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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran's Top Security Official: Mosul Libration Will Unite Iraq



Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani (R) meets with Iraqi Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri in Tehran on August 21, 2016.

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- A senior Iranian official on Sunday highlighted the importance of retaking Mosul from the grip of terrorists, saying that the liberation of the northern Iraqi city will mark a new beginning for unity and stability in the Arab country.

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Shamkhani made the remarks in a meeting with visiting Iraqi Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri here.

"The liberation of Mosul will be the beginning of stability, peace as well as national and geographical unity in Iraq," Shamkhani said, adding

that overcoming the crisis caused by Daesh Takfiri terrorist group will promote national solidarity and unity among Iraqis of all ethnicities and faiths.

The SNSC secretary also underlined the importance of political stability in Iraq and called for the active role of leaders of different Iraqi groups, especially the parliament's speaker, to ensure its realization.

He further stressed that the Islamic Republic will stand by the Iraqi government and nation under any circumstances.

The mission to eradicate terrorism is advancing toward

full accomplishment in Iraq due to efforts by the army and allied forces as well as all-out support by religious, political and ethnic groups, Shamkhani added.

The Iraqi parliament speaker, for his part, thanked Iran for its unwavering support for the Iraqi government and nation in their fight against terrorism.

He further warned that terrorism is the major threat to the whole region, emphasizing that clam can be returned to Iraq through harmony, unity and the defeat of the terrorists.

Iran has been supporting Iraq in its anti-terror fight. On August 10,

The Holy Qur'an

O you who believe! Most surely many of the doctors of law and the monks eat away the property of men falsely, and turn (them) from Allah's way.

The Holy Qur'an (9.34)

PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	13:07
Evening (Maghreb)	20:03
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:00
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:30

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi hailed the presence of Iranian military advisors in the country's battle against Daesh terrorists and said the Iranian advisors are present in Iraq at Baghdad's request.

The northern and western parts of Iraq have been plagued by gruesome violence ever since Daesh terrorists mounted an offensive in June 2014.

The Iraqi army and fighters from the Popular Mobilization Units have been engaged in joint operations to retake militant-held regions.

The Iraqi army is gearing up for a major offensive in late September to purge Daesh from Mosul, the last remaining bastion for the terror group north of the country. The Iraqi forces have managed to wrest control of several areas in the southern parts of the strategic city.

Strategic: U.S.-Backed Saudi War Crimes in Yemen

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Despite international outcry and increasing condemnation, the United States government refuses to stop its military support for the Saudi war crimes in Yemen.

The U.S.-backed, Saudi-led campaign of indiscriminate killing and war crimes has now been going on for almost a year and a half. And the United States bears a large part of the responsibility. This is because the War Party is actively selling the Saudis billions of dollars of weaponry. They are re-supplying planes engaged in the bombing runs and providing "intelligence" for the targets that Saudi Arabia is hitting.

Put simply, the U.S. is quite literally funding a humanitarian catastrophe that, by some measures, is larger than the crisis in Syria. Needless to say, the situation could change to the benefit of the Yemeni people if Washington withheld its criminal support. Unfortunately, this is yet to be the case.

To avoid criticism, Washington might now claim its military has withdrawn from Saudi Arabia its personnel who were coordinating with the Arab coalition air campaign in Yemen, and sharply reduced the number of staff elsewhere who were assisting in that planning. That's a lie.

Hundreds of U.S. service people are still assigned full-time to the "Joint Combined Planning Cell," which was established last year to coordinate U.S. support, including air-to-air refuelling of coalition jets and limited intelligence-sharing.

Even if that is the case, the shift does not diminish U.S. commitment to supporting Saudi-led military operations. Simply put, The forward team that was in Saudi Arabia is now in Bahrain. That's it really.

After all, the relationship between the House of Saud and the U.S. is a strategic one, and it doesn't end with Yemen. The regime changers are doing the same thing to Syria, where their terrorist proxy forces have so far killed some 400,000 people and made millions more refugees.

In a sense, the Saudis cannot continue the destructive war on Yemen without the United States on its side. Into the argument, this is also what Washington expects from its vassals in Riyadh; doing the dirty job of regime change in Sana'a.

The fact is, under international law, the U.S.-backed airstrikes amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, as the Saudi-led offensive has no international legitimacy. These are the same terror-mongers that unraveled Syria and Iraq – with a helping hand from terrorists – after getting the green light from Washington.

There is no reason to think this time it is otherwise. According to the White House, the U.S. is still coordinating closely with its cronies in the military action, including providing intelligence and logistical support.

