# Kayhan Senate Votes to Restrain **Reckless Trump** International

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### In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

### **Time Turkey Realized the** Satanic Intentions of U.S. **Criminal Regime**

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The region and the regional countries need peace, trust and reciprocal respect for each other's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, rather than tensions or skirmishes fueled by their common enemies.

The sooner these realities are realized by countries distrustful of each other in our neighbourhood, mainly because of foreign meddling, the better for national and Islamic interests.

The urgency of de-escalation of a crisis that may spiral out of control any moment with destructive consequences for the region is no more evident than in the case of Turkey and Syria, which the U.S. – the archenemy of both the neighbouring Muslim countries – is trying to fuel in the interests of the illegal Zionist entity.

The recent statements of sympathy by senior American officials for Turkish troops killed in Syria's terrorist-occupied Idlib province and expression of support for Ankara's interference in the affairs of its neighbour, are nothing but sheer hypocrisy.

Without the least doubt the U.S. regime is a roguish, criminal, and terrorist clique with deep hatred for both President Bashar al-Assad of Syria and President Rajab Tayyeb Erdoghan of Turkey, and wants to see both of them embroiled in a perpetual conflict.

The government in Damascus had long realized this reality when terrorists of all hue and colour were unleashed upon Syria from all directions by the U.S. and its clients 9 years ago to destabilize the country and turn it into a Takfiristan.

President Assad, accordingly, had requested help from Iran and Russia to drive out these macabrely murderous devils in human form who, are now on their last legs in parts of Idlib.

President Erdoghan who has logical concerns of terrorists operating against Turkey from across its borders in parts of Syria, initially sent his armed forces a few years ago to the terrorist-infested areas outside the control of the Syrian government, in order keep them away from its borders.

To defuse the crisis and to work out a solution to the volatile situation, exacerbated by the illegal presence of U.S. terrorist troops, tripartite talks have been in progress for the past few years involving Turkey, Iran, and Russia.

Recently, for the first time in several years, senior foreign ministry officials of Syria and Turkey also met, encouraging hopes for a peaceful solution to a complicated crisis.

The government in Damascus, which has every right to reclaim its terrorist-occupied territories, has now mounted a determined attack to drive out these murderous agents of the criminal U.S., but unfortunately, in the process some Turkish soldiers, caught in a crossfire, were killed and injured. Diplomacy could have defused the tension-charged situation, but it seems, Ankara instead of heeding the calls from well-wishers to withdraw its forces now that the Syrian forces are rightfully reclaiming their occupied territories, provided some sort of support to the terrorists to kill and injure Syrian soldiers.



U.S. soldiers stand at the spot hit by Iranian missiles at Ain al-Asad air base, Iraq.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) --The U.S. Senate voted Thursday to rein in President Donald Trump from attacking Iran, sharply rebuking his foreign policy despite a week earlier acquitting him in his impeachment trial.

Eight senators of Trump's Republican Party, which enjoys a majority, bucked their leadership to join Democrats in a resolution that bars any military action against Iran without an explicit vote from Congress

"The Senate just sent a clear shot across the bow -- a bipartisan majority of senators don't want the president waging war without congressional approval," Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer said after the vote.

The resolution will head to the Democratic-led House of Representatives, which passed a similar text last month.

But much like an earlier attempt by Congress to end U.S. support for Saudi Arabia's war on Yemen, Trump is nearly certain to issue a veto, with lawmakers lacking the two-thirds majority to overturn it.

Democratic Senator Tim Kaine introduced the resolution after U.S. assassination of Iran's top anti-terror commander General Qassem Soleimani, concerned that the United States was rushing into another Middle East war without debate.

Iran responded to the terrorist move, pounding two U.S. military bases in Iraq with a dozen precision-guided missiles which left nearly 109 American troops with serious "traumatic injuries".

The unprecedented response rattled the U.S., realizing that Iran is not a country to be pushed over

easily, even as American leaders tried to play it down.

While warning of dire consequences of an escalating conflict with Iran, Kaine said his main point was to restore the authority of Congress to declare war, as spelled out in the U.S. Constitution.

"An offensive war requires a congressional debate and vote. This should not be a controversial proposition," Kaine said in a speech on the Senate floor.

The resolution makes an exception if the United States is "defending itself from an imminent act."

Democratic Senator Tammy Duckworth put concerns about Trump more bluntly.

"My 21-month-old toddler has better self-control than this president does," she told reporters.

Tensions have soared between the (Continued on Page 7)



TEHRAN (Press TV) -- A senior Iranian official says the large-scale cyber attack that recently targeted the Islamic Republic's infrastructure probably originated from the United States.

On February 8, the Iranian internet service suffered hours of disruption in what telecoms authorities said was the result of DDoS cyber attack that was dealt with swiftly. The "powerful" distributed denial-ofservice (DDoS) attack caused users to experience connection issues, according to officials.

