

BEIJING (Dispatches) -- China's foreign minister on Sunday urged the United States to demonstrate good faith and remove "unjustifiable" sanctions it has imposed on Iran as quickly as possible in order to save the multilateral nuclear deal of 2015.

"The Iranian nuclear issue is a sensitive issue that affects the whole situation in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf region. In the past four years, the U.S. side broke its promise by pulling out of JCPOA unilaterally, and has imposed maximum pressure on Iran, which led to a renewed escalation of tension in the region," Wang Yi said.

DUBAI (Dispatches) — A pair of B-52 bombers have flown over the Mideast, the latest such mission in the region aimed tensions between Washington and Tehran.

The U.S. military's Central Command said the two B-52s flew over the region Sunday accompanied by military aircraft from the occupying regime Israel, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. It marked the fourth-such bomber deployment into the Mideast this year and the second under President Joe Biden. Flight-tracking data showed the two B-52s flew out of Minot Air Base in North Dakota.

Viewpoint

If the Messiah (AS) were among us (Thought of the Day)!

Rouhani Warns Europe to Avoid 'Threats or Pressure'



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Yemeni Forces Closing In on Ma'rib, Down Saudi Spy Plane



Talisman of Victory Over the Israelites

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"Khaybar knows well that I am Marhab whose weapon is sharp, a warrior tested.

"Sometimes I thrust with spear; sometimes I strike with sword, when lions advance in burning rage."

These boastful words uttered by a fearsome Israelite warlord over a millennium, four centuries, and thirty-five years ago, amuse us today in the same manner as the almost daily threats of the usurper state of Israel against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Marhab's bragging of his awesome strength and his dexterity in brandishing his heavy sword and lance was, however, not amusing to most of the companions of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). Whenever these neo Muslim stalwarts summoned up their courage to lead a group of warriors towards the impregnable fortress of Qamous in the Khaybar region, north of Medina, the iron-clad Israeli warrior's mere thunderous roar, without the need to unsheathe his dreaded sword, was enough to make them flee from the battlefield.

The situation in the year 7 AH seems similar to that of our own times, when talk of the doomsday arsenal assembled by the Zionists has bludgeoned the senses of Arab reactionaries into submission to Israel, to the extent that today their collaboration against Islam is no longer secret anymore.

Some examples in this regard are establishment of trade, diplomatic, cultural, economic, and military relations of the unrepresentative regimes in the UAE and Bahrain with the illegal Zionist entity, while the rootless Aal-e Saud regime of Jewish origin in Riyadh, is eyeing the appropriate opportunity to openly dance with its long lost Israelite cousins by further betraying the Palestinian cause.

The logic is that, especially after having failed to destabilize Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq, through the takfiri terrorists armed with Israeli-made weapons against the Resistance Front, it is no longer a matter of shame for these so-called Arab regimes to worship at the altar of Zionism, in the same manner that their pagan ancestors used to serve the cause of the Rabbis of Khaybar by raiding Muslims with the weapons and money provided by the Jews.

As a matter of fact, in 7 AH, the unholy Arab-Israelite alliance had become so alarming that the region of Khaybar on the highway to Syria had turned into a virtual headquarters for the plan to attack Medina, kill the Prophet, and wipe out Islam.

In the same way as God Almighty had empowered Moses with miracles and sent him along with his loyal brother Aaron to confront the Egyptian Pharaoh in his own den, He commanded Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) to proceed to the heartland of the enemy and seal the argument by inviting the Israelites to Islam.

The sudden appearance of a force of determined Muslims unnerved the Israelites and many of them wisely came to terms with God's Last and Greatest Messenger foretold in the Torah, and in turn were allowed to continue their peaceful trade and agricultural activities.

The hard-skulled Israelites, however, thought that armed confrontation with what appeared to them as a lightly-armed though numerically large force of Muslims would decide the matter in their favour forever.