The U.S. and its regional vassals have deliberately turned Yemen into yet another disaster zone, encouraging the fragmentation of the whole country. In the process, they aid and abet the growth of terror outfits in the hope "to stop the growing Iranian influence," save Saudi oil, protect Israel, implement their regional designs, and reinstate their puppet regime.

Despite the new political charade, the regime change campaign will continue as before, as the illegal war is not be limited to Yemen.

'Saudi Arabia Wrecked Yemen Peace Talks'

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- A high-ranking Iranian official says Saudi Arabia's illogical and unreasonable approach caused the UN-backed peace talks on the Yemen War to fail.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hussein Jaber Ansari also hailed Yemenis' support for the newly-formed Supreme Political Council.

"Without a doubt, Saudi Arabia's illogical and unreasonable approach led to the failure of the Kuwait talks and nullified the UN envoy's hard work," he said.

On August 7, the UN-brokered peace talks on the Yemeni conflict ended without an agreement in Kuwait. The negotiations between delegates from the Houthi Ansarullah movement and the former Yemeni government had begun on April 21.

Jaber Ansari stressed that the talks could have ended the war in Yemen which has had no result but the deaths of thousands of innocent

civilians including many women and children.

Yemen has seen almost daily military attacks by Saudi Arabia since late March 2015, with internal sources putting the toll from the bloody aggression at about 10,000.

Noting that the attacks still continue, Jaber Ansari stressed that with airstrikes on schools and hospitals the Saudi human rights violations have entered a new stage.

On Monday, a Saudi airstrike on a Doctors Without Borders (MSF) hospital in the Hajjah province killed at least 19 patients and hospital staff, and wounded 24 others. A similar Saudi raid struck a school in Yemen's Sa'ada province on Saturday, killing 10 children.

The deputy foreign minister noted that the widespread condemnation of the attacks shows that the international community cannot remain silent to the Saudis' atrocities, but also shows Riyadh's neglect towards such calls.

FM Zarif Begins Latin America Tour

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Sunday embarked on a six-nation tour of Latin America at the head of a high-ranking politico-economic delegation.

Zarif left Tehran for Cuba as the first leg of his official visit to Latin America, leading a group comprised of 120 merchants, businessmen and financial executives in government and private sectors.

After a working day, the Iranian top diplomat will then travel to Nicaragua to discuss the promotion of economic cooperation with senior leaders and officials in the Central American country.

Zarif will then visit Ecuador, Chile, Bolivia and Venezuela, where he is slated to sit down for talks with high-ranking officials and take part in joint economic seminars.

The foreign minister's trip to

Chile comes a few months after the reopening of the South American state's embassy in Tehran 37 years following the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The top Iranian diplomat posted a tweet last week, saying his tour is aimed at boosting political and economic relations with Latin American countries.

Prior to Zarif's departure, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said Saturday that

the expansion of ties with Latin American and African countries has always been on the agenda of the Islamic Republic's foreign policy.

He further noted that the Latin American countries are important for Iran due to political and cultural commonalities and congruity at international organizations and circles, particularly at the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

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Press Digest

Oil Contract

KAYHAN: Parliament is busy reviewing an oil bill that if not done properly would send us back to the times when the oil industry was not nationalised. It was a time when British and American companies were in full control of the Iranian oil industry. That says why what the lawmakers are going to do with this new bill will somehow also be a tool to measure their partisanship and allegiance to the establishment. This is the least people expect from their representatives. They shouldn't endorse what is not in the best interest of the country.

Technology Transfer

IRAN: Iranian oil industry needs new technology transfer and investment. In the absence of foreign investment, our neighbours will have the upper hand in extracting oil from joint fields, hence making more money than us. This kind of advantage also leads to some kind of strategic advantage against us. Despite having huge energy reserves we have been unable to attract foreign direct investment. We need new technology and capital that no longer exist within our borders.

Reformist Threat

JAVAN: Some reformist currents have threatened the president in his own house which is not cool at all. They claim Rouhani cannot win the next presidential race without the support of reformers. They seek to belittle the president in order to get incentives from his administration. Rouhani has always stood his ground and responded harshly to any criticism from conservatives. We are yet to see his response to this latest threat.

Purchasing Power

TASNIM: Consumer market is in recession because people have lost their purchasing power. At a time the housing market is in recession other sectors will have no chance of recovery. They all depend on the housing sector to stay in business. To make matters worse, illegal imports of consumer goods has also affected the production sector. These products are cheaper than their counterparts which makes it even harder for domestic producers to compete. Once confiscated, illegal goods should be destroyed. That's the only way the government could show its support for domestic producers.