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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Pompeo Punctured

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To liken him to a tyre, whether overinflated or deflated, would be an insult to one of the key components of the progress of human civilization, since the gangster who masqueraded as a diplomat in the rudderless clique of Donald the Dotard, was all set for a humiliating end from the very beginning.

Mike Pompeo, who resembles an overgrown ox and to whom Iran appeared like the red cape of a matador inviting mad charges that always sent the bruised head of the brainless animal spinning, is now a totally punctured person.

Following his idiotic allegations of the Islamic Republic's ties with the CIA-created terrorist outfit 'al-Qa'eda' that made him a laughing stock with seasoned US politicians and the intelligence community, he was bluntly told by the European Union that he was unwelcome, and had to humiliatingly cancel his last diplomatic trip as Secretary of State of Trump the terrorist's tottering team.

He now faces an uncertain future as he sticks with his bewildered boss who is likely to be impeached for the second and final time for his inciting of rioters to rampage through the corridors of the Congress, before being kicked out forever from the arena of politics.

Pompeo like Trump, however, will not be able to escape the punishment the two terrorists deserve for their unpardonable crime of assassinating the anti-terrorist icons – Iran's General Qassem Soleimani and Iraq's Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis – in a cowardly manner at Baghdad International Airport on January 3rd last year.

Both Iran and Iraq have issued arrest warrants for the murderers, and whether or not Interpol fulfills its duty in serving 'Red Notices' to the duo and 46 other culprits, justice will definitely find its course.

The hangman's rope ought to be thick for a roughneck when he is eventually caught and faces the gallows – if not executed in a revolutionary manner in his own yard by some conscientious American avenger.

We all remember how the neck of the criminal Barzan at-Tikriti (step-brother of the Ba'thist tyrant Saddam), came off from the body in front of all onlookers on January 7, 2007 when the executioner pulled the cord.

Perhaps Pompeo, who a few days ago again raved and ranted that Iran should not be allowed to enrich any amount of uranium for its peaceful nuclear projects, might suffer the same, if not a worst fate.

Imagine a harebrained rowdy who thought he could bring the Iranian nation to its knees by blurting a 12-point demand in 2018 in front of a few hypocrites and traitors hired by the State Department, now seems to be nearing his ignominious end.

We had foretold his fate when this most undiplomatic rogue was put in charge of the State Department over two years ago.

Here for the convenience of our readers we produce passages of our Viewpoint Column of 27 September 2018:

"The names 'Pompeius' and 'Pompeo' more or less sound the same to non-Italians, and appear to have a common Latin root word – linguists know better – but to Iran and the Iranians, firmly adhering to the laws of Almighty God and proud of their history, culture, ingenuity and perception, the names stand for over-inflated persons sharing a miserable fate.

"Mike Pompeo, a former CIA spymaster and current foreign policy front-man for the quixotic US president, Donald Trump, seemed to have taken the first step towards suicide or self-destruction – whatever you call it – when in a state of delusion he blurted out a list of demands calling for the complete surrender of the Islamic Republic to the Great Satan.

"Whether or not Pompeo has any blood ties to the Roman warlord of two thousand years ago, he tried to act like Pompeius, who puffed by his victories over Greeks, Jews, and some Arab tribes, violated the treaty with the Parthian Empire of a shared border on the northern banks of the River Euphrates in the Levant, in response to a message of continued cooperation from Phraates III (Emperor Farhad), little knowing that a few years later mighty Rome was destined to suffer one of its most ignominious defeats in history.

"The intention is not to recall the decisive Battle of Carrhae (present day Harran on the Syrian-Turkish border), where in 53 BC, Marcus Crassus lost his life and the dignity of Rome when the Iranians led by Sepahbod Surena routed his army and captured several of the prestigious golden war standards, the Legionary Eagles, as the other two members of the ruling Triumvirate, Pompeius and Julius Caesar, helplessly heard in southeastern Europe and were unable to take any action."

President Rouhani: Trump 'a Big Terrorist of History'



Trump supporters participate in a rally in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday President Donald Trump is wrapping up his tenure with humiliation and scandal, while the Iranian nation is prevailing over the U.S. maximum pressure and its economic terrorism.

Rouhani told a cabinet meeting that Trump's final days in office mark an end to bullying, racism and lawlessness in the world.

"The disgraceful and scandalous end of the U.S. administration ... indicates that bullying, racism, and breaking the law will not come to a good end," he said.

The president praised the Iranian people for their patience and resistance against Trump whom he called the "big terrorist of history", saying

the U.S. administration finalizes a rule in humiliation.

The president pointed to the economic indicators which show Iran's economy is recovering. "All of these facts indicate that the U.S. policy of maximum pressure and economic terrorism have ended in utter failure."

"While the Iranian people feel victorious against this pressure and terrorism, the American people witness great failure in their social and political lives and a huge rift inside the U.S."

The masterminds of the maximum pressure policy on Iran are being ousted and their political life is transpiring forever, Rouhani said.

"A president who lacked political understanding took the helm of

a country, and was accompanied by a stupid foreign minister and an ignorant and radical national security advisor. He handled everything with his gambling and business-oriented mind, and we finally saw how his term ended," Rouhani said.

