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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Myanmar Regime Intensifies Persecution of Rohingya Muslims

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While oil-rich Arab states, such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Bahrain, either continue to slaughter fellow Arabs in Yemen with gay abandon, or backstab the oppressed Palestinians through open dalliance with the Zionist occupiers of Islam's former qibla (direction of the daily ritual prayers), the plight of the world's most persecuted people worsens every passing day.

The Rohingya Muslims know no respite from the abuse and genocide of the Myanmar military in their own ancestral homeland of Rakhine (Arakan).

According to human rights organization 'Amnesty International' last Monday, fresh evidence of indiscriminate attacks on civilians are emerging. Reports, coupled with photographic evidence prove that Myanmar soldiers have systematically burned villages and wounded and killed hundreds of civilians in Rakhine in early September.

Amnesty appealed to the UN Security Council to urgently inform the International Criminal Court of the tragic situation in Myanmar, but the big powers that dominate the World Body, have turned a deaf ear and a blind eye, simply because the persecuted Rohingyas happen to be Muslims.

Such attitude is indeed a crime against humanity, and the Myanmar regime should be held accountable.

Meanwhile, a report released recently by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the grave situation of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, over 20 percent of the one million odd living in the camps of Cox Bazaar, are struggling with mental health issues, a grim result of the abuse and trauma suffered in Myanmar.

The statistics were shared on World Mental Health Day that is marked on 10th October every year and seeks to highlight the plight of the million odd Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee camp.

WHO spokesperson, Catalin Berbaru, said: "In the aftermath of a crisis, one person in five (22 percent) is estimated to have depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia."

He added that the problems were increasing among affected populations, with the COVID-19 pandemic expected to have a "massive impact" on their mental well-being.

The Coronavirus pandemic has also disrupted schooling in the Rohingya refugee camps, and educators are warning of a lost generation of students as communities grapple with rising poverty, school drop-outs, and teacher shortages.

The Myanmar regime led by the so-called National League for Democracy (NLD) of Suu Kyi ("the cruel woman", to quote the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei), has repeatedly demonstrated that it does not want to improve the conditions of the Rohingya people held in open-air detention camps in Rakhine State since 2012.

These poor people are subjected to "institutional oppressions" and "grave rights violations", according to a new report by an international rights group.

The Human Rights Watch (HRW) said in its statement last Saturday that "About 130,000 Rohingya Muslims have been confined to the camps since being displaced in a 2012 campaign of ethnic cleansing by Myanmar's military."

It said the Myanmar regime has created "squalid and oppressive conditions" for the Rohingya refugees that "amount to the crimes against humanity of apartheid, persecution, and severe deprivation of liberty."

Over the past three years, reported HRW, nearly 60,000 Rohingya Muslims have been killed by Myanmar's state forces, of which more than 34,000 Rohingya were thrown into fires to die.

In view of this dire situation, it is time to redress the worsening plight of the Rohingya Muslims. The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to lend its hand in order to resolve the conflict, no matter if the rich Arab states decide to turn a blind eye to the plight of the Rohingya Muslims.

# Iran Enforces Fresh Travel Bans to Curb COVID-19 Spread



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TEHRAN (Dispatches) - The Iranian president has approved a proposal to impose three-day travel restrictions in five cities hit hardest by the coronavirus outbreak, the health minister said.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a cabinet session on Wednesday, Saeed Namaki said President Hassan Rouhani has accepted his proposal for travel restrictions during the upcoming three-day holidays.

The travel bans would be imposed in five cities with the highest rate of infection, namely Tehran, Karaj, Mashhad, Isfahan and Orumiyeh, he added.

"We should turn to the third peak in the coronavirus outbreak, which gripped part of the country," he noted.

"With the studies we have conducted on the virus, we realized that the virus has undergone some mutations," he said.

The minister underscored the virus is infecting people at a higher pace than before.

He expressed with the enforcement of the new travel restrictions, the infection and mortality rate from the virus will decrease.

The health minister expressed hope that the restrictions would help curb the pandemic.

According to the new restrictions, only the cars belonging to the citizens of these five cities are allowed to enter their hometown, and other cars will be denied entry, unless they prove they live in one of those cities.

There will be no quarantine inside these five cities, however.

This week, the two-day weekend in Iran is followed by a holiday marking the martyrdom anniversary of the eighth Shiite imam, Imam Reza (AS).

While the authorities have warned people to stay home and abide by social distancing protocols to tackle the pandemic, many people plan to go on vacation on the weekend and national holidays.

