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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

The Ugly Face of US Democracy Fully Exposed

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Wednesday's riotous incidents at Capitol Hill where goons incited by the Chief Goon in the White House broke into and rampaged the headquarters of the US Congress, once again proved the fallacious nature of the West's liberal democracy.

We in the Islamic Republic were not surprised by the events in Washington which further humiliated the crook called Donald Trump, who could be kicked out as incompetent and intransigent well before the formal end of his presidency on January 20

It would be better to say the US is beginning to taste its own bitter pill which it has used for the past decades to stage coups against the legitimate leaders of other countries, and to incite anti-social elements against them through false propaganda and distribution of money.

For us, it might be an internal matter whether Trump is sentenced to hard labour in prison for his crimes against the American people or is pardoned by the flawed judiciary in exchanged for confiscation of his dubiously-accumulated wealth.

What is important for Iran is the handing over this terrorist for trial in Tehran and execution at Baghdad International Airport where he committed the unpardonable crime of assassinating two of the top anti-terrorist icons – Iran's General Qassem Soleimani and Iraq's Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

Yes, the US has now been exposed in its true colours. For decades it used to impose its unrealistic ideas upon other nations with pretensions to respect for humanitarian values.

The bare truth is that the core belief of western society has nothing to do with safeguarding the basic rights of citizens or settlers.

Capitalism which is the base of the western belief has always exploited the masses to fill up the pockets of industrialists, the investors, the corporate sector, and the ruling class.

Exploitation, oppression, racial discrimination, financial frauds, moral corruption, and political deception, coupled with pressures, threats, sanctions, economic terrorism and wars on other countries, are the hallmarks of US capitalism.

The old American trick of refusal to accept the election results of other countries through use of so-called opposition figures kept on its payroll, as well as inciting criminals to indulge in street riots through the use of colourful symbols, and looting of public and private property in the name of freedom of action, has now badly boomeranged.

This time, as predicted, Donald the dastardly dotard used this same tactic at home and on the streets of US cities to try to remain in the Oval Office for another four years.

As the Leader of the Islamic Revolution said yesterday on Friday in a television speech to the nation, the US cannot claim to be an ideal for human rights or humanitarian values.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said: "Today we can see what that ideal has turned into. This is their democracy. This is their election fiasco. This is their human rights: they kill a Black person once in every couple of hours or days, and the murderer is not prosecuted. This is their paralyzed economy. The US economy is truly paralyzed and more weirdly, some still worship America."

The ruling class in the US should not forget the predictions of the Sage of the Age, the Late Imam Khomeini, about the eventual demise of the US capitalist system.

The Father of the Islamic Revolution, who had foretold the end of the Soviet Union and the suffocating socialist system, had also prophesied the ignominious end of the US, which seems to be near.

The US politicians should know that their ruling system is doomed to fail and they can no longer fool the free societies of the world by claiming that their country was built on the idea of "City upon a Hill".

As indicators point out, in the near future there would be no United States of America, and in its place there will be several independent countries.

IRGC Unveils Underground Missile Base in Persian Gulf



IRGC chief Major General Hussein Salami visits an underground missile site at an undisclosed location in the Persian Gulf, in this picture obtained on January 8, 2021.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) unveiled an underground missile base at an undisclosed Persian Gulf location on Friday.

"The base is one of several bases housing the IRGC Navy's strategic missiles," IRGC chief Major General Hussein Salami said.

Last year, the IRGC said Iran had built underground "missile cities" along the Persian Gulf coastline, warning of a "nightmare for Iran's enemies".

"These missiles have ranges of hundreds of kilometers, enjoy pinpoint accuracy and huge destructive power, and can overcome the enemy's electronic warfare equipment," Gen. Salami said.

He said the base is "one of several bases housing the Navy's strategic missiles".

"The IRGC Navy missiles are among the most advanced in the world as to coast-to-sea, surface-to-surface, air-to-sea, sea-to-air combat missions," he said.

There have been periodic confrontations in the Persian Gulf in recent years between the IRGC and the U.S. military, which has hinted at its fears from Iran's fast attack boats near American warships in the strategic waters.

General Salami said IRGC forces are fully prepared for any immediate operation, stressing that the forces will not hesitate to nip any anti-Iran bid by arrogant powers

and enemies in the bud.

"Our logic is to defend the territorial integrity and independence of the country and the achievements of the Islamic Revolution," he said.

"We believe that our enemies do not accept the power of logic, but rely on the logic of force. There is, therefore, no option left for us but to boost our offensive and defensive deterrence in the face of their colonial plots."

He also praised the IRGC Navy's technological advances in terms of quantity and quality, saying much progress has been made with regard to information gathering systems, detection and interception systems as well as radar systems.

