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In the Name of the Most High  
**Viewpoint**

## Iran Stresses Support for Syria Fight on Terror



Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani, right, and his Syrian counterpart Muhammad Jihad al-Laham talk to reporters in Tehran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani here on Monday reiterated Iran's support for Syria in fighting terrorism, also saying Damascus is at the forefront of resistance against the Israeli regime.

Larijani made the remarks at a joint press conference with his Syrian counterpart Muhammad Jihad al-Laham.

The top Iranian parliamentarian also lauded the resistance of the Syrian nation against terrorism, saying that Syrian people have managed, to a great extent, to foil the plots hatched by the "adventurous" terrorists through steadfastness.

Syria has been beset by a deadly crisis since March 2011. The ongoing militancy has reportedly claimed the lives of over 222,000 people. Many western countries

and their regional allies especially Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey are among supporters of the militants fighting the Syrian government.

Larijani further criticized certain countries in the world and the region for supporting terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq.

He warned against the spread of terrorism and called on the regional countries to uproot the scourge.

The Iranian speaker further expressed hope that "the Syrian nation will emerge victorious" in the battle against terrorists.

Al-Laham, for his part, praised the Islamic Republic's backing for the Syrian nation and government in the face of militancy in the country.

"Our region is threatened by terrorism, which is backed by the colonial powers and some of our neighbors," al-Laham said. "We

are in Tehran to further coordinate our cooperation."

Heading a parliamentary delegation, al-Laham arrived in Tehran on Monday to hold talks with senior Iranian officials.

He said cooperation between Tehran and Damascus has been a factor of stability in the region, adding it will serve as a barrier against threats to the security of the region.

Al-Laham also criticized some Western countries for exerting sanction pressures against Syria, which has impacted the lives of the Syrian people.

Iran has vowed "unlimited" support for Syria in its fight against foreign-backed militants.

The Holy Qur'an

And as for those in whose hearts is a disease, it adds uncleanness to their uncleanness and they die while they are unbelievers.

The Holy Qur'an (9.125)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

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|------------------------|-------|
| Noon (Zohr)            | 13:02 |
| Evening (Maghreb)      | 20:35 |
| Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow" | 04:05 |
| Sunrise "Tomorrow"     | 05:49 |

## Ministry Slams Canada's 'Discriminatory' Move

TEHRAN (Press TV) – Iran has criticized Canada's "discriminatory" move to stop verifying the authenticity of credentials issued for the graduates of Iranian medical schools.

"Instrumentalizing the right of education, which is among the fundamental rights of humans, is an incorrect and discriminatory measure," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said.

She added that medical education is directly linked to people's health and life.

She expressed regret over the decision adopted by Canada's Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), noting that Iranians have always been among top medical graduates.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is examining the necessary options and measures for the lifting of the

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## Medical Sanctions: Discriminatory and Criminal

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Despite Iran's all-embracing cooperation with the IAEA and the P5+1, warmongers in the United States and Canada have come up with a new set of sanctions against Iran and its medical community.

Under the expanded sanctions regime, the Medical Council of Canada says it has received notification from the ECFMG, as its source verification provider, that the ECFMG is not processing incoming and outgoing credentials issued by Iranian schools and institutions at this time.

ECFMG, based in the United States, is also assessing whether the current US law permits interactions with educational, healthcare, and medical licensing institutions in Iran.

Iran has criticized the new steps, saying "restricting the right of education, which is among the fundamental rights of humans, is an incorrect and discriminatory measure."

This is while Iran and the group of six world powers have about one month to reach a comprehensive nuclear agreement. Officials in Tehran have already indicated they are open to the possibility of extending the talks beyond the June 30 deadline, so that there's opportunity for negotiating if there are still points of disagreement that need to be worked out.

Unlike the past, the US and Canadian governments have offered no explanation for the new theatrics, which only leads us to the conclusion that their tough stance is just for show.

Nevertheless, the new coercive measures will prove to be counterproductive by any standards and will once again turn into further opportunities and achievements for Iran. This is because the Obama administration's limited kit of coercive tools has diminished for good.

The peace-haters have been powerless to edge Iran's rising influence in the Middle East. The American think tanks acknowledge that when President Obama leaves office, Iran will be a stronger nation than when he took office; Iran will be far closer to becoming a regional power; and Iran will be playing a much more prominent and constructive role in the region and the world than it was before Obama took office.