### Single-Day COVID-19 Fatalities at Highest Level Again

On Wednesday, Iran's Health Ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari said that some 279 more Iranians have died from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) over the past 24 hours bringing the total deaths to 29,349.

Sima Sadat Lari said that, with the 279 new victims, the country's total COVID-19 deaths mounted to 29,349.

Some 4,830 new cases of infection with the COVID-19 were found over the past 24 hours, some 2,237 of whom have been hospitalized, she added.

Sadat Lari noted that 414,831 patients have recovered or discharged from hospitals.

Some 4,609 other COVID-19 patients are in critical condition and being treated in intensive care units, the spokeswoman said.

She added that 4,398,723 tests have so far been carried out in Iran.

## INSTEX Can Process Iran's IMF Loan, EU3 Refusing to Cooperate: MP

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Head of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission Mojtaba Zonnour says the three European powers who are member to an international nuclear deal with Iran are unwilling to use a proposed financial mechanism for processing Tehran's loan request from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Mojtaba Zonnour said that Britain, France and Germany, collectively known as EU3, have been totally dishonest in their claims that the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX) could serve Iran's essential requirements at a time the country is grappling with unilateral U.S. sanctions.

"This financial mechanism of Europe was a delusion and deceit from the very beginning and Europe has no intention to use it," Zonnour was quoted by the parliament's new service ICANA.

The comments come as Iran has repeatedly criticized the EU3 for failing to stand against the United States and its pressure against Iran. Tehran believes the three countries have done almost nothing

to enable Iran get round U.S. sanctions despite their official position to condemn U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear deal in 2018.

Zonnour, who chairs the powerful parliamentary committee on national security and foreign policy, admitted that U.S. pressure on the IMF has hampered Iran's request for a \$5-billion loan which the country needs to fight the spread of the coronavirus.

However, he implied that the loan could have been granted if the Europeans were genuine in their claims of support for Iran.

He said that INSTEX even failed to serve Iran's most basic needs for drugs and medical equipment at a time the country needs them desperately to reach to patients affected by the coronavirus.

"INSTEX was supposed to become a secure financial channel which it didn't and they (Europeans) eventually said that it would be suitable for food and medicine which we are seeing it did not get going even at this level," said the lawmaker.

## Tehran to Host 7th Iran-Qatar Joint Commission

TEHRAN (Dsipatches) – Iranian Minister of Energy Reza Ardakanian announced Wednesday that Tehran will host the seventh joint commission meeting on cooperation between Iran and Qatar.

Ardakanian and Qatar's Minister of Commerce and Industry Ali bin Ahmed Al-Kuwari have agreed to hold joint commission meeting by the end of 2020 via video conference.

of developing bilateral cooperation.

The two also called for finalization of mutual agreements.

Further, Qatari minister invited Ardakanian to travel to Doha in first days of November.

In a related development, Ardakanian and his Qatari counterpart Saad Sherida Al-Kaab held talks through a video conference in September on cooperation in electricity network connection.

The Holy Qur'an  
And (as for) the foremost, the first of the Muhajirs and the Ansars, and those who followed them in goodness, Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, to abide in them for ever; that is the mighty achievement.  
The Holy Qur'an (9.100)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:50
Evening (Maghreb)	17:46
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:48
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:11

### Deputy Judiciary Chief: Iranian Nation Not to Forgive Europeans' Collaboration With U.S. Sanctions

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian Deputy Judiciary Chief Ali Baqeri in a meeting with Austrian Ambassador to Tehran Stefan Scholz on Wednesday said that his nation will never forget and forgive certain European states which collaborated with the U.S. in imposing harsh sanctions against Iran that have even impeded imports of medicine.

Beqeri, who also heads the country's High Council of Human Rights said; "The countries which have imposed the harshest sanctions against all Iranian people and have posed a serious threat to their right of living and health that are among the basic rights of any human being cannot claim to be advocates of human rights."

"It is surprising how the countries, which enjoy imposition of sanctions against the Iranian nation and increase the pressures of sanctions every day and do not even show mercy to the innocent sick children, speak of human rights vis a vis the Iranian nation," he added.

Baqeri underlined that the Iranian nation has lived through many hard days and it will come out victorious of these days too "but it will neither forgive nor forget the inhuman measures of certain European countries".

The U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control on Thursday imposed sanctions on 18 Iranian banks and financial institutes in a move to bring the Iranian people to their knees.