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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran's Historical Operations Hailed all over the Islamic World

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The other day several hundred (perhaps over a thousand) Turkish citizens assembled in front of the Islamic Republic consulate in Istanbul to express their heartfelt appreciation of the April 14 barrage of missiles launched at the illegal Zionist entity by Iran as vengeance for the terroristic air strike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus by Israel earlier this month, and also to thank Tehran for its unflinching Islamic solidarity with the persecuted Palestinian people who are currently exposed to US-supported genocide in Gaza.

The peaceful rally chanted "Death to Israel", denounced the US for its blind support for the criminal Zionist entity, demanded liberation of Islam's 3rd holiest site (the al-Aqsa Mosque), and hailed the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian people for mobilizing world Muslims for the campaign to free Palestine.

This appreciation of Iran's role as the pivot of the Axis of Resistance is not confined to any single city or country. As a matter of fact, it is echoing all over the globe today, including in the pro-Zionist states of the West where people are boldly taking to the streets to denounce US complicity in Israel's crimes against humanity.

Iran's shattering of the so-called iron dome to a tattered tin-shed that was prevented from total collapse by the unwarranted targeting of Iranian decoy drones by the US, Britain, and France – often operating from the airspace of certain client states and occupied parts of independent countries such as Iraq and Syria – has been welcomed by masses throughout the neighbourhood and beyond.

For instance on Monday, when President Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi landed in Islamabad on his 3-day official visit, the Pakistani leadership while according him a red carpet welcome, took positive note of Iran's practically firm measures to resolve the chronic issue of the Zionist usurpation of Palestine and strenuous efforts for ending the holocaust in Gaza, now in its 7th month.

People on the streets of the Pakistani capital waving the Iranian flag along with the flag of their country, enthusiastically spoke of the Islamic Republic's Operation True Promise, while leaders of various political parties as well as scholars of the different schools of Islamic jurisprudence, especially Sunni and Shi'a Muslims, talked of Islamic solidarity for the cherished goal of liberation of Palestine.

Even in countries whose regimes treacherously side with Usurper Israel, such as Jordan, the tens of thousands of people demonstrating almost every night on the streets for closure of the Israeli embassy and severance of all kinds of relations with the Zionist enemy, hailed Iran's historical attack on Occupied Palestine.

This is all indicative of the positive measures of Iran, whose citizens are now being praised for their revolutionary role in defence of Islam's former qibla.

Without an iota of doubt, the first batch of Iranian Umrah pilgrims that left for the Holy Cities of Mecca and Medina on Monday, are being enthusiastically viewed by the people of the various regions that make up Saudi Arabia, as trend-setters of Islamic unity and the engine that directs the Axis of Resistance.

Iran Vows 'Stronger' Response to New Israeli Aggression



Operation True Promise

Operation True Promise was the first direct military strike on the occupying entity of Israel by Iran, but it is unlikely to be the last.

TEHRAN – Iran pledged Monday to serve a "stronger response" to any further Israeli act of aggression against the country or its interests.

"Iran provided a decisive and legitimate response to an illegal action by the Zionist regime against our diplomatic premises that took place in violation of the international laws," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani said in a weekly press conference.

"But if another mistake takes place, Iran's response will be stronger," he added.

The IRGC targeted the occupied territories on April 13 with a barrage of drones and missiles.

Kan'ani addressed a plan announced recently by the European Union to impose more sanctions on Iran over the retaliatory strikes, saying the bloc would be "rewarding the aggressor" if it slapped such measures against the Islamic Republic.

"Should they take such a measure, it would go down in Europe's history as a reprehensible action," he said.

The official expressed surprise that Brussels could go ahead with sanctioning Tehran over its legitimate retaliation against the Zionist regime, but had so far stopped short of levying any punitive measures against Tel Aviv over the latter's unspeakable atrocities in the Gaza Strip.

Kan'ani, meanwhile, reminded the EU that its previous sanctions against the Islamic Republic had failed to hinder the country's progress. "The policy of sanctions is a failed policy," Kan'ani said, advising the bloc to "learn from the past."

The spokesman pointed to the shooting down of three foreign quadcopters by the Islamic Republic's air defense near the central city of Isfahan that caused no damage or injuries.

He said Iran and the United States had exchanged "some messages" following the development, but dismissed the incident as only a "vexatious" measure that "was not worth any follow-up on this level."

Elsewhere in his remarks, Kan'ani commented on Iran's nuclear activi-

ties, saying "Iran's nuclear doctrine is completely clear. We consider peaceful use of nuclear energy to be our absolute right."

The Islamic Republic would keep up its peaceful nuclear activities within the framework set by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the agency's safeguards, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), he said.

"Nuclear weapons have no place in Iran's defensive doctrine."

