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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Grand Display of People's Power by Iranian Voters to Defeat Sedition

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*It was a grand display of people's power in Islamic Iran in less than a week as millions of voters on Wednesday, January 3, yet again took to the streets all over the country to reaffirm allegiance to the sacred system of government, its divinely-inspired leadership, its goals at home and abroad, its spectacular success in various fields, and its campaign against Global Arrogance, Zionism, Takfirism, and all sorts of terrorism.*

*If on last Friday, voters nationwide had staged million-man marches to mark the 8th anniversary of the grand December 30 rallies that ended the sedition of 2009 fanned by the US and accomplices in the aftermath of the presidential elections, yesterday's huge gatherings delivered a crystal clear message to the blasphemous vandals of the past few days of the imminent wrath of the masses these enemies of God and humanity face.*

*It was time to serve notice to the secessionists who have never voted in any election and at every opportunity have indulged in violence, vandalism, and vices, to disturb public peace that the nation's patience is running thin and soon people's power will mete out the punishment these "mohareb" (enemies of God) and "mofsidin fi'l-ardh" (corrupt on earth) deserve.*

*A thorough probe of their personal data including scrutiny of their national identity cards reveals that in 2009, as part of the plot, the secessionists had stayed away from the presidential polls, and after announcement of election results resorted to the deceptive lie of "where is my vote" in order to mislead public opinion and distort the image of the smooth-functioning Islamic system of Iran.*

*This time, these thugs who did not figure among the 68 percent of voters that participated in last May's presidential polls, infiltrated the ranks of a few dozen peaceful protestors exercising their constitutional right to voice grievances, and tried to give a political and anti-social colour to the demonstration. They not just vandalized public and private property but shouted anti-religious slogans and indulged in acts of blasphemy like tearing of Islamic posters, and – in a case of two – torching of the national flag despite the fact that it is inscribed with the Hallowed Name of Almighty Allah.*

*This does not mean the 32 percent eligible voters who for various reasons could not cast their ballots last May are part of the secessionists, or are against national and Islamic interests. This is crystal clear when as various occasions throughout the year have proved, such as the annual Qods Day and Bahman 22 rallies, the roaring sea of supporters of the Islamic Republic and its ideals, include many whom conditions had prevented from being present at the voting booths.*

*This not only nails the lie of the Zionist controlled western media of the isolated events of the past few days in certain places in Iran, but confirms the fact that the secessionists, without the least doubt are part of the 5th column, as was evident by their seemingly nationalistic slogans.*

*For instance, when one shouts "leave Gaza, Syria, and Lebanon", it means he or she is in the service of Israel, the US, and the Wahhabis, since all three are faced with the imminent collapse of the illegal Zionist entity and with it the end of US hegemony in the region, as forces of the Axis of Resistance steadily advance from all directions towards Bayt al-Moqaddas, inspired by the growing power and prestige of the Islamic Republic of Iran.*

*Only anti-national elements do not want Iran to triumph and drive out the Americans and their clients from our neighbourhood.*

*In other words, from Day One of the victory of the Islamic Revolution till this day, it is the vote of the masses and the people's power that has ensured the progress of Iran in the face of the worst ever sanctions to the dismay of the enemies, who are trying in vain to exploit misled or traitorous elements.*

*To sum up, the nation that generated tidal waves to drown the British-installed and American-backed Pahlavi regime at the call of that Sage of the Age, Imam Khomeini (RA), and the masses whose mobilization foiled the US plot of Saddam's 8-year war to overthrow the Islamic Republic, are present on the scene in scores of millions, under the guidelines of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, to disappoint and defeat Global Arrogance and its surrogates, the spurious entities called Israel and Saudi Arabia which have no historical roots in the lands they rule through the barrel of guns without being representatives of the local people.*

## Iran's Mission to UN: U.S. 'Crocodile Tears' Not Fooling Iranians



U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -- Iran's UN mission has released a statement, condemning U.S. meddling and support for recent riots in some Iranian cities.

The Tuesday statement was released shortly after U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley announced that Washington would call on the United Nations to hold an emergency meeting over the situation in Iran.

The United Nations Security Council, however, rejected the call.

"Iran is not in the agenda of the Security Council, but if any member wants to raise this issue and discuss it, of course, we will be ready to work on this. So, it depends on how the Security Council agrees on that," Kairat Umarov, the president of the Security Council, said.

Kazakhstan holds the rotating Security Council presidency during the month of January.

The remarks came after Haley said the "UN must speak out" regarding protests in Iran and hold emergency sessions of the Security Council and the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Iran's UN mission described remarks by Haley and other U.S. officials as idle talks aimed at supporting violence and unrest in the country.

The comments, it said, are all part of Washington's attempts to mask its political failures and those of its allies in the region and to take revenge on the brave people of Iran.

"Security and stability in Iran in the past four decades have relied on its own people," the statement said. "The Iranian people will pro-

tect their rights and achievements despite the recent fake media hype and will not allow violence and destruction to undermine these rights."

