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Viewpoint

Syrian Lives Matter Too

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It is obvious that the intricate American plots against Syria of the past nine years, in a vain bid to topple its legal and legitimate government, have miserably failed.

The much touted Caesar Act that is supposed to dry the primary source of income of President Bashar al-Assad is nothing more than a political ploy as is evident by its targeting, among other little known persons, of the president's young son, Hafez, who is neither active in the political and commercial sectors, nor has any investments in the US.

If the US has any commonsense left, it will immediately wash its hands off Syria and end its criminal and terrorist acts in that country whose population continues to suffer because of Washington's lawlessness.

The US is stealing Syrian oil right under the noses of the Syrian people of the Deir ez-Zore region who have no power to stop the American thieves.

Even the farmlands of Syria are regularly targeted by US drones as part of the inhuman scorched earth policy to deprive ordinary people of daily bread, including Syria's vocal Christian minority, because it firmly supports the government in Damascus against the American-backed terrorists.

As a result, many Syrian people in the countryside where American agents operate are suffering from hunger, with food prices soaring up 5 or 7 times.

The conflict that has been raging in Syria since 2011 has caused an unbearable level of suffering for all the people in the country, but unfortunately the UN has turned a blind eye due to Washington's pressures.

The claims of the European government on sending of so-called humanitarian aid to Syria is intended to deceive world public opinion since this supposed assistance does not reach those who have become homeless because of the US terror policies, let alone the areas under control of the government.

This relief aid is actually intended for the terrorists destabilizing Syria and those serving the American-European-Zionist interests.

This means the majority of Syrian people are deliberately left unsupported because of their support for President Assad, who has heroically stood steadfast against the enemies of Syria by inspiring the people and the army to fight back and liberate vast chunks of occupied territories.

The West knows that it is a matter of time before the Syrian national army will liberate terrorist-occupied Idlib and then turn towards the Deir ez-Zore region as well as the American occupied at-Tanf enclave on the Iraqi border.

In view of these facts, the enemies whose politically motivated goal of causing the downfall of the Syrian Government by obstructing foreign political engagement or investment in the country has failed are trying to play havoc with the lives of ordinary Syrian citizens.

The United Nations should know that Syrian lives matter too, and if there is any sense of neutrality left in the World Body it should be bold enough to criticize the lawlessness of the American regime for whom the lives of its Afro-American citizens do not matter at all.

Russia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, and other independent countries have strongly backed the government and are actively contributing to the rebuilding of Syria.

Much to the US chagrin, even Egypt and certain Arab countries have decided to cooperate with the Syrian government, and this has greatly annoyed Saudi Arabia and the illegal Zionist entity.

To sum up, if the US blindly continues its hostility, the situation in Syria is likely to strike it with vengeance, from which there will be no escape for Washington.

British Daily Express: Iranian Missiles Sent U.S. Troops Scurrying for Shelter



Iranian armed forces launched missiles "buried underground" during military drills.

LONDON (Dispatches) -- Iranian armed forces launched missiles "buried underground" during military drills intended to send a deadly warning to the U.S., a British newspaper wrote on Saturday.

The Islamic Republic conducted a range of military drills across two days amid heightened tensions with Washington. Earlier this week, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched missiles blowing up a mock U.S. aircraft carrier in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Following the underground missile exercise, the IRGC proclaimed it as "the first time in the world" that such an exercise had been carried out.

The IRGC hailed "the successful launch of ballistic missiles from the depths of the Earth in a completely camouflaged way" as an "important achievement that could pose serious challenges to enemy intelligence organizations".

During another drill, so many missiles were fired that the U.S. military temporarily put two regional bases in the Middle East on alert, Britain's Daily Express said.

The U.S. military confirmed that ballistic missile fire detected resulted in American troops being put on alert at Al-Dhafra Air Base in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and Al-Udeid Air Base,

the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command in Qatar, the paper added.

U.S. Army Major Beth Riordan, a Central Command spokeswoman, confirmed that American troops sought cover during that time.

She said: "The incident lasted for a matter of minutes and an all clear was declared after the threat had passed."

The launches came a day after the IRGC struck a mock-up of a U.S. aircraft carrier with volleys of missiles along the Strait of Hormuz, a vital shipping lane responsible for moving one-fifth of global oil output.

Later satellite photos showed

Iraqi, Turkish Presidents Hail Strong Ties With Iran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has held separate phone discussions with his Turkish and Iraqi counterparts, during which they reiterated their resolve to maintain strong relations.

In a Friday conversation with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Iranian president expressed Tehran's determination to enhance friendly relations with Ankara in all areas despite cruel U.S. sanctions on the Iranian people.

Rouhani said friendly and neighboring countries like Iran and Turkey should further boost their cooperation at a time when the U.S. has targeted the Iranian nation with oppressive sanctions.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is determined to develop friendly and brotherly bonds and cooperation with Turkey in all fields."

