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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

May's Choice

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ISIL has claimed responsibility for the condemnable terror attack in London, although this has not been verified. In a statement published on Sunday, the terrorist group said a detachment of ISIL fighters executed Saturday's London attack.

Strange enough, British Prime Minister Theresa May showed no time after the attack in announcing that she will be pushing international agreements aimed at global regulation of speech on the Internet, claiming that extremists have been using "safe spaces online" in their terror attacks.

While this is being couched today as a reaction to the London terror attack, the reality is that a permanent war on Islam in general and on Syria in particular is a long-standing goal of the British and American governments, with the current policy vowing efforts to arm regional client states like Saudi Arabia, contain Iran, and maintain the status quo.

This is while PM May knows better than anyone else that if Western governments do not change course, more terrorism will occur. They need to change the policy and stop the evils of terrorism in Syria to feel safe at home.

Iran has been quick to resolutely condemn the London tragedy. It is clear that there is no reason for anyone, except the crazed Wahhabis and Salafists that are aided and abetted by Saudi Arabia, to gloat over such a senseless massacre, for the action of its perpetrators, far from being an expression of anti-imperialist defiance, merely serves to strengthen the imperialist agenda of repression at home and war abroad.

The British government, for example, having failed to win approval for all-out war against Syria in 2013, is bent upon using the attacks in London as a justification for resuscitating the debate and trying once more to gain parliamentary approval for the full-scale bombing of Syria. Meanwhile, preparations for the repression of all dissent and opposition to government policies are well advanced, and the latest terror attacks will certainly be used to further justify this assault on what remain of British civil liberties.

There will doubtless be further demonization of Muslims citizens and Syrian refugees, and yet more stoking of Islamophobia by opportunistic politicians and media in the wake of the London attacks – all in an attempt to weaken the anti-war movement by diverting attention away from the real enemies (the imperialist ruling class and Wahhabi Saudi allies) to imaginary enemies (Iran, Russia, Muslims, ethnic minorities and refugees).

In the prevailing environment, PM May has two options in respect of terrorism, either get out of the Middle East at any level other than that of non-military business deals or else join a meaningful international coalition against terrorism. She and other Western leaders need to swallow their pride and stand on the right side of history.

The anti-terrorist coalition of Iran, Syria, Russia and Hezbollah are standing on the right of side of history by proving that it is possible to beat Salafist-Wahhabi terrorism. Syria is not fully free yet, but the anti-terrorist coalition is objectively winning the war on many fronts – including in Iraq.

Western governments likewise should not pursue policies which put their citizens in danger whether it be arming terrorists or wasting domestic resources fighting "hate speech" online, when these resources should be used to fight terrorism and those that fund ISIL and Al-Qaeda.

London is burning and people are wondering why. Well, the reason London is burning is because Britain has done more than almost any other country besides the United States and France to set the Muslim world on fire.

The battle for Syria will be won on the ground and as per international law. The choice of the ally is therefore important. The allied forces of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Russia and Hezbollah have already proved themselves in Aleppo and Mosul. They also need support to push for a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

As long as the British and American governments believe they can regime change Syria militarily, they have no reason to negotiate with Damascus or join its alliance; and as long as their usefulness is tied to their perceived value as an anti-ISIL coalition, London and Washington will have little reason to eliminate ISIL. It is not possible to join the alliance without confronting ISIL. Without cooperation with Syria, Iran and Russia in the real War on Terror, diplomacy will be as futile as the Israeli-Palestinian "peace process".



Iran's heavy water nuclear facilities near the central city of Arak

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- Iran is still sticking to the 2015 nuclear accord with major powers even as tensions rise between Tehran and U.S. President Donald Trump, a UN atomic energy agency report showed Friday.

Trump has vowed to "dismantle" the "disastrous" deal and has ratcheted up U.S. sanctions, calling for Iran to be isolated and throwing his Saudi Arabia.

But the new International Atomic Energy Agency report said Iran's nuclear activities remain reduced. Iran's stock of low-enriched uranium — used for peaceful purposes — remained below the agreed limit of 300 kilograms (661 pounds), the report said.

The quarterly assessment said Iran "has not pursued the construction of the Arak... reactor" and has not enriched uranium above low purity levels.

Iran's stock of heavy water, used as a reactor coolant, was 128.2 tons. Iran has previously inched above an agreed ceiling of 130 tons a number of times since the deal came into force and has shipped the excess abroad.

The agreement between Iran and the United States, Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany was agreed in Vienna after years of rising tensions in July 2015 and came into force in January 2016.

It saw Iran reduce its nuclear

program and submit to close IAEA oversight. In return, UN and Western sanctions related to the nuclear standoff were lifted, in particular on Tehran's oil exports and unlocking billions of dollars in funds frozen overseas.

However, other sanctions related to human rights accusations and Iran's missile activities have remained in place and have even by added to by Trump, frustrating Tehran's efforts to boost trade.

Trump, who on Thursday announced a U.S. withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, on May 17 renewed a waiver of nuclear-related U.S. sanctions on Iran but he has ordered a review of the main nuclear deal.

