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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

A Costly Lapse that Needs to be Urgently Rectified

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

After a two-week lockdown to stem the tide of the Coronavirus pandemic we at Kayhan International are back again on the newsstands, but with Iran facing mixed results in checking the devilish designs of the evil brains behind Covid-19 because of the grave loss these elements have inflicted on the country over the past few days.

The rampant spread of the pandemic may have been controlled for the moment through the complete or partial closure of most offices and businesses as the 'red alert' situation in Tehran and most cities and towns seems to have changed colour to orange.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, however, is still not out of the danger zone as borne out by the cowardly assassination of topnotch scientist Dr. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh who was working on the project to manufacture the Coronavirus vaccine.

Although the genius that he was, Fakhrizadeh achieved martyrdom while loyally serving Islam and the Iranian people's vital needs for defence against diseases and the destabilizing policies of the enemies, his death, without the least doubt, was a costly security lapse, which could have been avoided.

It is not the time for the relevant organs to play the blame game for failure to prevent the daylight act of terrorism that took the life of a person who for over a decade was the intended target of the illegal Zionist entity and its godfather, the US, for his noteworthy efforts in various scientific fields including the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

What is important is to do real soul-searching by the various state bodies to make the nation immune against all acts of dastardly terrorism, since Fakhrizadeh was the second high-ranking brain to be taken out of the national circuit of peace, stability, defence, and development, within a year, following the assassination in Iraq on January 3 of the iconic anti-terrorism figure, General Qassem Soleimani by our archenemy, US, the Great Satan.

Here, it should be mentioned that the targeted killing of these two prominent figures was not a feather in the cap of either the US or Israel, no matter how boastful the CIA and Mossad are of their cowardly acts of the murder of the innocents.

Yes, we have to admit that both Soleimani and Fakhrizadeh were victims of overconfidence by our security agencies, if not the unwarranted laxity that made them drop guard, which the enemies exploited to the full.

It could also be said that Dr. Fakhrizadeh would have been alive today if we had fully exercised our right of retaliation and self-defence in executing some of General Soleimani's assassins, rather than being content with the barrage of missiles on the US base at Ayn al-Assad of which we had spoken as an indication of the vengeance awaiting the Americans.

It is still not too late to punish the cowardly terrorists, who view our undue patience as a sign of weakness, and are embarking on more deadly plots against us; this time in coordination with the unrepresentative and rootless regimes in our regime.

This means, the assassins as well as the collaborators ought to pay for their crimes against humanity, whether or not there is any change of guard at the White House in Washington.

Of course, efforts by Dr. Fakhrizadeh to produce coronavirus vaccine has not been aborted and the project is now in the human trial phase as a result of the round-the-clock efforts by the Late scientist and his colleagues, who earlier this year had produced the first test kits to diagnose coronavirus infection in Iran.

It is these selfless efforts that matter when in the defence of the country or the campaign against diseases, and this warrants us to work more diligently in not just eradicating the Coronavirus but also the more dangerous pandemic called Israel which has now spread its tentacles perilously near to our doors in the Persian Gulf.

Iran Informs IAEA of More Centrifuges at Natanz



This photo shows centrifuges at the Natanz uranium enrichment plant in central Iran in 2019.

VIENNA (Dispatches) – Iran has told the UN nuclear agency it plans to install three more cascades, or clusters, of advanced IR-2m centrifuges at its underground uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, the agency told member states on Friday in a report cited by Reuters.

“Iran informed the Agency that the operator of the Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEP) at Natanz ‘intends to start installation of three cascades of IR-2m centrifuge machines’ at FEP,” the agency wrote, adding that the three cascades were in addition to one of IR-2m machines already used for enrichment there.

Iran responded Wednesday to the assassination of its top nuclear scientist by enacting a law ordering an immediate ramping up of its enrichment of uranium.

The measure also requires the expulsion of nuclear inspectors if American sanctions are not lifted by early February.

The new law orders the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran to resume enriching uranium to a level of 20 percent immediately, returning Iran’s program to the maximum level that existed before the 2015 nuclear agreement reached with the Obama administration.

The new law also sets a two-month deadline for oil and banking sanctions against Iran to be lifted before inspectors are barred. The inspections are conducted by the International Atomic Energy Agency, a branch of the United Nations.

The speaker of Iran’s Parliament, Muhammad Baqer Qalibaf said the measure was meant to send the

West a message in the aftermath of the assassination of top nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh that the “one-way game is over.”

Iran’s Parliament initially passed the law in an angry session on Tuesday in which lawmakers fumed over the assassination. A physicist and a high-ranking official in the Defense Ministry, he was assassinated on Friday in a complex ambush, the details of which are still being debated.

A number of intelligence officials have said Israel was responsible for the attack, though the occupying regime has remained silent.

“The criminal enemy will not feel remorse unless we show a fierce reaction,” Qalibaf said. Lawmakers stood up in the chamber with fists in the air, chanting “death to

Ahead of Milestone Opening of Khaf-Herat Railway: Ministry Warns of ‘Suspicious’ Moves to Disrupt Afghan Ties

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran on Friday warned of “suspicious” moves to disrupt cordial relations between Tehran and Kabul, after a video emerged of Afghan nationals purportedly being insulted by Iranians.