Qatar to Maintain Iran Ties Despite Arab Rapprochement

DOHA (Dispatches) -- Qatar's relations with Iran and Turkey will not be affected by Doha's recent reconciliation agreement with blockading states Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, and Egypt, Doha's chief diplomat has said.

Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdulrahman al-Thani said in an interview with The Financial Times on Thursday that despite making some concessions to end the Persian Gulf dispute, Qatar would maintain an independent foreign policy.

"Bilateral relationships are mainly driven by a sovereign decision of the country... and the national interest," he told the FT. "So there

is no effect on our relationship with any other country."

In 2017, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt severed diplomatic, trade and travel ties with Qatar over claims that Doha supported terrorism, a charge the country has long denied.

The four nations subsequently expelled Qataris residing in their countries and issued a list of 13 demands, including shuttering the Al Jazeera news network, ending Turkish military presence in Qatar and cutting diplomatic ties with Iran - all of which were turned down by Doha.

Qatar's air, land and sea links with its neighbors were cut, forc-

ing it to increase imports for food and medicine from Turkey, Oman and others.

On Tuesday, after weeks of shuttle diplomacy, Saudi Arabia and its three Arab allies signed a "peace and solidarity" statement and also agreed to fully restore ties, including the resumption of flights.

While the final declaration only contained a general pledge of solidarity, Sheikh Muhammad said that "hopefully within a week from the signing... things should come back to normal."

Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif congratulated Qatar "for the success of its brave

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Official: Iran Capable of 90% Enrichment

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- A senior official at the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said Thursday the country can easily enrich uranium to levels above 20 percent, even to 90 percent purity.

"Our progress has been made in such a way that we can easily enrich uranium to any percentage, even above 40, 60 and 90 percent," said Behrouz Kamalvandi, the AEOI's spokesman, according to Fars news agency.

Iran's government announced on Monday the resumption of 20 percent enrichment, after President Hassan Rouhani ordered the implementation of a new law, dubbed the Strategic Action Plan to Counter Sanctions, which was recently passed by the parliament. Kamalvandi explained that

under the new law the AEOI is allowed to enrich uranium even above 20 percent if there is a need for that in other areas, adding, "So, we are examining other areas as well."

"If we decide to enrich above 20 percent today, it can be easily done and we are considering the needs," he said.

Tehran began to scale back its commitments under a multilateral nuclear agreement with world powers in May 2019, a year after U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew his country from the deal - officially known as the joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) - and slapped the "toughest ever" sanctions on Iran. However, Iranian officials have stated on numerous occasions

that the move will be reversed as soon as the other parties to the JCPOA return to full compliance with the deal and protect Iran's interests.

Early last month, Iranian lawmakers voted in favor of the Strategic Action Plan to Counter Sanctions, which tasked the Iranian administration with suspending more commitments under the JCPOA.

The law requires the AEOI to produce at least 120 kg of 20-percent enriched uranium annually and start the installation, gas injection, enrichment and storage of nuclear materials up to an appropriate enrichment degree within a period of three months using at least 1,000 IR-2m centrifuges.

The Holy Qur'an

And thus will your Lord choose you and teach you the interpretation of sayings and make His favor complete to you and to the children of Yaqoub, as He made it complete before to your fathers, Ibrahim and Ishaq; surely your Lord is Knowing, Wise.

The Holy Qur'an (12.6)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:12
Evening (Maghreb)	17:29
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:46
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:14

President Rouhani: Trump Has Led U.S. to Disaster

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said Thursday that the chaos unleashed on the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump's supporters exposed the fragility of Western democracy.

"What we saw in the United States yesterday (Wednesday) evening and today shows above all how fragile and vulnerable Western democracy is," Rouhani said in a televised speech.

"We saw that unfortunately the ground is fertile for populism, despite the advances in science and industry. A populist has arrived and he has led his country to disaster over these past four years.

"I hope the whole world and the next occupants of the White House will learn from it."

Rouhani said he hoped for a change of direction from the incoming administration of U.S. President-elect Joe Biden.

He urged the new administration "to make up (for the past) and restore the country to a position worthy of the American nation, because the American nation is a great nation".

"May they return to reason, legality and their obligations. It's for their own benefit and the good of the world," he said.

Rouhani presided over negotiations for a landmark 2015 nuclear agreement with major powers that Trump abandoned in 2018.

Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif called Trump "a rogue president who sought vengeance against his OWN people."

"A rogue president who sought vengeance against his OWN people has been doing much worse to our people—and others—in the past 4 years," he tweeted Thursday.

"What's disturbing is that the same man has the UN-CHECKED authority to start a nuclear war; a security concern for the entire int'l community."