The spokesman described the Zionist regime as a "threat to all regional countries," adding that the regime's October-present war on the Gaza Strip showed that "the usurping regime is no partner to peaceful plans, and thinks of nothing other than genocide and forced displacement of Palestinians."

"Iran is definitely faced with a far-reaching view on the level of the international spheres that the issue of Palestine would not be resolved other than through putting an end to the occupation."

Hezbollah Official: Op True Promise a 'Historic Development'

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- A senior official with the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement has hailed Iran's recent retaliatory operation against Israel, describing the extensive missile and drone strikes as a historic development in the course of the struggle against the occupying Tel Aviv regime.

Sayyed Hashem Safieddine, head of Hezbollah's Executive Council, said Iran has long been a staunch advocate of resistance movements, stressing that the Axis of Resistance is deeply indebted to the country's generous support in this

regard.

"Throughout the retaliatory operation that the Islamic Republic of Iran carried out against the occupying enemy, scores of Iranian missiles and drones filled the skies over the occupied Palestinian territories. This was a historic development and presented a fine and outstanding example of what will soon unravel in support of Palestine," he noted.

Safieddine added that Iran's retaliatory strikes came as the country simply employed only a tiny fraction of its military strength, and did

not bring its sophisticated indigenous munitions into action.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched extensive missile and drone strikes last week on the Israeli-occupied territories. The retaliatory strikes, dubbed Operation True Promise, inflicted damage on Israeli military bases across the occupied lands.

It came after the Israeli attack on April 1 against the Iranian consulate in Damascus, located next to the embassy building in Damascus's Mezzeh district.

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Foreign Ministers of Iran, Finland Discuss Regional Crisis

TEHRAN -- Iran's foreign minister says the Zionist regime's crimes against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip are the main cause of the existing crisis in the West Asia region.

"The Zionist regime's acts of aggression and crimes in Gaza constitute the root cause of the crisis," Hussein Amir-Abdollahian told his Finnish counterpart Elna Valtonen in a phone conversation.

The two top diplomats discussed the latest developments in bilateral relations as well as the ongoing situation in West

Asia, with Amir-Abdollahian stressing that Iran does not seek to foment tension in the region.

"The establishment of peace in the region requires adopting a correct approach and avoiding double-standard and contradictory stances," he said.

Noting that all involved parties should try to stop the war in Gaza, Amir-Abdollahian urged the European governments to "immediately stop selling weapons to the aggressive and occupying Israeli regime, which are used to massacre Palestinian women and children,

in order to help restore stability and sustainable security to the region."

Finland's foreign minister, for her part, noted that any increase in tensions in the West Asia region would not benefit anybody, condemning any measure that could further escalate regional tensions.

Valtonen also expressed concern about the rising civilian toll in Israel's onslaught on Gaza, noting that establishment of an immediate ceasefire without any preconditions is a major priority for her country.

The Holy Qur'an

And He hath made subject to you the sun and the moon, both diligently pursuing their courses; and the night and the day hath he (also) made subject to you.

The Holy Qur'an (14-33)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:03
Evening (Maghreb)	19:03
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:21
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:51

Tehran: Mass Graves in Khan Yunis 'Horrible Catastrophe'

TEHRAN – Iran has strongly condemned the massacre and mass burial of civilians in the besieged Gaza Strip by Zionist forces as clear examples of genocide and war crimes.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani made the remarks in reaction to the recent discovery of a mass grave at Gaza's Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis two weeks after the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the southern Gaza city.

"The horrendous and heart-rending news about the massacre and mass burial of hundreds of patients, injured people, and medical staff of the Nasser Hospital inside the complex in Gaza has left the world's public opinion bewildered and sorrowful," Kan'ani said.

"Frequent, organized and widespread crimes committed by the Zionist regime against inhabitants of Gaza are blatant examples of genocide and war crimes, and it is incumbent on the international community and international organizations to stop impunity for those who order and commit these crimes."

He stressed that hospitals and other healthcare facilities are protected under international law, especially the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The Iranian diplomat said Israel is responsible for such crimes and there is no question about its criminal responsibility, adding that even those governments that support the regime could be held responsible on an international level.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran vehemently condemns this horrible catastrophe, urging the secretary general of the United Nations and the rotational president of the Security Council, as well as all countries and responsible members of the international community to not only condemn it, but also use national, regional and international capacities to prosecute and bring to justice those who order and commit them," Kan'ani said.

Zionist forces raided the Nasser hospital and killed dozens of people who were sheltering there back in February following days of intense bombardment.

They attacked Khan Yunis -- Gaza's second-largest city -- in early December, forcing residents to flee their homes.

On April 7, the Israeli military said it had withdrawn its ground forces from Khan Yunis. Since then, displaced Palestinians have been returning to their homes after months of Israeli attacks, which left most of the city in ruins.