

Negotiator Rejects Two-Phased Deal

TEHRAN (Tasnim) -- Senior nuclear negotiator Ab-bas Araqchi on Saturday reiterated that Iran will not sign a two-phased nuclear agreement with six world powers. "We will have no two-stage deal," he told reporters in Geneva after a day of tight meetings with Americans. On Thursday, Foreign Ministry spokes-woman Marzieh Afkham said Iran's nuclear negotiat-ing team acts based on the guidelines of the Leader who has said any deal must be reached in one stage and include all outlines and details together.

Nuclear Conference to Open in Isfahan

TEHRAN (Fars) -- The 21st National Nuclear Confer-ence will gather at least 35 nuclear experts in the central city of Isfahan on February 25-26, the secretary of the conference said. Muhammad Reza Abdi said that the Is-fahan University of Technology will host the event. He said the conference aims to help boost indigenous nucle-ar know-how. The official said the conference also aims to forge a link between nuclear experts and students with relevant organizations, such as the Bushehr nuclear power plant and Isfahan Uranium Conversion Facility.

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Takfiri Terrorism Fails to Extinguish Allah's Light

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz
"They desire to put out the Light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah shall perfect His Light though the faithless should be averse." (Holy Qur'an 61:8)
The ayah refers to the plots of the faithless, not just against the faithful but against the fundamen-tals of faith.
As God Almighty says, His Light, or more properly those Immaculate Personages who em-bodied Divine Light and whose hallowed tombs continue to emanate resplendent rays of Ce-lestial Light, will shine more brilliantly to the chagrin of the Godless.
Today is the 9th anniversary of one such attempt by ungodly terrorists to extinguish the dazzle of Godly Light that has made the Iraqi city of Samarra to shine as a beam of guidance for the seekers of truth all over the world.
It was on this day that a group of dastardly terrorists triggered the blasphemous bomb blasts at the holy shrine that resulted in the destruction of the magnificent gold-plated dome and desecration of the tombs below of Imam Ali an-Naqi al-Hadi (AS) and Imam Hasan al-Askari (AS) – the 10th and 11th Infallible Heirs of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).
The devilish elements thought of igniting a communal conflict in Iraq through such acts and similar acts of terrorism on Sunni mosques and Sunni Muslims, but no such thing happened – although the American occupation troops did abet the seditionists to kill people randomly while the Zionist-controlled western media tried to give the impression of a sectarian strife.
Over a year later in June 2007, these cowardly terrorists again desecrated the holy shrine of Samarra by blowing up the two exquisite minarets flanking the destroyed dome.
They again failed to extinguish Divine Light, as the faithful rallied to take charge of the city, cleanse it of the cowardly seditionists, and start rebuilding the holy shrine of Samarra.
The rebuilding of the sacred shrine of the 10th and 11th Infallible Imams is almost complete today. The tireless efforts of Iraqi Muslims devoted to the Prophet's Blessed Household, along with a steady flow of craftsmen from Iran, are embellishing the dome, the minarets, walls, pil-lars, and ceilings, with the finest specimens of Islamic arts.
So luminous are the beams of Celestial Light from Samarra that recently over 3 million pilgrims had assembled at the shrine of Imam Hadi (AS) and Imam Askari (AS). This gather-ing, just after the record 20 million pilgrims that had converged on holy Karbala on the day of Arba'een to mark the traditional 40th day anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Husain (AS), is proof of the failure of the plots of the Takfiri terrorists, whose feverish attempts since last year to descend upon Samarra have been soundly defeated by the faithful.
This warrants us to cast a glance at the crimes against humanity of the cowardly enemies of the blessed Ahl al-Bayt. Without the least doubt the Takfiris are following the footsteps of the pagan Arabs of the Jahiliyya, who had pledged to the devil to never cease troubling and tor-menting the "Mercy under the Creation" and his Immaculate Progeny – even though in course of time most of these infidels became Muslims in name and are considered today as "Salaf" (progenitors) by the seditious Salafis for whom cannibalism is part of life.