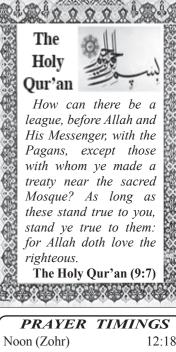
Now Brigadier General Gholam-Reza Jalali, the head of Iran's Civil Defense Organization, says the unsuccessful DDoS attack probably originated from the US. "It's very difficult and time-consuming to trace the source of a cyber attack. The Telecommunication Infrastructure Company is currently studying and looking for the source of the recent cyber attack against the country ... but our analysis is that the US was the origin," Jalali said in a televised interview on Thurs-

#### day night.

"The Americans' cyber attack has been foiled by our cyber defense unit," he said, but at the same time warned that the recent attack might have been carried out to study the feasibility of a bigger attack.

"Since Americans failed to give a military response to our recent shoot-down of their unmanned aerial vehicle in the Iranian waters as well as our missile attack on Ain al-Assad base [in Iraq], they are responding to our country through continued economic pressure and cyber attacks," Jalali noted.

"We have managed to control their cyber attacks,



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### Canadian **PM Meets** FM Zarif in Munich

MUNICH (Dispatches) -- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met with Justin Trudeau, the prime minister of Canada, in this German city on Friday.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the annual Munich Security Conference. Zarif also met his Canadian counterpart François-Philippe Champagne.

The talks between Iran and Canada came a few weeks after the accidental downing of a Ukrainian passenger plane in Tehran, which killed all the 176 on board.

Following the tragic incident, Ottawa has been in touch with Tehran despite the Canadian government's decision to sever ties with Iran in 2012.

Canada and Iran have had no formal diplomatic relations since then. Canadian consular and passport services are provided through other Canadian diplomatic missions in other countries in the Middle East while Iran maintains an interests section at the embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The government headed by PM Trudeau which took office in 2015, lifted most of its economic sanctions on Iran in July 2015 when an international nuclear deal with Tehran came into effect However, Canada fell into step with the U.S. when President Donald Trump withdrew from the nuclear deal and reimposed sanctions on the Islamic Republic in 2018.

This has naturally perturbed the government in Damascus, whose victories in Idlib has made racist Israel launch unprovoked aerial attacks on Syrian soil to distract attention from Idlib.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, which has offered its mediation services to bring Syria and Turkey to the negotiating table, believes that it is still not too late for the presidents of the two countries to take courageous steps in the interests of their two countries, as well as in the interests of Muslims and Islam, instead of exchanging military threats.

The moment President Erdoghan realizes that his greatest enemy and that of the whole Turkish Muslim nation is the criminal U.S., terrorists will definitely be driven out of Idlib and peace will return to the region. Syria and Turkey, which had zero problems before the terrorists streamed into Syria, should now come together to form a solid block, along with Iraq, Lebanon, and Iran, in the interests of the Islamic Ummah and the cherished goal of liberation of Palestine and Islam's first Qibla, Bayt al-Moqaddas.

The U.S. is afraid of this eventuality, and is thus indulging in hypocrisy, along with European member states of NATO, with expression of false sympathies for Turkey, in order to worsen the situation.

Turkey is a strong Muslim state and definitely does not need NATO. It should now take the bold step of closing the Incirlik airbase, and show the exit door to all Americans, whose very presence anywhere in our region is detrimental to peace, security, welfare and coordinated development.

and they have failed to damage any section," he said, adding, however, that the Islamic Republic must accelerate its efforts to launch its National Information Network in a bid to maintain services in case of bigger attacks.

Although the February 8 DDoS attack was dealt with (Continued on Page 7)

## Zionist Regime Sets Up New 'Iran Command'

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- The occupying regime of Israel has set up a new "Iran command" to step up subversive operations against the Islamic Republic, according to Zionist media.

The "momentum plan" was presented by the Zionist regime's chief of staff lieutenant general Aviv Kochavi to all military commanders on Thursday, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The plan, despite awaiting an official approval by the Israeli cabinet, has been endorsed by war minister Naftali Bennett and presented to prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The new "Iran command" will be led by a major general and

will seek to "bolster" the "attack capabilities" and "intelligence gathering on the Islamic Republic", including by means of cyber and satellite operations.

The plan will also set up a new "rapid-maneuvering" infantry division to "penetrate enemy territory"

Among other provisions in the plan, the occupying regime of Israel will seek to double the number of its precision weapons and further increase the number of its missile interceptor systems across the occupied territories.

According to the report, the creation of an "Iran command" comes as the Zionist military is worried that its opponents are gradually growing stronger, with the "gap" between them "closing quickly".

Tel Aviv has adopted an open policy of provocative military action against Iran and certain regional states allied with Tehran.

Following the defeat of foreign-backed terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq, the occupying regime has stepped up its military aggression against the two countries in fear of an emerging Iranled alliance against terrorism and foreign occupation forces.

On Saturday, Bennett said that Tel Aviv and Washington had divided up the fight "against Iran" in Syria and Iraq respectively.

In October, Kochavi said that despite knowing that its enemies are not interested in war, the Zionist military has "increased its pace of preparations" for confrontation.

Iran's support, provided chiefly under the command of top Iranian general Qassem Soleimani, had had a major role in empowering Syria and Iraq fight against foreign-backed terrorists and foreign occupation in their countries.

Gen. Soleimani was assassinated by U.S. forces early January while on an official visit to Iraq at Baghdad International Airport.

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