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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Diplomacy Continues to Deprive Palestinians of Peace

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

In December 1948, despite the clear advantage of the Arab armies in the war for erasing Israel soon after its illegitimate birth on the soil of Palestine on May 14, King Abdullah of British-created Jordan made the fatal mistake of accepting UN Resolution 194 for truce to find a diplomatic solution to the imperialist plot against Islam and Muslims.

It is now 73 years and in spite of the passing of resolution after resolution by the UN neither diplomacy has succeeded nor peace is known to the Palestinians, while the devilish Zionist entity, with the help of the Great Satan (US), has seized more and more territory from the Arab states.

Now, when after decades of diplomatic failures that had reduced Palestinians to mere stone-throwing protestors, the heroic people of Gaza have developed the means to build rockets to retaliate against Israel's state terrorism and the courage to confront the Zionist military on the battlefields, unfortunately, instead of helping them to rapidly develop modern missile technology, some Arab leaders are still speaking of deceitful diplomacy that had cost Abdullah I his life in 1951 in Bayt al-Moqaddas (which was then under Jordanian control) by the bullets of an angry Palestinian.

It seems, rather than learning the lessons of history the new breed of Arab rulers are intent upon following the miserable mistakes of their predecessors.

At a time when tens of thousands of Jordanians are holding mass rallies almost every day against the ongoing Zionist terrorism in Gaza and the West Bank, King Abdullah II (great-grandson of Abdullah I), rather than opening the borders to Occupied West Bank, is talking nonsense when he says his country is involved in intensive diplomacy to end the heated flare up in the Occupied Palestine.

With whom is he engaged in diplomacy for a so-called solution that even if it ends the current onslaught of the Zionists on Gaza and the mounting death toll, will never bring peace for them?

With the Europeans and the Americans – the very same enemies of Islam, Muslims, and the Palestinians – that had planted the non-Semitic east European Khazar Jews in the heart of the Muslim World, and continue to provide Israel with tens of billions of dollars of aid, along with the technology to manufacture and use the most lethal weapons on the virtually defenceless people.

These diplomatic efforts are rejected by the Palestinian people, who after decades of deceit of the so-called peace talks, have realized that only armed confrontation on the battlefield will bring end to their plight.

Of course, no diplomacy will ever grant freedom to the Palestinian people or lead to the liberation of Islam's former qibla (prayer direction) the al-Aqsa Mosque, along with that of Palestine in its entirety.

With the UN being indifferent to the democratic referendum proposed by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, for a peaceful end to the chronic issue, the only option now is mobilizing of military means by the Ummah for the permanent solution.

In other words, it is the duty of all conscientious Muslims – states, movements, and people – help the people of Palestine to upgrade their missile power and other means of defence to shatter the Israelis, whose myth of military invincibility was blasted to bits in 2006 by the legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, during the 33-day war the Zionists had imposed on Lebanon.

Over a Dozen Injured in Quake in Northeast Iran



A tent is set up outside a house in Sankhast in North Khorasan province which was hit by a magnitude-5.5 earthquake on Sunday.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit Iran's northeastern province of North Khorasan on Monday morning, damaging houses and injuring at least 14 people.

The earthquake rocked Sankhast town at 3:34 am local time, followed by at least 17 relatively strong aftershocks.

The quake has damaged dozens of houses in villages.

Director of the Iranian Red Crescent Society's provincial office said at least 14 people have

suffered injuries in the incident.

Rescue and relief teams have been deployed to the area.

Local official Gholamreza Mehrjou said water, electricity and internet have been restored to villages in the quake-hit area and people who had taken to the streets in fear of more tremors "have returned to their homes."

Five people were injured in Genaveh and were being taken to hospital, Saeed Kashmiri, head of the Bushehr University of Medical Sciences, was quoted as say-

ing by state media.

Iran is one of the most seismically active countries in the world, being crossed by several major fault lines that cover at least 90% of the country.

The deadliest quake in Iran's modern history happened in June 1990, devastating many areas in the northern province of Gilan and killing around 37,000 people.

In 2003, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in the province of Kerman flattened the historic city of Bam, killing more than 26,000 people.

Ministry Dismisses 'Preliminary Agreement' in Vienna Talks

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Iran on Monday ruled out a "preliminary agreement" within the format of the ongoing Vienna talks, saying there would be only one agreement encompassing all aspects of measures that need to be taken to revive the 2015 nuclear deal.

"In the current situation, there is no such thing as a preliminary agreement and no agreement would be reached unless everything is agreed upon," Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said at a weekly press conference in Tehran.

