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Kayhan Iran Sues European Firms International **Over Chemical Attacks**



The Iranian Judiciary has filed lawsuits against the Europeans for more than 200 victims of chemical attacks by former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- The head of the Iranian Judiciary's High **Council for Human Rights says Iran** has filed lawsuits in international courts against European companies that provided chemical materials to former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's regime, who used chemical weapons against Iranians in the 1980s war.

Ali Bageri-Kani made the remarks on Thursday in a meeting with families of the martyrs of the Sardasht chemical bombing during a visit to West Azerbaijan Province.

Bageri-Kani said the Judiciary has filed lawsuits for more than 200 of the victims of Saddam's chemical attacks, and final verdicts have been issued for 70 of the cases.

tries which "brutally" butchered

the Iranian people through their "chemical weapons" are now "arrogantly" violating the rights of the Iranian people through their "economic and political" tools, making a reference to their use of sanctions and international institutions against Iran.

"The governments that are exerting the highest amount of pressure and the most extensive sanctions against the Iranian people today are the ones that provided Saddam with chemical weapons, prevented international action against the Ba'athist regime and prevented media coverage of Saddam's crime," he stated

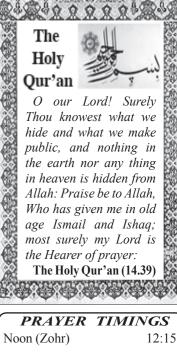
He further said the same Western countries that suffocated civilians in Sardasht neighborhoods now claim to champion human rights in Geneva fortresses.

The official went on to invite Western rulers to hold their next so-called human rights meeting in Sardasht, so that they closely see the effects of their atrocities against the Iranian people.

"In the Sardasht crime, although Saddam played the role of the executioner in the most criminal way, the approach and action of some Western governments were certainly not less than the role of the executioner," Baqeri-Kani said.

Those governments, he continued, consciously and deliberately produced and sold chemical weapons to Saddam, supported him in the international arena and suppressed media coverage of his crime in order to shift public opinion in their favor.

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FM Zarif: U.S. **Retains 'Maximum Pressure' on Iran**

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Friday censured the new U.S. administration for pursuing former president Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" amid the deadly coronavirus pandemic.

In a post on his Twitter account, Zarif published the image of a 6.5-year-old Iranian girl affected by U.S. sanctions, and a letter written by her and addressed to the United States.

"This is a little girl who's paid the price for cruel & inhumane choices of politicians far away. Her situation isn't unique in Iran. Even amid COVID-19, the U.S. continues to exert Trump's failed 'maximum pressure' on Iranians," he wrote.

"Isn't it time to try something that may actually work?"

Trump's maximum pressure has been met with Iran's "maximum resistance" policy, which includes economic measures to weather the pressure as well as reducing Tehran's commitments under a 2015 nuclear agreement.

Envoy Warns Against Using IAEA as 'Bargaining Chip'

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

While the pro Zionist Christian West and its media horns lie glibly in a bid to project a humanitarian image of the brutalities of the US against Muslims opposed to the illegal racist/terrorist entity called Israel, their agents in Muslim countries are busy trying to distort the visage of Islam through brutalities of their own.

Days after opening his terrorist account (faster than his predecessor) by criminally bombing the Syria-Iraq border and tasting Muslim blood, the new US president has cooked up a lie to claim that he called off an air strike against a second target in Syria the same day last week after a woman and children were spotted in the area.

It was as clumsy an attempt at untruth by Joe Biden as Donald Trump's lie of June 2019 when following the downing of the most sophisticated US drone by Iranian border guards in the Persian Gulf he claimed that he called off a strike against the Islamic Republic at the last moment because of his fears of loss of Iranian life.

Jokes of the century indeed! Imagine, US presidents being so compassionate and so concerned about human life that they mercifully refrain from more illegal and extra-territorial military measures around the world at the slightest prospects of harming fellow humans. It means those killed (martyred, to use the right word) in the recent bombing of the Bukamal region of Syria on the Iraqi border were not human beings. It also means that neither the 500,000 Syrians slaughtered over the past ten years by terrorists backed by the US and its comrades-in-crimes were human beings, nor the 1.5 million Iraqis massacred – directly or indirectly – by the US occupation of Iraq were human beings.

The list could be long and unending. It means US presidents never considered as human beings the Germans bombed to bits in Dresden, Berlin, and other cities when World War 2 had almost ended.

In other words, Harry Truman would have called off the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, if he had been told that the 250,000 men, women, and children of those cities targeting for mass

He lamented that the same coun-IRGC Foils Hijacking Attempt on

Domestic Flight

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Friday that its security forces had thwarted an attempted hijacking of a passenger jet on Thursday night.

