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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Morocco Ought to Do Real Soul-Searching

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

While Palestinians groan under the jackboots of the occupiers of their homeland and the Zionists continue their desecration of Islam's third holiest site, the al-Aqsa Mosque, the regime of a Muslim state that currently chairs the al-Quds Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), is not only shamelessly dallying with Israel but accusing the Islamic Republic of creating disability in a region thousands of kilometers away from the borders of Iran.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita, or more properly his boss, King Mohamed VI, should either see a psychiatrist to correct any mental disorders or summon up the courage to do away with pretensions to the Palestinian cause and Islamic unity by admitting their total subservience to Israel's godfather, the US.

Bourita poured salt on the wounds of the Palestinian people by participating through video conference last Thursday in the annual conference of the anti-Arab and anti-Islamic US lobby, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), and proudly bragging on 'cordial' relations between Rabat and Tel Aviv

He sent shockwaves throughout the Muslim world when he said: "All tools for cooperation with Israel are available, and also the political will."

Then Bourita, to reaffirm Morocco's treasonous credentials to his masters in Washington and Tel Aviv – similar to the traitorous regimes in Abu Dhabi and Manama – lashed out at the Islamic Republic of Iran for Tehran's principled Islamic support for the Muslim people of Western Sahara.

He said "Iran's activities in West Africa are damaging the moderate Islam that Morocco has been promoting for centuries in this region." Wonder, what he meant by 'moderate' Islam!

This is an entirely non-Islamic terminology and used by the enemies to try to undermine the Divine principles of Islam and to split Islamic ranks.

There is no such thing as 'moderate' Islam, or 'radical' Islam.

Islam is the set of beliefs taught by the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger to mankind, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and embodied in the Heavenly Scripture, the Holy Qur'an.

Those adhering to these teachings are Muslims, while those ignoring them, or for that matter taking something and leaving the rest, cannot be called Muslims.

And as the Prophet has said: The one unconcerned about the affairs of (fellow) Muslims is not a Muslim.

So, the regime in Rabat ought to do a real soul-searching to determine whether or not it is adhering to Islamic values by dallying with the Zionists, dancing to the tunes of the US, depriving the Muslim people of Western Sahara of their right to freedom, and causing rift with Iran – solely because the Islamic Republic supports the aspirations of all Muslim people, in accordance with the message of the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah (behaviour and practice) of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

Mr. Bourita, before participating in a conference of any anti-Islamic and anti-Arab body, and before accusing Iran of any interference, open up your eyes to see that the real meddler in North Africa and West Africa (or for that matter all over the world) is the US, while AIPAC is the most powerful Israeli lobby group in the US with profoundly negative influence over successive US administrations, as well as in Congress, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

If Morocco really wants the peace and progress of the Islamic Ummah, it should join Iran for practical support to the oppressed Palestinian Muslims and the sacred cause of the liberation of the occupied Islamic city of Bayt al-Moqaddas, instead of dalliance with the Zionists.

U.S. Senator: America Got Nothing From Sanctions



U.S. President Donald Trump holds a document reinstating sanctions against Iran after announcing the U.S. withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal at the White House in Washington, May 8, 2018

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- Senator Chris Murphy has said the United States "got nothing" from the sanctions former President Donald Trump imposed against Iran when he abandoned the landmark 2015 nuclear deal three years ago.

"Iran hawks will say the sky will fall if we drop any of Trump's non-economic sanctions on Iran as part of reentering the nuclear deal," Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut, tweeted on Friday. "But remember - America got NOTHING from Trump's sanctions," he added.

Efforts to revive the nuclear agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), have faced deep skepticism and potential hurdles in Congress, with Republicans and a number of Democrats expressing

opposition to a possible removal of sanctions against Tehran.

Iran and the remaining signatories to the deal — Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany — have been negotiating in Vienna since April 6 in an effort to bring the United States back to the line.

Trump pulled the United States out of the UN-endorsed deal in 2018 and reinstated the sanctions in an unsuccessful attempt to force Tehran into negotiating a "better" agreement -- one that would have also curbed the country's missile program, among other things.

The Islamic Republic resisted the "maximum pressure" campaign and retaliated by scaling back its own commitments under the JCPOA about a year later, including enriching uranium beyond the

limits set by the nuclear deal.

Iran took the "remedial" measures in line with the provisions of the deal that outlined the options of a party in the event of a major non-performance by another signatory.

Delegates held a fourth round of high-level talks in Vienna on Friday, with both sides reporting progress and signaling a willingness to work out the remaining stumbling blocks.