In a nutshell, the lest criminal measures are desperate moves at desperate times. They will not be able to coax Tehran into giving up its rights at the negotiating tables. Moreover, future sanctions will remain unsuccessful. Same as it ever was.

## Saudi FM's Accusations Dismissed

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – An Iranian diplomat has dismissed new Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir's accusations against Iran, saying Tehran plays a constructive role in the region, unlike certain "supporters of terrorism" who are undermining the regional security.

The remarks by Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hussein Amir-Abdollahian came after the Saudi foreign minister accused Iran of interfering in the Middle East's affairs.

Jubeir, who was speaking at a joint press conference with his Egyptian counterpart on Sunday, also accused the Islamic Republic of supporting terrorism.

Amir-Abdollahian said, "We expect Saudi Arabia to play a constructive role in the region and adopt right and sensible policies to prevent spread of war, strengthening of terrorism and intensification of insecurity in the region."

He also made it clear that Iran will strongly continue to support Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen or any other country fighting terrorist threats, "unlike certain parties that support terrorism, use it as a tool and put the region's security in jeopardy."

The security of Iran, Iraq, Yemen and the countries of the Persian Gulf region is interlinked, he stressed.

## 'Russia to Supply S-300 After Legal Issue Settled'

MOSCOW (Dispatches) -- Russia will supply its S-300 surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems to Iran after the two countries agree to explore an out of court settlement of Tehran's arbitration lawsuit, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said, according to an Interfax report.

The 2007 agreement would be adapted to meet Tehran's current needs, Ryabkov said.

"It is because of the adaptation of that agreement to the new reality that some negotiating process is taking place," Ryabkov said.

"On top of that, I have to mention that the failure to fulfill the 2007 contract led to Iran laying claims against Russia with an international court of arbitration. This problem, too, should be somehow dealt with and settled in some way. We will be dealing with that too," he said in an interview with the Rossiya-24 television channel.

The agreement, originally formed in 2007, stalled on account of sanctions on technological transfer, which led to a long-standing battle at the international court of arbitration, with Iran demanding \$400 million in compensation for its \$800 million invest-

ment for the agreement.

Sputnik News said the agreement covered the sale of five S-300PMU-1/SA-20 Gargoyle SAM systems. The S-300 is considered as the state-of-the-art Surface to Air Missile system developed by Russia, with a total striking range between 3-150 kilometers.

### Russia, Iran and Israel

Russia and Iran have cooperated militarily in the past, by suppressing the civil war in Tajikistan and opposing the Taliban in Afghanistan, according to Iran Primer. In 2006, Russia attempted to diffuse the ever-growing impact of UN sanctions levied on Iran, on a condition that it cooperates with Moscow, to which Tehran eventually agreed.

Russia-Iran ties have a downside as well. Russia recently imported military equipment such as unmanned vehicles from Israel, a country that Iran publicly denounces and fails to recognize. Haartez reported that an estimated \$400 million has been spent in such equipment, together with full UAV construction and assembly in Russia, which has outraged Iran.

## Press Digest

### Inevitable Outcome

SIASAT ROOZ: The United States and its allies are finding it hard to criticize and downplay the assessments of the US intelligence agencies or the IAEA reports so as to advance their foreign policy goals in this costly farce. Iran has got the clear health bill from the UN nuclear watchdog and there is no excuse for the P5+1 to examine the case any further, and that the case should be closed immediately.

### Counter-Productive

ASRE EQTESADI: The far-reaching repercussions of counterproductive sanctions against Iran and America's increasing isolation in the Middle East and Asia are best illustrated by the breakthrough in the multi-billion-dollar Iran-Switzerland gas exports deal; Iran-Gazprom energy deal; the good number of European firms which are now keen to invest in Iran or have already done so; and the recent decision by the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to consider Iran's bid for full membership, among others.

### Scientific Dominance

VATAN EMROOZ: Iran has mastered a technology that is exclusive of eight other nations in the world, and it has astonishingly done so amid scientific, economic and technological sanctions, as well as political-economic pressures coming from all directions. By mastering the nuclear technology and its fuel production cycle, Iran has permanently ended the scientific dominance of the West in this particular field.

### Plain Truth

DONYAYE EQTESAD: America's new coercive measures against Iran's medical community will prove to be counterproductive by any standards. The officials in Washington and those in Europe should appreciate that history is passing the sanctions regime by and that if they continue to adopt unjustified measures against the Islamic Republic they will only be sanctioning themselves.