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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Setting the Demons Loose in Iraq

By Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

US President Barack Obama unsurprisingly continues to be vague about the Iraqi government's demand for airstrikes to repel the invasion of the terrorist groups of Al-Qaeda and ISIL, which calls itself the Islamist Sunni caliphate of Iraq and the Levant.

Baghdad (a Washington ally) has been asking the US aid for over a year now and it's not that hard to understand why the Obama administration consistently looks the other way, while resorting to their old talking points: government reforms and concessions to Sunnis should come first.

It is an open secret that the US government has much closer allies, notably Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Along with several other allied Persian Gulf states, this criminal circle has managed to set the sectarian demons loose, and open the gates of hell in Syria and Iraq.

Perfectly allied with foreign terrorists and brutal extremists from across the region and beyond (with illegal arsenal of weapons trafficked with the help of the CIA), this criminal cabal's shared goal is to topple the Syrian and Iraqi governments – Iran's closest allies.

In the present context, they see a strong and independent Syria and Iraq a threat to their illicit interests, since they are allies to Iran, the regional power that the US does not have influence over and consequently desires either its "regime change" or annihilation.

That explains why with so much impunity, Saudi Wahhabis and Qatari Oligarchs are pouring their oil treasures into the victors of Mosul and Tikrit. They have enabled ISIL to win Mosul, Tikrit and Fallujah, and even march toward Baghdad.

As a consequence, with the army command completely discredited by recent defeats, Iraq has been left a ruin, torn by sectarian politics, and crippled by mistrust and fear and death – easy prey for Takfiri extremists.

However, outside of the dominant framework presented to us by the Western mainstream media, ISIL and Al-Qaeda are not the only militant groups involved in this multipronged and carefully coordinated offensive.

Among the demons also engaged are the Jaish Naqshbandi, led by Saddam Hussein's former deputy Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, former members of the Baath party, the Mukhbarat security services and the Special Republican Guard. It is these groups, rather than just ISIL and Al-Qaeda, which managed to capture several cities and towns over the past few days.

Under the circumstances, the fundamental lesson here – though much more needs to be explored – is that Washington's possible aid is not going to stop further destruction and chaos in Iraq, or ensure its future and integrity.

More to the point, no one (including Obama) ever cares for political reforms, or how many Iraqi civilians have been killed or will be slaughtered in their fractured communities.

As maintained by leading Shia clerics, like Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most revered Shia spiritual leader in Iraq, those who can carry weapons and fight the terrorists in defense of their country and holy sites, should volunteer and join the security forces.

They also need to strip away their illusions in these dangerous times: They now have limited options because the Iraq drawn on the map doesn't even exist anymore. Given the historical record, it is evident that national unity and resolution is the only effective policy and the only choice that would ever be enough to put down the demons of sectarianism in their country.

Cooperation Discussed With Algerian MPs

TEHRAN (Fars) -- Senior Iranian and Algerian parliamentarians, in a meeting here on Sunday, explored new avenues for reinvigorating all-out cooperation.

Chairman of Iran-Algeria Parliamentary Friendship Group Gholamreza Mesbahi Moqaddam and a high-ranking Algerian parliamentary delegation underlined that religious commonalities have paved the way for expansion of political, economic and cultural cooperation between the two nations.

Mesbahi Moqaddam went on to say that meetings of Iran-Algeria Parliamentary Friendship Group

have helped promote mutual cooperation.

He further underscored Iran's capabilities in the fields of energy and industry as well as technical and engineering services, and reiterated that the grounds are prepared for fostering economic cooperation between the two nations.

The Algerian lawmakers also called for promotion of all-out relations between the two nations.

They welcomed presence of Iranian companies in Algeria as a prelude for investing in various development projects in there.

MPs Urge Gov't to Ensure Observation of Hijab



This file photo shows the Iranian parliament in session.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Two thirds of Iran's MPs have written to the president urging him to take measures to ensure women correctly observe Islamic dress, denouncing Western cultural influence against the veil.

The 195 members of the 290-strong parliament who signed the letter in part blamed satellite television for feeding the trend, ISNA news agency reported on Sunday.

A defining feature of Iran's interpretation of Islamic law since the 1979 revolution, hijab obliges women to cover their hair and much of their body when outside, regardless of their religion.

Lawmakers have in recent months criticized lax enforcement of the hijab law.

In the letter, the MPs wrote: "One of the main areas of cultural invasion is in trying to change the way of life of Iranians regarding the veil. We ask that you give the necessary orders to enforce the law."

President Hassan Rouhani recently said, "We cannot take people to heaven by using whips," a remark which raised many eyebrows in Iran.

At least two protests to demand enforcement of hijab have taken place in Tehran in the past two

months.