The hijacking targeted an Iran Air Fokker 100 regional commercial jet heading from the southwestern city of Ahvaz to the northwestern city of Mashhad, the IRGC said on its website.

"The noble and heroic nation of the Islamic Iran is informed that with the grace of God, the conspiracy to hijack a Fokker 100 aircraft belonging to Iran Air ... which had taken off from Ahvaz airport to the holy city of Mashhad at 22:10 hours Thursday

night was neutralized with the vigilance of the IRGC's flight security team," it said in a statement.

The hijacker sought to divert the flight to an airport in the southern littoral states of the Persian Gulf, the IRGC said. That description would include the countries of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The flight, it said, made an emergency landing in the central city of Isfahan where the hijacker was arrested.

IRGC said the "dimensions and angles of the conspiracy" are being investigation.

A Fokker 100 was scheduled to take off from Ahvaz for Mashhad at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, according to the plane-tracking website FlightRadar24.com. Iran Air has three of the aircraft in its fleet, each around 30 years old as Iran remains locked out of international aircraft sales due to sanctions.

Iranian domestic flights carry armed air marshals aboard them to disrupt any attempted attack or hijacking. The last such attempt happened in 2000

states against joining an anti-

Iran alliance together with the

Zionist regime, saying the move

will bring "catastrophic conse-

Vahidi, who is a member of

Iran's Expediency Council,

said Saudi Arabia, the UAE and

Bahrain lacked the capacity to

Therefore, Vahidi said, "it

is unlikely that they would be

so stupid as to join an alliance

against us with the Zionist en-

If they were to join such an al-

liance, "they will endure very

powerful blows," he said. "We

hope they do not sink any further

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quences" upon them.

face Iran.

tity."

killing were human beings.

Thus, while the US, western regimes, and the pro-Zionist media utter the most preposterous lies to cover up the crimes against humanity, their agents in Muslim countries continue their own brutalities against the people they rule or that of neighbouring states.

An example in this regard is the ongoing Saudi-UAE invasion of Yemen with the most lethal weapons supplied by the US, Britain, and France, that have so far killed over 200,000 men, women, and children, besides destruction of the infrastructure, the spread of famine and epidemics, and homelessness of millions of others.

No, the Americans and the Europeans do not take responsibility for the crimes against humanity of their agents, since for the western media the killing of Muslims by so-called Muslims, is an opportunity to defame and distort the visage of Islam.

For this reason, the Wahhabi regime of Riyadh and the takfiri terrorists it nurtures are called 'puritanical' Muslims by the pro Zionist western media, so as to portray a negative image of Islam to the people of the West.

Thus, the targeted killing over the past few days of three women journalists and a female doctor in Afghanistan by the Daesh terrorists, airlifted from Syria and Iraq by the US, is part of the same sordid plot to undermine the teachings of Islam, while giving the false impression that the West, particularly the lying American presidents are humanitarian at heart and never hurt mankind anywhere around the world.

The statement said all passengers were safe and traveled to their destination on an alternative flight. The

Al-Wefaq Warns Bahraini Regime Over Zionist Alliance

MANAMA (Dispatches) ---Bahrain's main opposition group has denounced the Bahraini regime's plan to join Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in forming an alliance with the occupying regime of Israel against Iran, calling the move an act of betrayal.

The Al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, in a statement released on Thursday, condemned the Al-Khalifah regime's intention to join the anti-Iran coalition as the ultimate betrayal of national values in Bahrain.

"The Zionists tend to quickly drown anyone who clings to them," the statement said.

"All strata of the Bahraini

society are opposed to any friendship with the Zionists. Attempts to dance to their tune show the weakness and humiliation" of the Bahraini regime, it added.

The Jerusalem Post newspaper, citing an unnamed Zionist official familiar with the matter. reported on March 1 that Israel, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain had discussed expanding cooperation and forming an alliance against Iran.

Speaking in an interview with Russia's RT Arabic television news network on Wednesday, former Iranian defense minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi warned the Persian Gulf

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- Iran's ambassador to international organizations in Vienna has warned of efforts to abuse the International Atomic Energy Organization (IAEA) as a "bargaining chip", saying such moves would undermine the existing goodwill between Iran and the IAEA.

"In view of the ongoing and constructive cooperation between Iran and the Agency, any politically motivated move and abusing the Agency for political bargaining chip and misleading it is absolutely destructive," Kazem Gharibabadi said in a statement to the IAEA Board of Governors on Thursday.

Gharibabadi said any politically motivated move is also immensely counterproductive with regard to the already existing goodwill and mutual trust between the Agency and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The remarks came after the IAEA Board of Governors dropped its decision to adopt an anti-Iran resolution (Continued on Page 7)