Marhab the guardian of Fortress Qamous was one such hare-brained warlord deceived by his physical strength and the stockpile of dangerous weapons that the Israelites possessed.

Weeks turned into a month, as the timidity shown by the ever-fleeing neo Muslim companions of the Prophet gave a false sense of security and hopes of eventual victory to the progenitors of modern-day Zionism.

It was then that the Prophet expressed his famous statement: "Tomorrow I will give the standard to a man who loves Allah and His Messenger and whom Allah and His Messenger love, the one who is an intrepid attacker (Karrar) and does not flee (ghayra farrar); the one who will stand firm and will not return till victory is achieved."

On the next morning, that is the 24th of Rajab, some of the formerly pagan Arabs thought that the honour would be theirs, despite their humiliating retreats of over a month, but to their utter surprise, the Prophet said a phrase that has ever since remained immortal:

"Nad-e Aliyan, Mazhar al-Aja'eb (Call Ali, the Manifestor of Wonders)" Imam Ali (AS), who was not part of the campaign because of sore eyes, was brought forth. The Prophet applied his saliva to his cousin's eyes and handed him the command of the Muslim forces.

To quote the Sunni scholar, Abdul-Haq Muhaddith Dehlavi in his book "Madarij an-Nubuwwah": "Then Ali started with the standard in his hand and on nearing the walls of the fortress of Qamous firmly planted it on a rock. A Rabbi who was watching from the ramparts yelled, 'O standard-bearer! Who are you?' The reply came: "I am Ali son of Abu Talib." The Rabbi told the Israelites, 'By the Torah, you will be defeated! This man will not go back without winning the battle.'

The rest is history. Imam Ali (AS), introduced himself to Marhab as "Haydar" (Lion), thereby sending shivers down his spine for the Israelite warlord had been told not to fight with a person named as such.

The Imam then shattered the myth of invincibility of the Israelites by dispatching to the netherworld Marhab and other fearsome warlords who charged at him. He then, aided by spiritual force and divine strength, leapt across the moat and tore from its hinges the huge gateway.

These are the undeniable facts which we should focus upon in order to reassert Islamic superiority – facts which are the key to Iran's continued success against the Great Satan and its devilish surrogates over the past 42 years, and facts that inspired Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah to victory over Israel in 2006 during the 33 day war.

Gen. Hatami's Response to Israeli War Minister's Threat:

Iran to Raze Tel Aviv, Haifa If Attacked



Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Hatami tests domestically-built Massaf assault rifle unveiled along with a number of other weapons at a ceremony in Tehran, March 7, 2021.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran's defense minister said Sunday Tehran will raze Tel Aviv and Haifa if Israel commits any mistake after the occupying regime's war minister said it was updating plans for a possible attack on Iranian nuclear facilities.

"Sometimes, the Zionist rulers bite off more than they can chew and make threats clearly out of desperation," Brigadier General Amir Hatami said.

"Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khomeini responded well to the Zionists many years ago. He said that the Zionist regime is not our main en-

emy and not at the level to be hostile against the Islamic Republic. The Zionist regime knows, and if it does not know, it should know that the Islamic Republic will raze Tel Aviv and Haifa to the ground if it commits a mistake," he added.

Hatami said Ayatollah Khomeini's order, in his capacity as the commander in chief of the Iranian armed forces, "has been carefully enacted and turned into a plan, which will be implemented with a single beckon".

"I advise the Zionist rulers not to make this mistake, even verbally," the Iranian defense minister added.

The remarks came after the Israeli war minister said the regime was updating plans for military strikes on Iran's nuclear sites in case Tehran continues what he characterized as "nuclear escalation".

In an interview with Fox News, Benny Gantz was asked about Iran's nuclear program and whether Israel was completing preparations to attack Iranian targets.

"We have them (plans) in our hands of course but we will continue constantly improving them," he said.

"The Iranian nuclear escalation must be stalled. If the world stops

them before, it's very much good. But if not, we must stand independently and we must defend ourselves by ourselves."

