

## In the Name of the Most High

### Viewpoint

## Biden Exploiting Khashoggi Case to Keep MBS under Leash

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*When Donald Trump shielded his blue-eyed Saudi boy from all consequences of the brutal saving alive of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, the then US president was merely playing politics without any real sympathies for Mohamed bin Salman (MBS) who was merely viewed as a consenting cow with plenty of milk to offer the Americans.*

*Now when Joe Biden orders release of the US intelligence report officially naming the Saudi Heir Apparent as the main culprit behind the murder in Istanbul, Turkey, on 2nd October 2018, of Khashoggi, he is also playing politics, with an eye to more adeptly milk the Wahhabi clan of its ill-accumulated oil wealth.*

*In other words, the US administration, whether Republican or Democrat, has no sympathies, either for Khashoggi, his children (by his first wife) held hostage in Saudi Arabia, his fiancée in Turkey, or for any members of his family.*

*In fact, humanitarian issues never figure in the devilish calculations of the Great Satan, which only wants hegemony and the wealth of world nations through any means possible, without having any permanent friendship with anyone.*

*The only US friend, or more properly the US deity, is the illegal Zionist entity, whose illegitimate interests the American serfs are bound to serve, even if it means the destruction of Christianity and the humanitarian message of Jesus (peace upon him) – who along with his holy mother the Virgin Mary (peace upon her) continue to be slandered by the Israelis.*

*Thus, if Trump had used his daughter Ivanka and Jewish son-in-law Jared Kushner as baits to entrap MBS and fleece him of hundreds of billions of dollars, Biden, who doesn't have such enticing baits to seduce the lecherous Saudi, has resorted to pressure tactics to keep the taps running for inflow of hundreds of billions of petrodollars from the Persian Gulf oilfields into the US coffers.*

*This is evident by the intelligence report that stops short of any punitive action against MBS, and merely bans entry to US of some of his collaborators in the crime – perhaps to appease Ankara, which has long passed its verdict against the MBS, following its own enquiry immediately after the journalist's murder on its soil in blatant violation of all diplomatic norms.*

*Jamal's case is of vital importance for Turkey, since he is the grandson of Dr. Mohammad Khaled Khashoggi (actual pronunciation Khashoqchi or Spoon-maker), the Turkish citizen from Kayseri in central Anatolia who settled in Mecca after disintegration of the Ottoman Empire, and served as personal physician to Abdul-Aziz Aal-e Saud, the desert brigand of Najd for whom Britain created Saudi Arabia in 1932 after the latter had seized the dominions of the Istanbul-backed dynasties of the Aal-e Rashid of Ha'el and the Hashemites of Hijaz.*

*MBS, whose strings of crimes include the martyrdom of the scholar Sheikh Nimr Baqer an-Nimr, the reducing to rubble of the centuries old historic quarters of the city of Awamiyya, the detention and mysterious killing of rival kinsmen of the Saudi clan, the hijacking and slapping of Lebanese prime minister, Sa'd al-Hariri, the destruction of the infrastructure of Yemen and the massacre of over 200,000 men, women, and children, is still useful to Biden in view of the Saudi maniac's blind enmity towards Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.*

*This means Khashoggi's murder is merely a case to be exploited and nothing more, despite the fact that Jamal had ties to the CIA as well as to US arms manufacturers through his late uncle the multi-billionaire Adnan, one of Saudi Arabia's most powerful weapons dealers.*

*He was not an angel, and had represented the shadowy world of collaboration that sometimes exists between journalism and the intelligence agencies. Indeed, as advisor to Turki bin Faisal Aal-e Saud, the head of Saudi intelligence for 24 years, Jamal was an advocate of the Saudi destruction of Syria and Iraq, and an ardent supporter of MBS' war in Yemen to stop alleged Iranian influence before he fell out.*

*At any rate, Biden whose penchant for state terrorism became evident last Thursday on the Syria-Iraq border, needs the cultish regime of Riyadh to advance its illegal goals in the region, and the implication of MBS is only a tactic to make sure the Saudis would always remain under the American yoke as the US is fearful of the growing positive influence of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the power of the Resistance Front throughout West Asia.*

# China Delivers 250,000 Doses of Vaccine to Iran



Health workers at Rasoul Akram Hospital in Tehran are vaccinated against COVID-19.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Health Ministry said the country expected to receive 250,000 doses of the Sinopharm vaccine from China on Saturday.

Alireza Raisi, deputy health minister, said the country would receive doses of other vaccines, including from India, in the "near future" as the country struggles to fight the worst outbreak of the pandemic in the Middle East.

This month, Iran imported 120,000 doses of the Sputnik V vaccine from Russia. Reports have said Iran has purchased a total of 2 million doses.

Iran in December began human trials on the first vaccine manufactured in the country, which is

expected to be distributed in the spring. The country is also working on a joint vaccine with Cuba.

Iran plans to import some 17 million doses of vaccine from the international COVAX program and millions more from individual countries.

Speaking at a meeting with clerics in Qom on Friday night, Health Minister Saeed Namaki said Iran will be importing the AstraZeneca vaccine made in South Korea.

He said the vaccine has been developed under a joint research project and is being produced in 12 sites across the world. The minister also noted that Iran has begun to vaccinate the elderly at nursing homes.

Health Ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari put Iran's death toll from COVID-19 at 59,980 after 81 more died from the disease since Friday. Lari said 7,975 new confirmed cases have brought the total to more than 1.6 million in a country with a population of more than 83 million.