As a matter of fact, the very first act of blasphemous terrorism in the history of Islam had occurred 1425 lunar years ago, in the immediate aftermath of the passing away of the Prophet when a group of rowdies stormed the house of his noble daughter, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), flinging the burn-ing door upon her and martyring the baby in her womb – the stillborn Mohsin.
Time and space do not allow me to dwell on either the sacrilege in the blessed fasting month of Ramadhan that saw a renegade smite with a poisoned sword the head of the Prophet's cousin, son-in-law and divinely-decreed vicegerent, Imam Ali (AS) in the state of prayer in the grand mosque of Kufa in 40 AH; or history's most heartrending tragedy that occurred in Karbala 61 AH, in the sacred month of Moharram when the Prophet's grandson Imam Husain (AS), was savagely martyred along with 18 other members of the Prophet's family.
It was around 240 AH that the first act of blasphemous terrorism occurred in Karbala when the tyrant Mutawakkil, the self-styled caliph of the usurper Abbasid regime, destroyed the holy shrine of the Chief of Martyrs and ploughed the area in a vain bid to erase any sign of ven-eration for pilgrims coming in from all over the then Muslim world. He failed to extinguish Divine Light.
Holy Karbala, whose sanctity even the bloodthirsty Buddhist Mongols did not dare to violate dur-ing their sack of Baghdad in 1258 AD, became the target of blasphemous terrorism again in 1806 when ungodly Wahhabi hordes from Najd in the interior of the Arabian Peninsula raided it, mar-tyred at least 5,000 men, women and children, and stripped the dome and the minarets of their gold.
Muslim conscience was not so frozen in those days. Soon Mohammad Ali Pasha of Egypt on the or-ders of the Ottoman Sultan sent his son Ibrahim Pasha to capture the Wahhabi chieftain of the Aal-e Saud clan who had led the sacrilegious attack on Karbala and sent him to Istanbul for public execution.
Over a century later in 1925, the Wahhabis again repeated their act of blasphemous ter-rorism and this time in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, where the sacred cemeteries of Jannat al-Mu'alla and Jannat al-Baqie were destroyed, along with the tombs of the Prophet's aunts, wives, companions, and especially four of his Infallible Heirs – Imam Hasan Mujtaba (AS), Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS), Imam Muhammad al-Baqer (AS), and Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS).
Baqie is lying desolate and is a permanent blot on Islamic conscience as the Salafis have expanded their sphere of blasphemous terrorism to commit crimes against humanity in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Libya, Pakistan, Afghanistan, African states, and other places.
Over the past year we have seen the sporadic showering of missiles by the can-nibalistic terrorists at the shrine of the Prophet's granddaughter in Damascus – the Heroine of Karbala, Hazrat Zainab (SA).
However, thanks to the spirit of Islamic resistance, both Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims in Syria have joined together to thwart the capture of this sacred place.
We pray to God to Perfect His Light and dispel forever the darkness of Takfirim by expedit-ing the reappearance of the Prophet's 12th and Last Infallible Heir, the Lord of the Age, Imam Mahdi (AS) to establish the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice, by ridding Planet Earth of all vestiges of corruption, oppression, terrorism, and Salafi sedition. Amen

Bloomberg Bombshell: IAEA Relies on Doctored U.S. Info on Iran



IAEA chief Yukiya Amano speaks to reporters in Vienna in this file photo.

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- Details of a 15-year-old Central Intelligence Agency sting emerging from a court case in the U.S. may prompt United Nations monitors to reassess some evi-dence related to Iran's nuclear pro-gram, Bloomberg cited two western diplomats as saying.

International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors in Vienna will probably review intelligence they received about Iran as a result of the revelations, said the two diplomats who are familiar with the IAEA's Iran file and asked not to be named because the details are confidential.