Iran has repeatedly enunciated its nuclear program as exclusively civilian, subject to the most intensive UN supervisions ever.

Tehran signed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2015 with six world countries, which led to the forging of close cooperation between the Islamic Republic and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), despite intensive Israeli lobbying to torpedo the nuclear agreement.

However, the administration of former U.S. president Donald Trump severely undermined the JCPOA by abandoning it in May 2018 amid numerous IAEA reports on Tehran's full compliance with the accord.

The occupying regime of Israel supported Washington's unilateral withdrawal from the deal and the "maximum pressure" campaign that the U.S. launched against Iran.

The new U.S. administration, under President Joe Biden, has expressed a willingness to bring Washington back to the JCPOA. But it is demanding that Iran walk back all its remedial steps which it has taken in response to the U.S. violations and the Europeans' failure to meet their end of the bargain.

Iran insists the United States has to lift its sanctions before the Islamic Republic considers a reversal.

During his interview, Gantz displayed

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Hundreds of Tankers Smuggling Syrian Oil Destroyed

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – Russian and Syrian military forces have launched a barrage of missiles at makeshift refineries in Syria's northwestern province of Aleppo, causing a massive blaze as hundreds of tankers caught fire in the area that is controlled by Turkish troops and their allied takfiri militants, reports said Sunday.

Local sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a series of strikes were launched from Russian warships and by Syrian government forces on local oil refineries near the towns of Al-Bab and Jarablus on Friday, sparking huge fires.

The missile strikes, they said, took place as Turkish-backed takfiri terrorists were trying to smuggle hundreds of trucks loaded with oil across the Syrian-Turkish border.

The fire spread to about 400 oil tankers, according to the sources.

The so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR)

said it had "documented the deaths of four people, while 24 others sustained various injuries and burns" in the missile strikes.

Turkey's official Anadolu news agency reported that 18 people had been injured in the attacks.

An unnamed source from the Turkish-backed Syrian National Army said missile strikes in northern Syria had killed one person and injured at least eleven others.

Oil installations in Turkey-controlled parts of Aleppo have come under attack in recent months.

Back on January 10, unidentified drones hit oil refineries in Turkish-held areas of Aleppo, causing a large fire.

The observatory said at the time that the energy installations were struck near Tarhin village in the countryside of Al-Bab city.

Ankara has been supporting takfiri militants since they were deployed to northeastern Syria in

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Why Are Virus Deaths High Among UK Muslims?

LONDON (Middle East Eye) -- On the first day of lockdown there was a strong sense of déjà vu at the Al-Manaar Mosque in west London. The team was strongly reminded of when the mosque's doors were flung open in 2017 to the survivors of the nearby Grenfell Tower fire disaster. Overnight, its elegant halls were transformed into an emergency support centre.

As with Grenfell, the Al-Manaar response was swift. On the day lockdown was announced, its team held an emergency meeting with Aid UK to deliver help to the elderly. The ornate halls would once again fill with emergency parcels.

The logistics of distributing them would prove trickier during a pandemic; volunteers needed to be checked for suitability, trained in food handling, and temperature-checked on entry.

"It was different with Grenfell, when our door was open to anyone who wanted to come in. This

time we had to be very selective and careful... It was extra work and pressure to make sure you're doing the right thing," the mosque's manager, Abdurahman Sayed, told Middle East Eye.

For Sayed, the analogy between Grenfell and the pandemic is stark: Al-Manaar would once again be a liferaft for the poor of Kensington, the UK's most unequal borough. Like many mosques, Al-Manaar was dealt a hefty financial blow by the pandemic.

Unlike other faith institutions, it lacked cash reserves and was reliant solely on bucket donations from attendees. Despite hitting the red, its thin resources were marshaled to deliver emergency food parcels and plug the holes in a tattered welfare net. The mosque's team was stepping into the void left by the government, but was deprived of the funds to do so.

The Peace Centre, a small food

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