The Iranian government will keep the coronavirus restrictions in place during the new year holidays to avert a new wave of the pandemic, President Hassan Rouhani said Saturday.

Addressing a meeting of the Coronavirus Fight National Headquarters, the president said people will have to observe the health protocols and abide by strict re-

The Holy Qur'an

And they have indeed planned their plan, but their plan is with Allah, though their plan was such that the mountains should pass away thereby. Therefore do not think Allah (to be one) failing in His promise to His apostles; surely Allah is Mighty, the Lord of Retribution.

The Holy Qur'an (14.47)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:17
Evening (Maghreb)	18:17
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:12
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:35

strictions during the upcoming Nowruz holidays at the beginning of spring.

Rouhani stressed the need to mobilize efforts to prevent the fourth wave of the coronavirus pandemic in Iran, saying it is necessary to step up control and monitoring and increase the number of tests for early detection of infection.

"Today, the administration has focused its efforts on the purchase of vaccine. We will supply as much vaccine as we can," Rouhani added.

The Health Ministry has formulated plans to restrict travels during the Nowruz holidays, which will begin on March 21. People have been advised to stay home and exercise caution as a new strain of COVID-19, first found in the UK, is spreading in Iran.

## Iran's Top Nuclear Official:

### Footage of IAEA Cameras to Be Deleted If Sanctions Remain

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) says recordings from monitoring equipment that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) installed at the country's nuclear sites will be deleted if the United States does not lift its unilateral sanctions within the next three months.

Ali-Akbar Salehi said, "Now, the IAEA does not have the right to access surveillance cameras for up to 3 months, and if the sanctions are not lifted, the information recorded by the cameras will be deleted and cameras will be uninstalled. The agency issues a report every three months, so we gave it a chance."

Salehi made the remarks on Friday, four days after Iran stopped the voluntary implementation of the Additional Protocol to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Safeguards Treaty, which stipulates enhanced international access to nuclear sites and snap inspections by the IAEA.

The halt came under the Strategic Action Plan to Counter Sanc-

tions, a law passed last December by the Iranian parliament, and adds to Iran's previous steps away from the 2015 nuclear deal in response to the U.S.'s unilateral withdrawal in 2018 and the other parties' failure to fulfill their commitments.

Last week, the IAEA and the AEOI reached a temporary bilateral technical understanding, under which the latter would continue to use cameras to record information at its nuclear sites for three months, but it would retain the information exclusively. If the U.S. sanctions are lifted completely within that period, Iran will provide the footage information to the UN nuclear agency, otherwise it will be deleted forever.

Salehi also noted that the Iranian Parliament had consulted the AEOI regarding the anti-sanctions legislation.

In another development on Saturday, the AEOI deputy chief provided information about the construction operation at the 1,000-megawatt Bushehr Nuclear

Power Plant.

Mahmoud Jafari said in an interview with Fars news agency that a contract had been signed between two Iranian firms and Russia's Atomstroyexport company to build two 1,057-megawatt nuclear units at the site of the Bushehr facility.

"The construction work of Bushehr 2 and 3 units began in January 2017 and Iranian companies have completed land and sea engineering studies as the first step," he added.

The European Union's top foreign policy official on Friday called for a concerted effort to use what he has referred to as a "diplomatic window of opportunity" in order to revive a 2015 nuclear agreement signed between Iran and major world powers.

"This is an occasion that we cannot miss," to reinvigorate the nuclear accord, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell told reporters via a videoconference.

The future of the JCPOA has been in doubt since May 2018, when the U.S. under ex-president Donald Trump pulled out of the agreement and imposed the "toughest ever" sanctions on Iran as part of his so-called "maximum pressure," which tried in vain to force Iran back to the negotiating table for talks on a "better deal."

Despite throwing verbal support behind the JCPOA, the European parties to the deal — France, Britain and Germany — ultimately succumbed to Washington's pressure and failed to fulfill their contractual commitments to Tehran, mainly by confronting the American sanctions.

That promoted Tehran to begin a set of retaliatory measures in several stages as part of its legal rights stipulated in Articles 26 and 36 of the JCPOA. The latest such measure was the halt in the implementation of the Additional Protocol, which was required by the parliament-adopted law.

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## Media Cooperation Discussed With Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh has held talks with Syrian officials and attended meetings of think tanks, media outlets and elites in the Arab country.

The meetings were held in Damascus in line with Iran-Syria cooperation in public diplomacy, media and cultural arenas.

During his trip, Khatibzadeh held talks with Syrian For-

eign Minister Faisal Mekdad and the two sides discussed the latest situation of bilateral ties as well as cultural and media cooperation.

In the meeting, the top Syrian diplomat underlined the importance of boosting mutual cooperation in cultural and media arenas.

Khatibzadeh also held talks with the Syrian minister of information and culture, minister of science and Bouthaina

Shaaban, the senior advisor to the Syrian president.

In the meetings, the Iranian foreign ministry spokesman stressed the need to further expand cultural and media cooperation between the two sides.

He also expressed pleasure with Syrian people's resistance against terrorism and underlined Iran, like in the past, will stand by the Syrian government and nation in helping with the economic reconstruction of

Syria and boosting cultural cooperation with that country.

In the meetings, the Syrian authorities underscored that Syria will never forget Iran's support for Syrian people.

Khatibzadeh also delivered a speech at the Syrian Diplomatic Academy and took part in a meeting of the country's Institute for Strategic Studies. He further attended a meeting with Syria media and answered journalists' questions.