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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Leader's Clear-Cut Emphasis on Iran's Nuclear Rights

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

After the Leader of the Islamic Revolution's decisive remarks Monday on Iran's nuclear rights and requirements, there should be no doubts on the Islamic Republic's clear cut approach towards the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action (JCPOA), which the US blatantly breached well before expiry of its term and which the West European regimes consider as a mere pressure lever to cheat the Iranian people.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei minced no words when he told members of the Assembly of Experts: "We are determined to develop our nuclear capabilities in line with the needs of the country. For this reason, Iran's enrichment will not be limited to 20%, and we will take whatever action is necessary for the country. For example, for developing nuclear propulsion and other activities, we may even increase enrichment to 60%."

He also clearly stated: "Since the US withdrew from the JCPOA and others went along with it, as per the commandments of the Holy Qur'an, under such circumstances we too have the right to renounce our commitments. Our government, however, did not abandon its commitments, but gradually reduced some of them. Of course, these things can be reversed should the other sides return to their commitments."

This means, Iran, which as per Article 37 of the 2015 Accord has the right to revise its policies, including increasing uranium enrichment, when the other parties fail to fulfill their obligations, is ready to honour its commitments for the remaining duration of the JCPOA, provided the violators unconditionally return to its letter and spirit.

Moreover, as Iranian officials have said, the US needs to compensate Iran for the estimated 300 billion-dollar loss its policy of economic terrorism has inflicted upon the Islamic Republic.

Now, following the Leader's clarification of so many issues relating to JCPOA, including his fatwa (religious edict) that Islam forbids manufacture of weapons of mass destruction, in contrast to the mass massacre of some 220,000 Japanese men, women, and children by the US with atomic weapons in the second half of 1945 when World War 2 was almost over, the concerned Iranian officials should avoid any misstep by biting the bait of talks.

Actually there is no need of any talks with the erring parties on any clause of the JCPOA that was finalized in Geneva, but unfortunately repeatedly violated by the US and the European regimes of Germany, France, and Britain, even after they had duped Iranian negotiators to reduce uranium enrichment to as low as 3.67 percent from 20 percent, while keeping their own doomsday nuclear arsenals intact, and unnecessarily awarding veto power to the American president to approve the deal every three months.

Another important point stated by Ayatollah Khamenei was the idiotic harping of the West and its atomic-armed Zionist poodle on the alleged Iranian plan to secretly build nuclear weapons.

He said: "That international Zionist clown (Netanyahu) repeatedly says that they will not allow Iran to produce nuclear weapons. He should be told that if the Islamic Republic wished to build nuclear weapons, he and people much bigger than him would not be able to stop it."

Senior Commander: Zionists to Pay for Any Miscalculation vs. Iran



This file photo shows Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) firing missiles during a military exercise near Qom, central Iran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - A senior Iranian military commander says the Zionist regime is after igniting another war in the region, warning that the regime will indeed be paying for whatever miscalculation or wrongful step that it could take towards the Islamic Republic.

The remarks were made by Major-General Gholam-Ali Rashid, commander of Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, which is the country's topmost military institution that is tasked with co-ordination as well as operational planning and oversight of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic.

"By inviting Iran to all-out con-

frontation and threatening our national security, the Zionist regime of Israel will indeed pay the price of any strategic miscalculation and measure," said the commander, who was addressing a gathering of military officials.

Tel Aviv, he added, was after causing instability and warfare in the region by provoking the United States into engaging in such a conflict and prompting bloodshed of the American forces.

Adding to his remarks, the Iranian commander laid emphasis on the need for the Islamic Republic to preserve and enhance its defensive-security readiness.

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The official commanded the Iranian Army and Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s commanders for ordering many such exercises over the past year in line with a relevant directive by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

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PRAYER TIMINGS	
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Evening(Maghreb)	18:13
Dawn(Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:17
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:40

Earlier, in an interview with the Lebanese television network Al Manar, Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif had warned Zionists against any attack on Iran, saying that such a move would amount to "committing suicide."

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He said Iran's goal in Syria is to combat terrorism, calling on Zionist regime to stop supporting terrorism.

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Zarif Slams Foreign Meddling, Arms Sales in Region

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif has slammed Western countries for their unjustified presence and intervention in the Middle East and for selling weapons to regional regimes.

Speaking at a conference in Tehran on Iran's legal and international claims related to the eight-year Iraqi war on Iran during the 1980s, Zarif said United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 598 (1987) includes an important Article on regional security that was added to the document at the request of the Islamic Republic.