"No one could believe this lawbreaker would order riot against his own nation, his own security, and the country's legislature, and provoke people against the very democracy they believe in," he added.

Five people were killed last Wednesday after Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol building to protest the ceremonial counting of the electoral votes that would confirm President-elect Joe Biden's election victory.

Iran Condemns U.S. Blacklisting of Cuba, Yemen's Houthis

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran on Wednesday denounced the U.S. State Department's plan to designate Yemen's Ansarullah movement as a terrorist organization.

In a statement, Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said the plan sums up the Trump administration's destructive role in a disgraceful imposed war on Yemen which will bring any political and peaceful solution to a deadlock.

"From the outset of the war on Yemen, the U.S. has been the main sponsor of crimes committed by the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen and has spared no financial and arms assistance" to the invasion, he said.

The U.S. administration and the State Department under President Donald Trump have spared no effort to fan the flames of war in Yemen and block every avenue to a political settlement of the crisis, Khatibzadeh added.

The U.S. designation will hamper humanitarian aid to the Yemeni people

and obstruct the UN peacekeeping mission in the country, he said, hoping that world nations would react to the "evil" decision.

Hawkish U.S. State Secretary Mike Pompeo announced on Sunday that he would notify Congress of his intent to designate Ansarullah as a "foreign terrorist organization (FTO)".

Iran also "strongly" condemned a recent move by the U.S. administration to re-designate Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Tehran stands by Cuba in its resistance against the U.S., Khatibzadeh said in a statement Tuesday.

He rejected U.S. accusations of Havana's support for terrorism as "baseless", saying Cuba is a free nation and an active member of the UN.

"No country, especially the U.S. regime, has the right to intervene in Cuba's internal affairs or to prohibit the country from establishing relations with another free country," he said.

Khatibzadeh said the U.S. supports

several terror organizations as he reiterated Iran's resolve to develop bilateral relations with Cuba.

Cuba said on Friday it had signed an accord with Iran to transfer the technology for its most advanced coronavirus vaccine candidate and carry out last-stage clinical trials of the shot in the Islamic Republic.

The allies are both under fierce U.S. sanctions that exempt medicine yet often put foreign pharmaceutical companies off trading with them and as such they seek to be self-reliant.

Iran launched human trials of its first domestic COVID-19 vaccine candidate late last month, while Cuba has four candidates currently in human trials.

Cuba's Finlay Vaccine Institute said late on Friday it has signed an accord with Iran's Pasteur Institute to collaborate on testing of Soberana 2.

"This synergy will enable both countries to advance more rapidly in the immunization against the SARS-CoV-2 virus," it said on its Twitter account.

South Korea Told Not to Let U.S. Harm Iran Ties

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – A senior Iranian lawmaker says South Korea should not allow the U.S. to harm its relations with the Islamic Republic and endanger the two Asian countries' interests.

Chairman of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee Mojtaba Zonnour told South Korea's First Vice Foreign Minister Choi Jong-kun here that Seoul should try to preserve deep-rooted relations

with Tehran and allow their immaculate record in bilateral cooperation lead to further expansion of ties in different fields.

He pointed to South Korean banks' freeze of Iranian assets under the U.S. pressure, saying officials in Seoul are expected to take a wise measure and release the Iranian resources in order to prevent any damage to mutual relations.

"The inhumane U.S. move to impose sanctions on the

Iranian nation is against international rules and regulations and Tehran does not want mutual ties to be affected by the ill-intentioned U.S. policies," the Iranian legislator said.

The South Korean diplomat, for his part, said he had held constructive talks with Iranian officials on ways to promote relations and solve problems in the way of expanding ties.

He said his country was determined to release Iran's foreign exchange resources.

The Holy Qur'an

And if one of the idolaters seek protection from you, grant him protection till he hears the word of Allah, then make him attain his place of safety; this is because they are a people who do not know.

The Holy Qur'an (9.6)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:14
Evening (Maghreb)	17:34
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:45
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:14

Iraqi, Iranian Courts Competent to Handle Assassination

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif said Wednesday the case of assassination of top Iranian commander General Qassem Soleimani and his companions in Baghdad is only within the competence of Iranian and Iraqi tribunals to handle.

"The venue for any legal action on the assassination of Martyr Soleimani and his companions is the judicial courts of Iran and Iraq," Zarif said in a meeting of organizers of a conference on the legal and international lawsuits relating to the Sacred Defense – a war that former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein launched on Iran in the 1980s.

Zarif touched on his ministry efforts that resulted in the UN special rapporteur's condemnation of the American assassination.

In July 2020, UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Agnes Callamard, said in a report that the U.S. drone strike in Iraq that martyred General Soleimani constituted a violation of international law.

The U.S. assassinated General Soleimani along with Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, deputy head of Iraq's Hashd al-Shaabi, and their companions outside Baghdad airport on January 3, 2020.

The act of terror was carried out under the direction of U.S. President Donald Trump, with the Pentagon taking responsibility for the drone strike.

Iranian authorities have said on several occasions that they expect South Korea to do more on the release of nearly \$8.5 billion blocked illegally in two South Korean banks.

Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif told Choi that the freeze by South Korean banks is a key hurdle to further expansion of relations between the two countries, calling on Seoul to take swift and necessary actions to settle the issue.