Iran: U.S. Showed Lack of Responsibility

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran on Sunday joined the international chorus of criticism against U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, saying it would further isolate the United States.

"The withdrawal of the United States from the Paris accord indicates the government's lack of responsibility regarding the global community and it will increasingly isolate them," Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said, according to the IRNA news agency.

Trump announced on Thursday that the United States would withdraw from the 2015 Paris agreement on climate change, joining Syria and Nicaragua as the only non-signatories to the agreement.

"Non-compliance with commitments in the Paris accord by a government which is the second-largest producer of greenhouse gases and is

one of the most polluting countries, is unacceptable," said Qassemi.

Iran faces particular challenges from climate change, having suffered years of worsening drought and dust storms, compounded by poor water resource management.

"The global community must compel the new U.S. administration to implement its international commitments precisely and completely," Qassemi said.

"It is imperative to avoid undermining global agreements such as the Paris agreement, which is a global symbol of joint cooperation and has strengthened multilateralism."

Iran is concerned that Trump may also make good on his threat to pull out of the nuclear deal signed with the United States and five other world powers in 2015 that lifted sanctions in exchange for curbs to Tehran's nuclear energy program.

London Terror Attacks a 'Wake-Up Call'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran has said the London attacks were a "wake-up call" and urged Western states to go after ideological and financial sources of terrorism, in a thinly veiled reference to Saudi Arabia.

Three attackers drove a van into pedestrians on London Bridge before stabbing revelers nearby on Saturday night, killing at least seven people in what Britain said was the work of Daesh militants engaged in a "new trend" of terrorism.

"Repeated blind terror attacks around the world are a wake-up call for the world community," the official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi as saying.

"To uproot terror, it is necessary that they (Western states) address the root causes as well as the main financial and ideological sources of extremism and violence, which are clear to everyone," Qassemi was quoted as saying.

Saudi Arabia's Wahhabi ideology which has inspired such violent groups as Daesh and Al-Qaeda and its funding of militant groups is viewed behind a recent spate of deadly attacks in Europe.

The Holy Qur'an

Therefore if Allah brings you back to a party of them and then they ask your permission to go forth, say: By no means shall you ever go forth with me and by no means shall you fight an enemy with me; surely you chose to sit the first time, therefore sit (now) with those who remain behind.

The Holy Qur'an (9.83)

PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:10
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:11
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:53

Temperatures Rise to 56 Degrees in Sistan

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- On the orders of President Hassan Rouhani, Iran's Energy Minister Hamid Chitchian has visited Sistan-and-Baluchestan to address a somewhat insufferable situation in the wake of a record heatwave, which has hit the southeastern province.

The province has witnessed temperatures of 56 °C (132 °F), which have caused power outages, and complicated water supply amid high consumption.

As mercury shot up, dozens of (Continued on Page 7)

Press Digest

Social Divide and Uproar

JAVAN: Social divisions fuel political and social rivalry among different groups. These groups have their own set of interests and they will surely use their political and financial might to meet their goals. Since there are differences among these groups, confrontation will be inevitable. This will inevitably also lead to chaos in the society. The question now is what the government of Rouhani is doing to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor. Has it done enough to empower those that have made allegiance to the revolution and the republic?

A Tale of Two Elections

VATAN EMROOZ: Many of those who supported the post-election unrest of 2009 regret it now. But those behind the sedition still refuse to apologize for their dangerous maneuvers at the time. Instead, they went to the polls and proudly took selfies while casting their ballots all over again. Ebrahim Raisi lost the election despite having the support of some 16 million voters. He did respect the position of the Guardian Council and asked it to investigate the irregularities.

So Long America

SIASAT ROOZ: Europe has reduced itself to unity to distance itself from the United States and forge a rational alliance. Many European media outlets and politicians continue to criticize Trump and his hard-line policies. At the G7 Summit in Italy, they made that absolutely clear. Trump talked about global economy and even criticized China for the standoff on the South China Sea. The problem is his European counterparts didn't buy his words. It is evident that the U.S. and Europe have deep-seated differences now.

Break the Silence

RESALAT: The Saudi regime continues to persecute and murder its citizens in cold blood, particularly children. These crimes against humanity are being committed under the watchful eyes of the United Nations and human rights groups. The regime has just sentenced 14 protesters to death but they look the other way. It is pretty much aware that the regime is on the verge of collapse. It's a desperate attempt to put further pressure on its oppressed Shia citizens. Human rights groups say the regime is using the "anti-terrorism act" to suppress dissent.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

11th day

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيَّ فِيهِ الْإِحْسَانَ، وَكَرِّهْ فِيهِ الْعِسْوَاقِ
 وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَحَرِّمْ عَلَيَّ فِيهِ الْمَسْجِطِ وَالنَّيْرَانَ،
 بَعُونَكَ يَا غِيَاثَ الْمُسْتَغِيثِينَ .

"O Allah, incline me towards good deeds and make me to dislike transgression and disobedience. Protect me from Your wrath and the fire through Your power. O the Support of those who seek help.