In their statement, the MPs urged the need to take necessary measures to implement the law on promotion of hijab and chastity in the country which was amended by Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution in 2005.

The MPs said ignoring the implementation of the law on hijab would have irreparable consequences and present huge challenges, threatening the lives of the Iranian families.

They said western powers and the enemies of the Islamic Iran have targeted lifestyle of the Iranian women by producing corrupted satellite programs which are aimed at ruining the lives of families and weakening their ideological principles.

Vice President: Sanctions Made Iranians Self-Sufficient

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran has made great achievements under the U.S.-engineered sanctions and Iranians have learned to make use of pressures and attain self-sufficiency in various sectors, says a senior Iranian official.

Iran's First Vice President Es'haq Jahangiri said the Iranian nation has learned to use Western pressures to attain self-sufficiency, and that explains why the country has managed to make considerable achievements under sanctions.

The Iranian official made the remarks in a meeting with Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe on the sidelines of the 50th summit of the Group of 77 developing countries plus China in Bolivia's eastern city of Santa Cruz.

Jahangiri also praised Zimbabwe's "positive and constructive" stance in international organizations vis-à-vis unjust sanctions imposed against the Islamic Republic.

The Iranian official said Iran's foreign policy is based on the establishment of friendly ties with African countries, adding that Tehran is ready to expand relations with Harare in political, economic and cultural fields.

President Mugabe, for his part, condemned the U.S.-led sanctions against Iran, stating that arrogant

powers believe the "entire world belongs to them and other countries are their servants."

He also called for unity among countries slapped by sanctions, stressing that the Group of 77 developing countries plus China can contribute to the realization of such an objective.

Separately, Jahangiri said extremist and violent groups threaten the global peace.

In a meeting with Bolivian President Evo Morales, the Iranian vice president said terrorist groups threaten both regional and global peace and security.

Extremists have caused many problems for the Iraqi people and committed many crimes in the country, he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Jahangiri praised Bolivia's stance on the conflict in Syria, saying that countries have now come to the conclusion that the crisis must be resolved through political and peaceful means.

Morales, for his part, stated that Tehran and La Paz are on the same front in their struggle against imperialism.

"Cooperation between the two countries can have constructive results and the only party that is angry with this cooperation is global imperialism," he added.

The Holy Qur'an



But (even so), if they repent, establish regular prayers, and practice regular charity, - they are your brethren in Faith: (thus) do We explain the Signs in detail, for those who understand.

The Holy Qur'an (9:11)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:05
Evening (Maghreb)	20:46
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:00
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:43

Army on Alert Against Terror Threat

TEHRAN (IRNA) -- The army of the Islamic Republic of Iran is carefully monitoring the latest international and regional developments and is fully prepared to thwart any threat to the country's territorial integrity, deputy commander of the ground forces Brigadier General Kiumars Heydari said on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters, he said the ground forces are in full combat alert against any threat of terrorism, including by the ISIL in Iraq.

He said there is no potential threat to the Iranian borders for now.

Heydari said Muslim states should take a lesson from the ongoing developments in Iraq and Syria and exercise vigilance towards the enemies' conspiracies.

The commander warned that the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran would give a crushing response to any possible attack on the Iranian borders.

Meanwhile, a group of Sunni clerics in Iran's Kordestan province condemned ISIL's terrorist activities.

In a statement, the clerics called on the Muslims to exercise vigilance towards the divisive plots of the Zionists and arrogant powers.

Press Digest

War on Iraq

KAYHAN: ISIS or ISIL terrorists are Baathists affiliated to the former Iraqi army. According to the reports, officers who had served in Saddam Hussein's army conspired with the attackers. There are tales of betrayal involving senior military leaders, all members of the former army. ISIS success was facilitated by betrayal and Iraqi government's inadequacies.

Ignorant Terrorists

ASIA: ISIS or ISIL is not the response to the plans to fragment the Arab region but is actually an instrument in those plans, whether ISIS is aware of this or naively oblivious to the fact. ISIS is destroying the Arabs and undermining Sunni moderates, because it is part of a sinister project. All those extending help to ISIS are contributing to the collapse of Syria and Iraq.

Iraq Crisis

HAMSHAHHRI: Iraq today is on the brink of collapsing into civil war and partition, if not fragmentation. No one will come out victorious in the coming Iraq war. Killing innocent civilians is not going to gain them legitimacy and government, let alone a state on the Syrian-Iraqi border.

Shared Goals

QODS: Now that ISIS has invaded Iraq, a U.S. ally, you'd think a different approach would be used. But Obama's hesitation to support the Iraqi government against ISIS may be a reflection of the U.S. having yet more shared goals with the terrorist organization.