The CIA passed doctored blueprints for nuclear-weapon components to Iran in February 2000, trial docu-ments have shown.
"This story suggests a possibility that hostile intelligence agencies could decide to plant a 'smoking gun' in Iran for the IAEA to find,"

said Peter Jenkins, the UK's former envoy to the Vienna-based agency. "That looks like a big problem."
While Iranian officials have con-sistently accused the IAEA of bas-ing its case on forged documents, the agency has never acknowledged receiving tampered evidence.
CIA Whistle-Blower
A spokesman for the IAEA said the agency carries out a thorough assess-ment of the information it receives.
The CIA documents were filed as evidence to an Alexandria, Virginia court on Jan. 14 for the trial of Jef-frey Sterling, who was convicted of leaking classified information about operations against Iran. Ster-ling worked on a CIA project aimed at misleading Iranian scientists by feeding modified designs for nu-clear-weapons components to the country's IAEA mission in Austria.
"The goal is to plant this substan-tial piece of deception information on the Iranian nuclear-weapons program, sending them down blind alleys, wasting their time and mon-ey," according to a May 1997 cable submitted to the court.
The project remains relevant be-cause elements of the IAEA's sus-picions about Iran rest on older in-formation provided by intelligence agencies.
The IAEA reported Thursday that its 12-year probe of Iran has stalled.

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Rights Groups to Protest Hollywood Racism

HOLLYWOOD, United States (AFP) -- African-American civil rights groups plan to protest outside Sunday's Oscars show, where every single one of this year's 20 acting nominees is white.
The demonstration will revive debate about diversity at the Os-cars-awarding Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, whose voting members are overwhelm-ingly white and with an average age in their 60s.
"The goal of the protest is to send

a message to the Academy, send a message to Hollywood, send a mes-sage to the film industry," said Earl Ofari Hutchinson, head of the LA Urban Policy Roundtable group.
"And the message is very simple: you don't reflect America, your industry doesn't reflect America. Women, Hispanics, African-Ameri-cans, people of color (are) invisible in Hollywood."
Halle Berry and Denzel Washing-ton were famously lauded as hav-ing made a breakthrough for win-

ning best actress and actor Oscars in 2002, but while there has been some progress in the decade since, it remains too little.
Critics rounded on the Academy as soon as the nominations were an-nounced last month, with all-white acting categories for the first time in nearly two decades: the last time was in 2011, and before that, 1998.
Notable snubs included Britain's David Oyelowo, widely tipped for playing Martin Luther King Jr. in "Selma". The film's director Ava

DuVernay, was also left out, al-though the movie is among eight picture nominees.
The Academy has defended itself. Its first African American president, Cheryl Boone Isaacs, said shortly after nominations were unveiled that they spurred her to accelerate reforms to make the Academy more inclusive.
"Personally, I would love to see and look forward to (seeing) a greater cultural diversity among all

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Terrorism Weighs on Saudi-Pakistan Ties

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) -- Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have long enjoyed close relations, but Islam-abad's new-found resolve for fighting the root causes of extremism has seen the Persian Gulf state come in for rare criticism.
The two countries, both with ma-jority Sunni Muslim populations, are bound together by shared Islam-ic religious ties, financial aid from oil-rich Saudi and Pakistani military assistance to the kingdom.
But a Taliban massacre at a school that killed more than 150 people in December, mostly children, has

led the government to crack down on militants and talk of bringing religious seminaries under tighter control.
Now the country's media and even government ministers have begun to question whether support from Saudi Arabia for seminaries, known as madrassas, is fuelling violent ex-tremism -- bringing tension to the relationship for the first time.
Last week the Saudi embassy is-sued a statement saying that all its donations to seminaries had gov-ernment clearance, after a minister accused the Riyadh government of

creating instability across the Mus-lim world.
The Pakistani foreign ministry re-sponded by saying that funding by private individuals through "infor-mal channels" would also be scruti-nized closely to try to choke off funding for terror groups.
While the statement avoided men-tioning Saudi Arabia specifically, it was widely interpreted as a rebuke.
Away from the seminaries, there has also been widespread criticism of the decision to allow Saudi roy-als to hunt the rare houbara bustard, prized in the Middle East for its

supposed aphrodisiac properties, in the southern provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan.
Officials granted permission to hunt the bird, which is on the In-ternational Union for Conservation of Nature's "red list" of threatened species, in defiance of a court order, prompting allegations that the gov-ernment prized its lucrative ties to Riyadh over its own wildlife.
Badar Alam, editor of Herald mag-azine, a respected Pakistani current affairs monthly, said the recent wave of criticism was unprecedented.

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