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Viewpoint

Another Brutal Racist Murder in ‘Trumpland’

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When the head of the state happens to be a self-confessed racist with a penchant for lies and a sadistic attitude towards crimes his officials commit against people of colour and migrants, coupled with his bloody record of terrorism abroad, can anyone expect social justice and respect for humanitarian values in such a country?

Certainly not, is the answer, and for the umpteenth time this was proven in Trumpland, when last Monday night an Afro-American citizen acclaimed for his gentle behaviour towards all while working as a security guard at a restaurant (currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic), was brutally killed by white US police officers in Minneapolis for no apparent fault.

George Floyd who was sitting in his car was suddenly grabbed by the police on mere suspicion of forgery, handcuffed, thrown on the ground, and choked to death by a white officer with sadistic pleasure in the most brutal way in front of several people shocked at the ongoing daylight murder.

As shown by a bystander's video, the white police officer is seen kneeling on the 46-year-old black person's neck and pressing the victim with force even though the latter is pleading that he cannot breathe.

Floyd, whose cries for help echoed public response but had no effect on the hard-hearted white police officers, finally stopped moving and was pronounced dead after being taken to hospital.

The latest act of racist murder by the US police immediately drew comparisons to the case of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man who died in 2014 in New York after he was placed in a chokehold by police and pleaded for his life, saying he could not breathe.

Monday's murder in Minneapolis is neither the first instance of police brutality in the US and neither will be the last such crime in a country where over the past four years at least 2.5 million hate-motivated crimes have taken place.

According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, which interviews tens of thousands of Americans annually, targeting of non-white ethnicities is on the rise, with black people being the main victims followed by Latinos and immigrants, most of whom do not report the discrimination against them for fear of further brutal behaviour by the police and the white supremacists.

The survey notes that of late, ever since Donald Trump's taking over of the presidency, the cultural and political divisiveness in the US sharply increased, emboldening more people to express intolerance toward minorities, while most of the targets often keep silent.

It is worth recalling that some two years ago, during an official meeting Trump had openly insulted the black-skinned people and their countries of origin as "shitholes".

So obscene were his words that several countries as well as the UN took strong objections to his vile and vulgar language.

Although without the least doubt the shameless Trump is a racist/terrorist thug, racism has been an integral part of US history and is enshrined as state policy, both in domestic affairs and in international relations to the extent that genocide has always been practiced by Washington beginning with the extermination of most native Amerindian 'redskin' tribes who dared to oppose the white man's encroachment upon their homelands.

Even the White House, the apex of political power in the US, was built entirely by black labour at the turn of the 19th century so that the white men could continue to commit with comfort the most horrible crimes against humanity.

George Floyd, a former athlete who was paid glowing tributes by coloured American sportsmen, some of whom knew him personally, is no more, but his memory will remain, and with it the campaign against injustice in the Zionist-controlled US, where the police officers instead of admitting their latest crime against humanity, targeted peaceful protestors in Minneapolis with tear gas and brutal use of batons.

Over a Dozen Takfiri Terrorists Captured in Khuzestan

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has arrested 14 people affiliated to Takfiri separatist groups in Mahshahr, Khuzestan police chief Brigadier General Heydar Abbaszadeh said Wednesday.

The suspects had opened fire at police posts and Basij offices, hoisted the flag of the Al-Ahwazia terrorist group across the city and carried banners in support of the group, sending video clips of their activities abroad.

Eight of the terrorists were captured during four rounds of police operations which involved shootouts, while six others were arrested as they sought to raise terrorist flags.