The Iranian police issued a statement, saying the video published on social media was fake, and that the incident in question had not happened in Iran.

In a separate statement, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh called on the government and officials of the “brotherly and friendly country of Afghanistan” to not to rush

to judgment.

“At a time when the Khaf-Herat railroad is to be inaugurated by both countries’ presidents in the coming days as the symbol of extensive cooperation between the two sides, it is inevitably necessary to be wary of suspicious actions by those who are against such relations,” Khatibzadeh said.

“Iran and Afghanistan are two friendly and neighboring countries with a common culture and a historical background of unity and cooperation,” the Iranian police said in its statement.

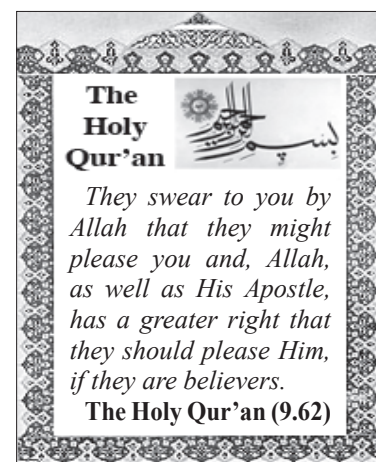
“The Islamic Republic of Iran has

always supported Afghanistan despite all the problems and cruel sanctions, and will do so in the future,” it added.

It said Afghan people have lived in Iran for decades because of the numerous problems they face in their country, and Iran has always warmly received and hosted them as its brothers and sisters.

However, the enemies are not pleased with this empathy and humanitarian relationship and make mischievous efforts to scuttle it, it added.

“They spare no effort to destroy trust between the two countries, but the people of Iran and Afghanistan will



PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:55
Evening (Maghreb)	17:11
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	05:30
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	06:59

Israel” and “death to America” as they passed the bill in a televised session.

The law was ratified Wednesday by Iran’s Guardian Council, an appointed body that oversees the elected government.

President Hassan Rouhani, whose government negotiated the 2015 Iran accord over the objection of Iranian hard-liners, had opposed the legislation, calling it counterproductive.

“The government does not agree with this legislation and considers it damaging for diplomacy,” he said Wednesday before the measure was ratified.

His government is now obliged to carry out the law, though experts noted that it could slow-walk the effort, citing technical challenges.

By mandating a restoration of production and enrichment levels, the new law essentially wipes away the last of the main constraints negotiated by President Barack Obama and a team of diplomats led by Secretary of State John Kerry. Under that agreement, which the Trump administration abandoned in 2018, Iran shipped

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Tehran Tells Riyadh to Change Course

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran said on Thursday Saudi Arabia has to revisit its decades-old policy of fueling tensions in the region.

In a tweet, Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh reminded that “for decades, Wahabism—nurtured by colonial powers—has been the source of bigotry, hatred & terrorism in our region — and beyond.”

“Fact: Every terrorist group in our region has graduated from Saudi-funded Madrassas. No amount of Saudi obfuscation can hide this ugly reality,” he added.

He was referring to the official Saudi ideology that is marked by antipathy towards the people subscribing to other schools of thought, moderate mindsets, and established Abrahamic religious practices.

The ideology has been motivating Takfiri terrorist groups such as Al-

Qaeda and Daesh that consider people, who are unlike themselves, to be worthy of death. The groups have slain thousands throughout the region, especially in Iraq and Syria, and elsewhere over the past decades.

Earlier in the year, the Afghan Embassy in Riyadh announced that the kingdom was about to build 600 such institutes in Afghanistan that is already grappling with Taliban insurgency.

Khatibzadeh also said Saudi atrocities in Yemen and the kingdom’s infamous slaughtering of leading journalist Jamal Khashoggi “are just some of their other stunts.”

“The latest: standing alongside the leading state-sponsor of terrorism against Palestinians,” the spokesman said, apparently referring to reports of extensive courtship between Saudi Arabia and the occupying regime of

Israel.

“Saudis must change course. The policy of inflaming tension is no longer tenable,” he said.

Saudi Arabia has welcomed a flurry of normalization deals between the Zionist regime and some Arab states. Riyadh is believed to be next in line to normalize ties with Tel Aviv after an unprecedented secret visit recently by Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the kingdom.

Palestinians have denounced the push as a stab in their back.

Khatibzadeh’s remarks came in response to former Saudi foreign minister and current Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir’s insulting comments about Iran’s Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif.

Zarif had earlier blamed the kingdom, the U.S., and the occupying

regime of Israel for the Friday assassination near Tehran of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, a senior Iranian nuclear scientist.

He had cited Netanyahu’s visit to Riyadh, trilateral meetings involving him, Saudi officials, and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo — who was visiting the Saudi capital during a frenzied tour of the region — and Iranophobic remarks by the Israeli premier.

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After Holiday Notice!

Dear readers, we had to suspend our publication for two weeks on short notice due to the coronavirus pandemic, effective from Nov. 22. We would like to sincerely apologize for any inconvenience which this might have caused. Editor