Iran's top negotiator, Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi, said both sides are "serious" in efforts to revive the JCPOA, and that the talks will continue until all of Tehran's demands are met.

"The information we have received from the American side is that they are also serious in returning

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Iranian Jewish Leader: Zionists Misusing Judaism

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- The religious leader of Iranian Jews said Saturday the Zionists have been taking advantage of Judaism to pursue their own objectives, something that religious Jews have opposed from the onset.

Rabbi Younes Hamami Lalehzar made the remarks in an interview with Fars news agency on Saturday, one day after Muslims marked the International Quds Day in support of the Palestinians' resistance and struggle to liberate their homeland from the Israeli occupation.

Every year, the occasion falls on the last Friday of the holy fasting month

of Ramadan. It has been so named by the late founder of the Islamic Republic in Iran, Imam Khomeini, who obliged Muslims around the world to rise in demonstration on the occasion in support of the Palestinian cause.

"Naming a day as the Quds Day helped the issue of Palestine not drift into oblivion. Imam Khomeini's move is in fact a kind of initiative that reminds the world of the issue of Palestine every year so as to think about a solution," Hamami Lalehzar said.

"As we are witnessing, the grandeur of the Quds Day has increased every year. Today, on this occasion,

a large number of people from different nations express their disgust at the Zionist regime."

He said Zionism was formed in the late 19th century amid the formation of nationalist movements in Europe, but it abused Jewish ideals for its own benefits, sparking opposition from the Orthodox and religious Jewish community.

"The Zionists have used Judaism, which is a monotheistic religion, as a pretext to justify within their own political framework any strategy to achieve their goal. This behavior was not accepted at all by the Jews of the world, and from the very beginning of the Zionist regime until today, there has been a lot of opposition to the Zionists' approach and it still continues," he added.

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Iran Rejects 'Baseless' Moroccan Accusations

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran on Saturday rejected "baseless" accusations by the Moroccan government against Tehran in a video call to the annual conference of notorious pro-Israeli group America Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

In his address on Thursday, Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita claimed that Iran was working through its "proxies" to destabilize North and West Africa.

"Because of its inability to resolve its own regional problems, the government of Morocco has voiced support for the criminal Zionist regime and has once again repeated its false and

baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran," Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said.

The accusations, he said, only help American and Israeli plots in the region and work against the proponents of the Palestinian cause.

"It is regrettable that the Moroccan government as the current chair of the Al-Quds Committee (of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation), at a time that the Islamic world needs unity more than ever, is diverting attention from the Islamic world's main issue, which is confronting encroachment on the Al-Aqsa

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The Holy Qur'an

The only reasons why their contributions are not accepted are: that they reject Allah and His Messenger; that they come to prayer without earnestness; and that they offer contributions unwillingly.

The Holy Qur'an (9:54)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:17
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:29
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:05

Two Basij Members Martyred by Terrorists

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Two members of Iran's volunteer Basij forces have been martyred in clashes with terrorists in the southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan province.

Ali Akbar Safavi, a local Basij commander, said Saturday the two martyrs engaged in an exchange of gunfire with terrorists on the outskirts of Hichan village on Friday evening, and lost their lives.

He identified the fallen Basij members as Khodabakhsh Gharib and Moslem Darzadeh.

Last, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said its forces had destroyed an armed gang in Sistan and Baluchestan which borders Pakistan.

The IRGC's Quds Base said its forces ambushed members of the terrorist gang in the province, killing two of them and arresting another.

The terrorist network, the statement added, had acts of mischief, kidnappings and murder on its record.

During the operation, a cache of weapons, ammunition and explosive materials were also confiscated.

Sistan and Baluchestan has seen several terror attacks targeting both civilians and security forces over the past years.

Iranian forces have repeatedly dismantled terror groups in the province, foiling their planned attacks and confiscating weapons and ammunition in the course of their security operations.

Iran has been a victim of terrorism and international organized crimes, and a pioneer in the fight against them.

More than 17,160 Iranian citizens, including senior officials and nuclear scientists, have been martyred by terrorists in recent decades.

Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

26th day

“اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ سَعْيِي فِيهِ مَشْكُورًا، وَذَنْبِي فِيهِ مَغْفُورًا، وَعَمَلِي فِيهِ مَقْبُولًا، وَعَيْبِي فِيهِ مَسْتُورًا، يَا أَسْمَعَ السَّمْعِينَ.”

"O Allah, let my good efforts in this month be fruitful and my sins pardoned and my actions accepted and my defects concealed. O the Most Hearing."