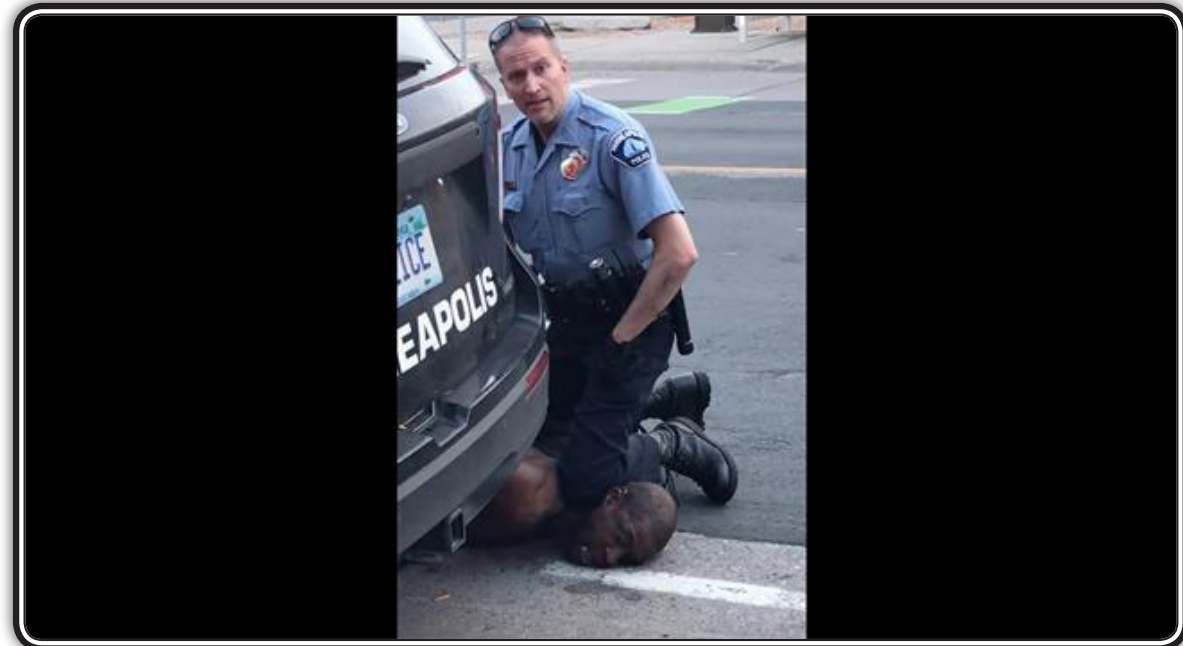
Five motorcycles and 12

cellphones were also confiscated from the suspects who were handed down to judiciary officials, Abbaszadeh said.

In September 2018, four gunmen attacked a military parade in the southern Iranian city of Ahvaz, martyring at least 25 people, including a four-year-old boy, and wounding 69 others.

Gunmen opened fire on people from behind a viewing stand during a parade held to mark Iran's eight-year defense against the invasion of the country by former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in the 1980s. Al-Ahwazia claimed responsibility for the terrorist attack.

Iran Condemns Brutality Against African-Americans



A U.S. police officer is seen kneeling on the neck of handcuffed George Floyd who died after pleading he could not breathe.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran on Wednesday strongly condemned police brutality in the U.S. amid fresh outcry over the killing of a handcuffed black man who died after a white officer knelt on his neck for several minutes.

George Floyd died in Minneapolis on Monday after being pinned down by a white officer despite yelling: “I cannot breathe.”

The killing reminded of Eric Garner, an unarmed New York man who died in 2014 after he was placed in a chokehold by police and pleaded for his life saying he couldn't breathe. A grand jury later decided against indicting the officers involved, sparking protests around the country.

“6 yrs after ‘I can’t breathe’ pleas of Eric Garner, #GeorgeFloyd, another black man, dies after a cruel, inhumane arrest. It seems that U.S. #PoliceBrutality against blacks knows no boundaries. And as always, the response to calls for justice, is employing even more force,” Iran's Foreign Ministry said in a Twitter message.

Video shared online from a bystander showed a white officer kneeling on Floyd's neck during his arrest.

Police have said the man, believed to be in his 40s, was ordered to step from his car but after he got out, he physically resisted officers.

“Officers were able to get the suspect into handcuffs and noted he appeared to be suffering medical distress,” police spokesman John Elder has said.

After being choked, the man was

taken by ambulance to hospital where he died a short time later, police said.

Nekima Levy-Armstrong, a prominent local activist, said watching the footage that was shared on social media made her “sick to her stomach” and she said it's another example of police brutality toward African American men, the Star Tribune reported.

On Tuesday, protesters took to the streets where Floyd died, with some chanting and carrying banners that read “I can't breathe.”

Police-involved shootings and killings of unarmed black men in the hands of white police officers have led to mass protests across the country in recent years and the formation of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Separately, Iran's Foreign Ministry lashed out at the U.S. government for the belligerent policies that have killed 100,000 American soldiers and led to massive destruction and atrocities.

“Regretful that 100k American soldiers killed in battles waged because of U.S. leaders' instrumental rationality & insatiable greed,” the ministry said in a post on its Twitter account on Tuesday.

“U.S. war machines have just led to killing, destruction, atrocities,” it said, adding that the time has come to stand against the “U.S. violence and war-mongering as remembering millions of lost lives” on the Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, marked on May 25, is a federal holiday in the United

States for honoring the military personnel who have died while serving in the U.S. armed forces.

America's history of armed incursions is as old as the country, whose very foundation is owed to the deadly invasion of North American territories.

Across modern history, U.S. militarism has most notably been reflected in the Vietnam War (1955-1975), which is bitterly brought to the fore on the Memorial Day. Estimates of the fatalities resulting from the war go as high as 4.2 million people, including 58,209 U.S. forces.