The mission further denounced "crocodile tears" shed by the Trump administration for the Iranian nation, saying Iranians still remember Washington's support for the Pahlavi monarchy and the 1953 coup d'état in Iran.

Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif meanwhile said Iran's security and stability depend on its own people, adding that "infiltrators" will not be permitted to violate the rights of the Iranians.

"Iran's security and stability depend on its own people, who — unlike the peoples of Trump's regional 'bffs' — have the right to vote

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### Trump Keeping Options 'Open' on Iran Sanctions

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – U.S. President Donald Trump has not yet made a decision on whether to sign an Iran sanctions waiver later this month, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Tuesday.

But Sanders said the administration is keeping "our options open" as far as sanctions against Iran are concerned, particularly after riots in the country.

Trump faces a mid-January deadline when he must decide about renewing temporary waivers for U.S. sanctions against Iran. The renewal of those waivers -- which provide relief from U.S. sanctions not set to expire for several years -- must occur every 120 days under the terms of the agreement.

"We certainly keep our options open in terms of sanctions. In terms of signing a waiver later in January, the President hasn't made a final decision on that," Sanders said. "He's going to keep every option

on the table."

Trump waived the sanctions at the last deadline, but has since decertified Iran's compliance with the nuclear agreement, raising questions about whether the U.S. will continue to extend sanctions relief stemming from the deal to Iran.

Trump must also decide this month once again whether to certify Iran's compliance with the nuclear agreement or not. The administration has said it is seeking new legislation through Congress to end the perpetual certification process every 90 days, but nothing has yet to come out of Capitol Hill on that front.

Sanders also echoed Trump's support for riots in Iran but declined to say whether the White House supports regime change in Iran, cautiously fielding questions on the topic.

### Kuwait's Al-Jarida Claims:

## Zionist-U.S. Plot to Assassinate Gen. Soleimani

KUWAIT (Dispatches) -- The U.S. has given the occupying regime of Israel the green light to assassinate General Qassem Soleimani, commander of an elite Iranian military unit, Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Jarida reported.

Al-Jarida quoted an unnamed source in Jerusalem Al-Quds who said that the two allies have made a quiet agreement after deciding that Soleimani was a threat to their interests in the region.

Israeli daily Haaretz has

described Al-Jarida as an Israeli mouthpiece.

The Al-Jarida report also claimed to identify, for the first time, Iran's number two in Syria after Soleimani, as Muhammad Reza Falahzadeh, nicknamed "Abu Bakr".

Soleimani is seen by the Western media to be behind the Syrian government's resurgence during the siege of Aleppo and had been a point man for the Russian-Iranian axis that has turned the war in Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad's favor.

Several weeks ago, CIA chief Mike Pompeo said that he had written to Soleimani over fears that Iranian forces might attack American troops in Iraq but the commander had refused to read the letter.

Al-Jarida's report comes days after Israeli Channel 10 news reported that the Zionist regime and the U.S. had signed a co-operation agreement on how to deal with Iran.

U.S. national security adviser HR McMaster and his Zionist counterpart, Meir Ben-Shabbat,

reportedly led negotiations that ended in the December 12 agreement signed at the White House.

According to Channel 10, the agreement will translate Trump's decertification of the Iranian nuclear deal into action by appointing three working groups.

One group will be responsible for countering Iran's nuclear program, another will aim to check Tehran's influence in the region - most notably its links with Hezbollah - and the third will focus on Tehran's expanding ballistic missile program.

The Holy Qur'an



*And they set up equals with Allah that they may lead (people) astray from His path. Say: Enjoy yourselves, for surely your return is to the fire.*

The Holy Qur'an (14.30)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Noon (Zohr)            | 12:10 |
| Evening (Maghreb)      | 17:25 |
| Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow" | 05:45 |
| Sunrise "Tomorrow"     | 07:15 |

### Rouhani Chides Macron Over MKO Base in France

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani phoned his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday to demand action against a "terrorist" group which has been fomenting recent riots.

"We criticize the fact that a terrorist group has a base in France and acts against the Iranian people," Rouhani told Macron.

He was referring to an anti-Iran group based in Paris, called the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) which is the most hated terrorist group by Iranians because of its dark history of assassinations and bombings, and for siding with former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in his eight-year war against Iran in the 1980s.

General Rassul Sanairad, a political deputy to the head of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), said Tuesday the MKO had been instructed by the Saudi rulers and some European states to "create insecurity" in Iran, Tasnim news agency reported.

"We expect the French government to abide by its legal responsibility towards this terrorist group along the lines of battling terrorism and violence," Rouhani reportedly told Macron during the phone conversation.

President Rouhani stressed to his French counterpart that no country would neglect public security and promotion of violence is separate from a nation's legitimate right to express its demands and criticism.

During the talks, Macron reportedly brought up "the number of victims from the demonstrations" and two presidents also decided to postpone a visit by French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian to Tehran. It was scheduled for this week.