"We should tell those who accuse us of misbe-

having in the region that you are the ones who have created misery in our region... You are the ones who came to this region and are committing murder and causing destruction" in the Middle East, he said.

"Why should the region need 100 billion dollars in weapons sales a year? 25 percent of the world's arms trade takes place in our region, and everyone is involved. Now, France wants to try to use the gap that may have been created between Saudi Arabia and the United States to sell more weapons to Saudi Arabia, and this has become a concern for regional security. Who do you think you are fooling?" Zarif added.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the top Iranian diplomat said the 1980-88 war that Iraq imposed on Iran amounted to an act of aggression, during which the regime of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein committed war crimes against the Iranian nation.

There is no doubt that Saddam's invasion of Iran violated the peremptory norms of international law, Zarif said, adding, "A widespread military attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran, a country that had just entered the stage of building the state following the Revolution..., is both a criminal and aggressive act. It has aggressive intentions and no justification."

IRGC Quds Commander: Iran Will Continue Path of General Soleimani

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Brigadier General Esmaeil Qa'ani said on Tuesday that Iran will continue down the path of resistance that his predecessor, Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, pursued prior to his assassination by the United States.

"We will continue down the path of Martyr Soleimani with honor and pride, and will stand against the oppressors of the world," Brigadier General Esmaeil Qa'ani said at a conference in Tehran on Iran's legal and international claims related to the eight-year Iraqi war on Iran during the 1980s.

"The path of resistance is growing stronger every day, contrary to the situation of the Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

that of the Zionist regime, which has been building a wall around itself for security," he added.

General Soleimani, the former commander of the IRGC's Quds Force, was assassinated along with his Iraqi trenchmate Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the deputy head of the Popular Mobilization Units, in a U.S. drone strike ordered by ex-president Donald Trump near Baghdad International Airport on January 3, 2020.

Both commanders were highly popular because of the key role they played in eliminating the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group in the region, particularly in Iraq and Syria.

And also, at the conference, Iran's Judiciary Chief Seyed Ebrahim Rayeesi said Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis will re-

main as heroes of the war against terrorism.

"Abu Mahdi Al-Muhandis and Haj Qassem Soleimani will always be heroes of the war against terrorism," Rayeesi said, adding that Iran is pursuing the assassination of the Iranian and Iraqi commanders and the cowardly move will not go unanswered.

"As the Judiciary, we are responsible for all cases and we are also responsible for this specific case although there may not be a fair trial because of the hegemonic system," he noted.

Rayeesi blasted the U.S. for targeting the symbol of Resistance in a crime that has violated all international regulations and the Iraqi territorial integrity.

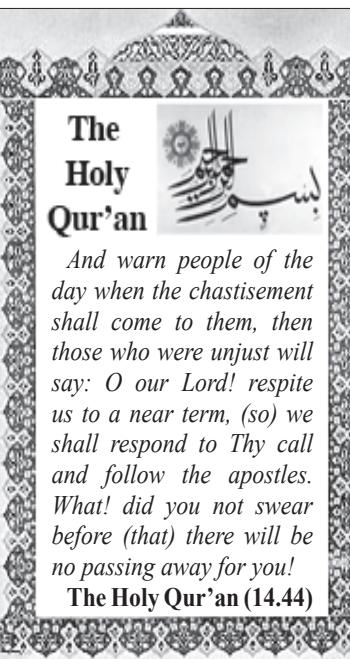
In relevant remarks, Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Hussein

Baqeri said the United States targeted Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani's car with a bomb special for armored vehicles, adding that the bomb can pierce 30 centimeters into steel.

"This bomb that hit General Soleimani's car can penetrate 30cm into steel. They used such a bomb and committed such a crime so as to shatter his body," Major General Baqeri said.

"A foreign guest travelled to Iraq, carrying a message in response to the message of Saudi Arabia upon the Iraqi Prime Minister's invitation," Baqeri stated in a local ceremony in Tehran, referring to Martyr Soleimani's visit to Baghdad.

He stressed that Martyr Soleimani entered Iraq onboard a civilian airliner in a public, clear and open trip.



The Holy Qur'an

And warn people of the day when the chastisement shall come to them, then those who were unjust will say: O our Lord! respite us to a near term, (so) we shall respond to Thy call and follow the apostles. What! did you not swear before (that) there will be no passing away for you! The Holy Qur'an (14.44)