israel against fellow Muslims, especially against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the illegal Zionist regime is freely terrorizing the sons of the soil, that is, the Palestinians, and desecrating their religious sanctities.

This is not the first time the illegal Jewish migrants to Occupied Palestine are desecrating the sanctity of Islam's former "Qibla" (direction of prayer), the al-Aqsa Mosque.

According to reports, on Tuesday morning, at least 300 Zionists entered the sacred compound from the Moroccan Gate. Except for Fridays and Saturdays, these illegal settlers violate the mosque in the morning and in the afternoon on a daily basis.

The Arab leaders as we all had expected, have chosen to remain silent on the daily violation of al-Aqsa Mosque. Either they are in a slumber or pretending to be asleep by closing their eyes regarding this important issue. Or, maybe they don't want to hurt their newfound Zionist cousins, and don't want to ruin their family kinship (in the case of Aal-e Saud).

It is rather unfortunate that except for words of denunciation no concrete steps are expected from the Muslim World to stop the current phase of sacrilege in the occupied Islamic city of Bayt al-Moqaddas – which the U.S. president, Donald Trump, criminally calls the capital of Israel and has relocated the American embassy there.

We all have sympathy for the Palestinian Muslims. We strongly condemn the desecration of the al-Aqsa mosque.

We in the Islamic Republic of Iran have always called for effective steps, not just lip service, for materialization of the rights of the people of Palestine, as well as of all other oppressed nations.

On Monday, in Belgrade, Speaker of the Iranian parliament, Dr. Ali Larijani, during a meeting with Secretary-General Martin Chungong of the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), highlighted the significance of the Palestine, calling on this international body to serve as the clear voice of the Palestinian nation amid the challenges facing them.

Remember what the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), had said: "If every Muslim around the globe were to pour a bucket of water, the cancerous tumour called Israel will definitely drown."

So better late than never. It is time for the brains, active minds and conscientious persons of the Muslim World to coordinate efforts for the eventual end of Israel, and then only the desecration of Islamic sanctities will end in Palestine.

Zarif: 'One or More Governments' Behind Attack on Iranian Oil Tanker



This photo taken on Oct. 13, 2019, and released by Shana shows damage caused by two missiles on Iranian oil tanker Sabiti in the Red Sea.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Foreign Minister Javad Zarif says the attack on an Iranian oil tanker in the Red Sea on Friday was a "complicated action" in which "one or more governments" were involved.

"According to information received, the attack on the Iranian tanker has been carried out by one or more governments. Of course, investigations are underway, but as long as we have not reached definitive conclusions, we will not accuse any government," Zarif said.

The oil tanker, SABITI, belongs to the National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC) sustained damage to the body when it was hit by two explosions 60 miles from the Saudi port city

of Jeddah.

Zarif said Tuesday, "The attack on the Iranian tanker was a sophisticated, state-sponsored action."

Noting that investigations are still underway, he said Iran will not accuse any government before receiving precise information about the attack.

Zarif described the attack as a complicated issue which was sponsored by a "government".

President Hassan Rouhani said the incident had been captured on video, which showed the direction the rockets had been fired from.

Rouhani also said the attack was undoubtedly carried out by a government and that there would be consequences.

On Tuesday, Iranian media published new pictures of the Sabiti, showing two gaping holes in the hull of the damaged tanker.

Mohammad Rastad, head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization, said the vessel is carrying 140,000 tonnes of crude oil which is undamaged, thanks to timely measures taken to contain the leak.

According to the official, the tanker is currently sailing in Bab al-Mandeb strait and will soon reach the Gulf of Aden. It is bound for Bandar Abbas and estimated to reach the Iranian port in the next nine days, where necessary repair on the ship will begin, he said.

WHO: Iran 'Health Leader' of Eastern Mediterranean Region

TEHRAN (IFP) - The Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Adhanom on Tuesday described Iran as the health leader in the Eastern Mediterranean region, saying the country has managed to improve the health of children and women and contain infectious diseases by promoting health services.

Addressing the 66th summit of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, Adhanom hailed Iran's health achievements and said the WHO is

committed to helping Iran achieve better and higher quality health services.

The World Health Organization reports indicate that there are many health problems in the eastern Mediterranean region, but countries' efforts have increased optimism, he noted.

"We need political commitment to help improve health in the region, including in Afghanistan, Jordan, Iran, Pakistan and other countries," Adhanom added.

He referred to the global hepatitis program and un-

derlining that "it is a global program to control, prevent and reduce hepatitis B deaths that we must work on in the countries of this region, especially Afghanistan. Although the deaths resulting from this disease have declined to some extent, there are still cases of death in this region."

A framework should be put in place to control these deaths so that mothers, infants and patients can lead healthy lives. To reach this, we need more nurses and health workers to meet these goals, continued the WHO's

The Holy Qur'an

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

But when He gave them out of His grace, they became niggardly of it and they turned back and they withdrew.

The Holy Qur'an (9.72)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:50
Evening (Maghreb)	17:47
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:48
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:11

'U.S. Fails to Bring Iran Into Collapse'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian First Vice-President Eshaq Jahangiri said on Tuesday that Washington's plots against Iran through sanctions and pressures have all failed to make the country collapse.

Addressing a forum in Tehran, Jahangiri said, "The Americans assumed that Iran will collapse under pressures, but Iran enjoys many capabilities in the geographical, economic and human resources fields and has been able to proudly remove the problems."

He expressed the hope Iran would be able to continue to remove the problems in future with collective will and determination, noting, "We should show that we can lead Iran towards development and progress at the peak of pressures."

Director General.

"We have developed a plan to achieve this goal and I pledge to help implement it this year, but there are other problems in the region, such as uncontrolled drug use and environmental issues which we are prepared to address," concluded the official.

Health ministers and high-level representatives of the 22 countries and territories of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, partner organizations and civil society, are scheduled to take part in the summit.

Envoy: Iraqis to Get Iran's Visa Waiver

TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Iran's Ambassador to Iraq Iraj Masjedi on Tuesday praised the Baghdad government's move to remove visa restrictions for Iranian pilgrims visiting the Arab country during the Arba'een season and said the Islamic Republic will do the same for the Iraqi nationals in the near future.

Speaking at a meeting of the Arba'een Headquarters of the western province of Ilam, Masjedi hailed the recent reopening of the Khosravi border crossing and the removal of visa restrictions for Iranians during the Arba'een season.

He further said Iraqi nationals will soon be allowed to enter Iran without

visas for 65 days.

"To reciprocate Iraq's move regarding visa-free travels for Iranian pilgrims, Iran plans to allow Iraqi nationals to enter the country without visas for 65 days as of October 24," he added.

In August, Iran and Iraq signed an agreement in Tehran to reopen the Khos-

ravi border crossing and remove visa restrictions for Iranian Arba'een pilgrims.

Iran and Iraq also agreed to raise the level of services and facilities for the pilgrims and enhance border security during the Arba'een season, which will culminate in a large gathering in Karbala on October 19.