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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iraqi Muslims Rally Against Global Arrogance & its Agents

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Similar to the news blackout by the Western and Arab media of the 20-million Arba'een gathering in Holy Karbala a couple of months ago, when millions of Iraqi Muslims while paying tribute to Imam Husain (AS), heartily welcomed millions of pilgrims from all over the world, especially their brethren-in-faith from neighbouring Iran, the massive rallies in Baghdad in support of the religious and political authorities on Thursday and Friday at Tahrir Square which became emptied of the hundreds of sedition-mongering hoodlums that had been occupying it with the backing of the US, Israel, and Saudi Arabia, have been ignored by the so-called international media.

The vociferous chants of God's Majesty (Allah-o Akbar) by the gathering composed of Iraqis of all walks of life, including ulema, tribesmen, students, employees and businessmen, carrying portraits of Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Sistani, and placards reading "Death to the US", "Death to Israel", and "Death to the Saudis" was a firm slap on the faces of the meddlers who over the past weeks had tried in vain to create anarchy and give an-anti Islamic and anti-Iranian colour to the rioting by a few hundred agents of Global Arrogance indulging in vandalism, including attacks on government buildings, tearing of the portraits of religious authorities, and torching of the Iranian consulate in holy Najaf.

From the outset it was clear that the seditious riots which claimed the lives of scores of people were not the work of the Iraqi people loyal to the legitimate authorities, and appreciative of fraternal ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran – always the friend in need of the Iraqi people.

Moreover, the conspicuous absence of banners inscribed with the words "Ya Ali", "Ya Zahra", "Ya Hussain", "Ya Abbas", and "Ya Mahdi", in honour of the Immaculate Household of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), for which every true blue Iraqi aspires, whether Shi'a or Sunni, whether Arab or Kurd, during the riots of the seditionists who had draped themselves in the Iraqi flag to deceive onlookers, were clear indications that these remnants of the despicable Ba'athists and the Takfiri terrorists, were anti-nationalists trying to create anarchy on the orders of their masters abroad by attempting to bring down the national government.

Thanks to the foresight of Grand Ayatollah Sistani the efforts of the enemies of Iraq have failed, and hopefully in the next few days consensus will be reached on naming a new prime minister, following the resignation of the incumbent Adel-Abdul Mahdi – in obedience to the advice of the religious authorities in Najaf, and definitely not to the demands of the rioters, after only a year in office.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as the fraternal and friendly neighbour of Iraq, will continue to support the aspirations of the Iraqi people who from now onwards will be firmly present on the scene, and help them strengthen their independence by never allowing any of their avowed enemies (Americans, Israelis, Saudis, etc.) to put up a puppet of Global Arrogance in Baghdad.

The Iraqi Muslim people are not the inheritors of any ancient Mesopotamian tyrant like Nebuchadnezzar, neither of the medieval usurpers the Abbasids, and not of a modern day megalomaniac like Saddam – let alone simpletons to be deceived by the Wahhabi clique of a spurious and soon-to-be-vanished fiefdom called Saudi Arabia, which used to back the Ba'athists in their genocide of the Shi'as and Kurds, and recently failed in their bid to turn Iraq into a Takfiran.

They have a date with destiny and as followers of the Prophets of God and the Infallible Imams, whose shrines serve as beacons of guidance for them, they anxiously await the day of the reappearance of Prophet Muhammad's (SAWA) 12th and Last Heir, Imam Mahdi (AS) and his global government of peace, prosperity and justice.

In the meantime, Iran and the Iranian Muslim people, which are also the targets of Global Arrogance and have soundly defeated their devilish designs at every turn – as borne out by the recent massive million-strong rallies in support of the Islamic Republic system – will spare no efforts to coordinate with their Iraqi brethren.

Iran Self-Sufficient in Building Military Equipment



This image shows a tank being paraded by a "Kian 500" transporter in Tehran on September 22, 2019.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's top military commander says the Islamic Republic has attained self-sufficiency in manufacturing military equipment and systems needed to defend its sovereignty.

"Today we can announce that we have achieved self-sufficiency in defending the country," Major General Muhammad Baqeri, the chairman of the Chiefs of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, said on Thursday during an exhibition of military products in Tehran.

He added that these achievements have brought about "effective might and deterrence, and sustainable security and defense" for the Iranian nation.

The top military commander further hailed the great and "eye-

catching" progress the country has made in the field of military industries in the past two years, noting that Iran is becoming less dependent on foreigners in producing defense-related hardware thanks to its universities as well as knowledge-based companies, which are actively designing and manufacturing military equipment.

Today, a major proportion of the country's defense needs are supplied by the defense industry, General Baqeri stressed.

Iran has taken great strides seeking to attain self-sufficiency in producing essential military equipment and systems in the face of decades-long sanctions and arms embargoes on the country.

The country consequently pro-

duces a wide variety of advanced weapons systems and equipment based on its own technological capabilities.