In what has become the longest war in its history, the U.S. along with its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of a so-called war on terror. The invasion — which is still underway — toppled the Taliban regime but the Afghan group's militancy remains resilient to this day. The chaos has also led to the rise of Daesh, the world's most notorious terror outfit, in the Asian state.

According to the latest figures, over 2,400 U.S. military deaths have been recorded in the war, while over 20,000 American service members have been wounded.

More than 100,000 Afghans have also been killed or wounded since 2009, when the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan began documenting casualties.

Washington's first major incursion in the Middle East came in the form of the Persian Gulf War in the early 1990s in favor of Saudi Arabia. A

The Holy Qur'an

The idolaters have no right to visit the mosques of Allah while bearing witness to unbelief against themselves, these it is whose doings are null, and in the fire shall they abide.

The Holy Qur'an (9.17)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:02
Evening (Maghreb)	20:33
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	04:08
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	05:51

decade afterwards, the U.S. began planting its jackboot far more firmly in the region by invading Iraq in 2003, a wholesale war that turned the country into a scene of rampant violence.

Nevertheless, Washington has never fallen short of finding excuses to militarily intervene in the region along with its allies

The most recent bout of U.S.-led operations in the Middle East came in 2014, when the United States and its allies began a military campaign in Iraq and Syria under the guise of uprooting Daesh, which had risen amid the chaos resulting from Washington's own wars in the region.

Washington has, throughout its history, also been lending immense political and military support to the regional regimes that are responsible for killing and displacing tens of thousands of people in pursuit of their political agendas.

Official Blasts ‘Inhuman Sanctions’ on Syria

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – A senior Iranian diplomat on Wednesday denounced the “illegal and inhuman sanctions” that have been unilaterally imposed on Syria, calling for efforts to help the Syrian people amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Ali-Asghar Khaji made the remarks as he discussed the latest developments in Syria with UN chief's special envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen.

The two stressed the need for providing humanitarian assistance to the Syrian people amid the coronavirus outbreak and helping displaced Syrians and refugees return to their homes.

Khaji touched on the “illegal and inhuman” sanctions on Syria, saying they should be lifted. He also stressed the need for restoring stability and security to Syria and fighting terrorism to the last.

Since the outbreak of war and foreign militancy in Syria in 2011, Iran has stood by the Syrian government and supported its people against foreign-backed terrorist groups.

Syria is emerging from years of war after its army liberated most of the country from the clutches of terrorist groups. The presence of foreign troops on some chunks of land in the north and northwest is the only remaining challenge for the Arab country to retain its full sovereignty and return to normalcy.

Border Commanders Deny Drowning Afghan Immigrants

KABUL (Dispatches) -- An Iranian delegation visiting Kabul has held talks with senior Afghan officials on a recent incident at the common border that resulted in the deaths of Afghan migrants trying to cross into Iran illegally.

The Iranian delegation, chaired by Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal Affairs Mohsen Baharvand, held a meeting with caretaker of the Foreign Ministry of Afghanistan Hanif Atmar, Fars news agency reported Wednesday.

The Iranian diplomat assured the Kabul government that Tehran is committed to working in cooperation with Afghans to bring all facts about the incident to light.

Baharvand “also emphasized that the tragic incident would by no means affect the close and brotherly ties between the two governments and nations,” the report said.

The official also held talks with Chairman of Afghanistan's National Supreme Council of Reconciliation Abdullah Abdullah who called for an investigation and honest handling of the case.

Some reports have claimed that about 50 Afghan migrants illegally crossing into Iran had been beaten by Iranian border guards and thrown into a border river.

Iran's border police have said their guards have nothing to the incident, making it clear that it had taken

place on the Afghan soil.

On Wednesday, Press TV cited Iran's border guard commanders in Taibad dismissing “fake news” that Iranian soldiers had tortured and thrown Afghans into the Harirud River in western Herat province.

They said the river is far from the Iranian border guard posts and those who try to enter the country illegally, are always treated in a humane way under international human rights law.

“The Iranian commanders said their border guards had nothing to do with the drowning of Afghan nationals along the border. They also made it absolutely clear that there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that some Afghan nationals drowned here in recent days. They said videos shared on social media that show bodies on the river bank are not from this particular border,” Press TV reported.

The Iranian commanders also said no confrontation at all took place between their forces and Afghan nationals at the alleged site, dismissing all allegations of transferring the individuals to a camp or subjecting them to inhumane treatment as absolutely untrue.

Because of its long border with Afghanistan, Iran has to deal with problems such as smugglers, drug dealers and terrorists mixing with illegal migrants. The country spends billions of dollars on Afghan migrants every year in various sectors.