Rouhani touched on the regional problems, expressing hope that stability and peace would prevail through cooperation.

He further extended congratulations to the Turkish president on the occasion of Eid al-Adha (the Feast of Sacrifice), which marks the culmination of the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

Rouhani said he hopes that Iran and Turkey would continue to work together and share experiences in the fight against the coronavirus.

Erdogan, for his part, congratulated Rouhani on Eid al-Adha and hoped that the festivity would bring blessing for both nations and all Muslims across the world.

He also praised the Iranian government and people for making successful efforts to counter the

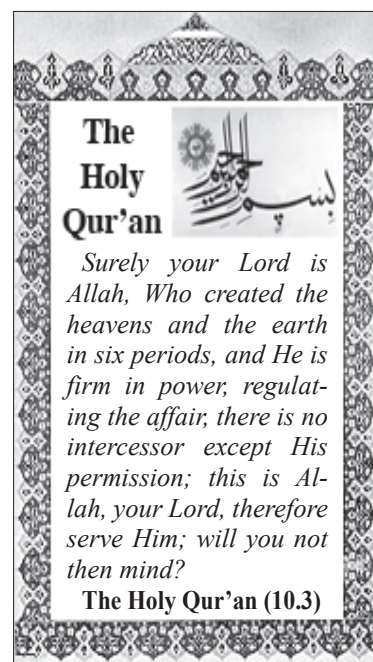
coronavirus, stressing the need for reinforcing bilateral cooperation and transferring experiences in this regard.

Separately, Rouhani held talks Iraqi President Barham Salih and hailed deep-rooted relations between the two nations.

Salhi touched on Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi's recent visit to Iran, saying it provided an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest.

"We hope that bilateral decisions and agreements would be implemented as soon as possible and that we could further broaden economic relations and trade exchanges," Rouhani said.

The Islamic Republic, he said, is determined to develop all-out ties with Iraq and is ready to cooperate and share its experiences with the country in the fight against the



PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:10
Evening (Maghreb)	20:27
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:37
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:14

the giant mock-up of a U.S. Navy Nimitz-class aircraft carrier capsize just outside the port of Bandar Abbas after being used for target practice, Express said.

The IRGC also shared images of the Al-Udeid Base in Qatar, which hosts thousands of U.S. troops, taken by Iran's newly-launched satellite, Nour-1, the paper said.

During the exercises, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khomeini said the U.S. presence in the Middle East is a "detriment", the British paper further said.

He told Iranian troops that the U.S. presence was "a cause for insecurity, destruction and backwardness of the countries".

Last week, Iran hits out at the United States after two U.S. fighter jets harassed an Iranian Beirut-bound passenger plane over Syria.

Salih, for his part, said he hopes the coronavirus outbreak would lead to unity and cooperation among all the regional countries.

He said enhancing cooperation with Iran is an inviolable principle of Iraq's foreign policy.

Rouhani on Saturday sent a message for Swiss President Simonetta Sommaruga, expressing confidence that friendly relations between the two countries would grow in light of ample opportunities which exist for mutual cooperation.

As Iran and Switzerland are celebrating the 100th anniversary of their diplomatic relations, "I believe that by employing diverse capacities for cooperation", the friendly and historical ties between the two countries will further grow, he said.

Iran Requires Negative Tests for Arriving Passengers

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Foreign passengers arriving at Iran's main international airport must provide negative COVID-19 test results or they will be deported, a senior aviation official said on Saturday.

"Passengers with non-Iranian nationality will not be allowed into the country and will be deported if they do not produce a negative coronavirus test result," said Muhammad Reza Karimian, deputy director of Imam Khomeini airport (IKA).

Karimian said that deportation would only apply to

non-Iranian citizens and others failing to provide a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test will have to pay the costs of tests and accept a 48-hour quarantine.

The PCR tests should be carried out less than four days before arrival in Iran by qualified authorities in the country of embarkation and results should be in English, said the official.

He said even passengers with a negative test result could be subject to quarantine if they are deemed suspicious of having the coronavirus on arrival

at IKA, an airport located to the southwest of Tehran.

A spokesman of the Iranian health ministry said on Saturday the number of coronavirus cases in the country had risen by 2,548 over the past 24 hours to 306,752.

Sima Sadat Lari said some 16,982 people had died, including 216 patients who passed away over the past 24 hours. In total, 265,830 patients have recovered over been discharged from hospital so far, she added.

President Hassan Rouhani said

on Saturday coronavirus cases have peaked in ten provinces.

The president said reports from the provinces were promising as he praised the people for observing health protocols.

Rouhani said strict measures in place to contain the disease are obligatory and must continue until a viable vaccine is available.

The president also said the governors of provinces where the pace of infections is high have been given the freedom to make their own decisions.