Iran Navy's commander said last Thursday that the force will soon be flying sophisticated unmanned aerial vehicles from its warships, saying the new gear will be even more versatile than the Navy's current lineup of drones in terms of range and other technologies.

"Today, the Navy's warships are equipped with drones that have a range of 200 to 1,000 kilometers, but all the flight and intelligence limits will fade away once the new drones arrive," Rear Admiral Hossein Khanzadi told a gathering of Navy personnel and their families.

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U.S. Contradicts Own Report on More Troops to Mideast

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) — The Pentagon is considering sending several thousand additional troops to the Middle East, U.S. media reports say.

John Rood, defense undersecretary for policy, told senators Thursday that Pentagon chief Mark Esper "intends to make changes" to the number of troops deployed in the region. Other officials said options under consideration could send between 5,000 and 7,000 troops to the Middle East, but they all stressed that there have been no final decisions yet. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

President Donald Trump has approved those increases, even though he also routinely insists that he is pulling U.S. troops out of the Middle East and withdrawing from what he calls "endless wars". In October, Trump told his supporters that despite the loss of U.S.

lives in Iraq and other parts of the Middle East, the region is less safe and stable today. "The single greatest mistake our country made in its history," he said, "was going into the quicksand of the Middle East."

Asked about a possible troop increase, Trump told reporters Thursday: "We'll announce whether we will or not. Certainly there might be a threat. And if there is a threat, it will be met very strongly. But we will be announcing what we may be doing — may or may not be doing."

Later Thursday, Trump's national security adviser Robert O'Brien said the president was open to sending more troops to the Middle East.

Military leaders have argued that the U.S. needs to increase its presence in the region in order to deter Iran. Rood provided no details to back up why the additional troops are needed.

Kuwaiti Deputy FM Discusses Security Issues in Tehran

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Abbas Araqchi says Tehran's proposed plan for ensuring security in the Persian Gulf aims to reduce tensions in the strategic region.

Araqchi said in a meeting with visiting Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled al-Jarallah on Thursday that a constructive approach to the initiative — known as Hormuz Peace Endeavor (HOPE) — is a step toward defusing regional tensions, and reaffirmed Iran's readiness to find a practical mechanism along with all countries in the region to implement the plan.

"Iran believes in a collective collaboration among regional

Nations won't be just about security, and regards dialogue as the sole solution to attaining such a goal and tackling hardships," the senior diplomat said.

Speaking to reporters in late September before setting off to take part in the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said the HOPE initiative was aimed at establishing long-term peace in the Persian Gulf, something he said could not be achieved as long as outsiders were present.

"This plan is about collective work within the Persian Gulf region and we want all countries of the region to partake in it," Rouhani said. "Of course, the plan that will be laid out at the United

Nations won't be just about security, but rather economy and other issues, all in line with security matters," he added.

Expounding on the objectives and principles of the HOPE initiative as presented by Rouhani in his UN speech, Araqchi said, "The plan provides an appropriate framework for all regional states in their efforts to consolidate peace and stability and promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation."

He noted that if the regional countries took a constructive approach to the HOPE initiative, it would be a step toward reduction of the existing tensions in the region, declaring Iran's readiness to find mechanisms to put his initia-

The Holy Qur'an

It is not (fit) for the Prophet and those who believe that they should ask forgiveness for the polytheists, even though they should be near relatives, after it has become clear to them that they are inmates of the flaming fire.

The Holy Qur'an (9.113)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:56
Evening (Maghreb)	17:11
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:31
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	07:00

Zarif: Iran Welcomes Peaceful Solution to Yemen War

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif says Tehran welcomes "peaceful solutions" to a years-long war imposed by a Saudi-led military coalition on Yemen, stressing that it supports any initiative seeking to bring back prosperity to the impoverished country through dialogue.

In a Thursday tweet, Zarif also said in Arabic that the Islamic Republic saw no point in the continuation of a military intervention and a crippling blockade against Yemen.

"Iran does not see any point in the continuation of the war and siege in Yemen, welcomes peaceful solutions and encourages all parties to move forward in this regard and supports initiatives that call for dialogue to restore prosperity to Yemen," Iran's top diplomat said in his tweet.

Iran has time and again expressed its support for Yemeni-Yemeni peace negotiations as well as the full implementation of a UN-brokered agreement reached in the Swedish capital city of Stockholm in 2018.

A number of Western countries, the U.S., France and Britain in particular, are accused of being complicit in the ongoing aggression as they supply Saudi Arabia with advanced weapons and military equipment as well as logistical and intelligence assistance.

Al-Jarallah, for his part, described negotiations as the only way possible to resolve regional crises and emphasized the need for expanding bilateral ties between Iran and Kuwait.

Iran's initiative comes as the U.S. has been trying to persuade its allies into a maritime coalition purportedly seeking to boost security in the Persian Gulf, after it blamed Tehran for two separate attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman in May and June, without providing any credible evidence to back up the allegation, which Iran has categorically rejected.

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