Khatibzadeh explained that there have been progress as well as differences in separate aspects of the talks that began early last month between Iran and the remaining parties to the 2015 nuclear pact, officially known as the JCPOA, with the aim of bringing the U.S.

back into compliance with the deal, three years after it unilaterally left the accord.

He said Iran's lead negotiator Abbas Araqchi met with European diplomats on Sunday, and decided to expedite concluding the works of the three working groups that were formed to address different issues surrounding the revival of the deal.

The spokesman said a high percentage of the final draft's blank spaces has been filled within the working groups, but what remains to be filled is also significant.

On a looming deadline set by Iran for the removal of U.S. sanctions, Khatibzadeh said there have been talks to extend the deadline if the negotiations remain on the right path by that day.

Iran is set to delete the footage recorded at its nuclear sites on

May 21 if the other parties fail to remove Washington's illegal sanctions. The move comes as part of Tehran's reductions of its nuclear commitments under the JCPOA over gross non-compliance by Washington.

Khatibzadeh said even if the deadline is extended, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will not be able to conduct short-notice inspections beyond the Safeguards Agreement, as Tehran has already suspended its voluntary implementation of the Additional Protocol.

"A few points should be noted.

First, the law of the Majlis (parliament) is binding and what has been agreed between Iran and the IAEA is within the same framework. The law of the parliament stopped the Agency's access beyond

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Zarif Holds Talks With Italian Leaders in Rome

ROME (Dispatches) – Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Monday met with his Italian counterpart Luigi Di Maio in Rome to discuss the expansion of mutual ties and international cooperation in areas of common interest.

The meeting came a day after Zarif arrived in Rome on the second leg of his official visit to Europe to hold talks with Italian and Vatican officials, following a visit to Spain, where he discussed mutual issues, regional cooperation and international developments with Spanish officials.

"During this meeting, we had good talks about bilateral relations," Zarif said after meeting his Italian counterpart, adding

that they explored ways for Italian companies to return to Iran once the negotiations in Vienna to revive the 2015 nuclear deal have concluded.

"Italian companies had set up about \$30 billion in contracts and \$5 billion in credit for their presence in Iran," before the United States unilaterally withdrew from the nuclear deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2018, Zarif said.

"Now those opportunities needed to be reconstructed... and the ground be prepared for Italy, as an old partner of Iran, to return to the country's economic scene," he noted.

The two top diplomats also dis-

cussed issues related to the current JCPOA discussions in Vienna as well as those related to Yemen, Afghanistan, Iraq and cooperation with Persian Gulf states.

The Italian foreign minister for his part expressed his country's interest for expanding bilateral ties with Iran, particularly in political, economic and cultural fields.

At the end of his visit to Madrid, the top Iranian diplomat pointed to his meetings with Spain's ministers of foreign affairs and industry in a Twitter post, saying that he held extensive talks on bilateral economic ties as well as issues related to the ongoing JCPOA discussions in Vienna, Palestine, the Persian Gulf as well as Af-

The Holy Qur'an

Know they not that for those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, is the Fire of Hell? where in they shall dwell. That is the supreme disgrace.

The Holy Qur'an (9:63)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:25
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:18
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:57

Indigenously-Developed Supercomputer Simorgh Unveiled

TEHRAN (Al Jazeera) – Iran has unveiled a supercomputer – its strongest till date – developed domestically by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT), according to the state-run news website IRNA.

The supercomputer – named Simorgh after a mythical Persian bird – has a performance capacity of 0.56 petaflops at the moment and will reach one petaflops in two months.

The supercomputer is said to be wholly designed and built by a team of Iranian engineers, who developed the country's first supercomputer a decade ago, but some of its hardware has been imported.

The supercomputer will offer large-scale data analysis services for a variety of state-run and private scientific research, according to its developers. Among other things, it will be used in analyzing artificial intelligence, crunching traffic and weather data, and image processing.

Amirkabir President Ahmad Motamedi said in addition to servicing the government, the supercomputer aims to provide a reliable infrastructure to companies with a focus on private firms.

"At the moment, knowledge-based companies have offered good platforms but they don't have good infrastructures inside the country, which leads them to use infrastructures outside the country," he said during a press conference in the capital Tehran on Sunday.

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ghanistan.

He further expressed optimism that a new era of bilateral economic cooperation will begin between the two countries following the conclusion of the COVID-19 crisis.

Zarif was also due to visit the Austrian capital of Vienna to discuss mutual ties with senior officials but abruptly canceled the official visit after authorities there hoisted the flag of the Israeli regime on government offices in the capital city as the occupying regime continued its bloody onslaught against Palestinian territories and civilians.

Stephanie Lajstein, an Austrian journalist, announced on her

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