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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Neither Corona is Permanent Nor the Occupiers of Islamic Sites

By: Kayhan International

The annual Hajj pilgrimage is the symbol of Islamic unity, of mankind's dignity, and of humanity's spirituality.

It is indeed an excellent opportunity for the monotheists of a symbolic meeting with the Unseen but Omnipresent Creator of the universe Who has cautioned mankind of Satan's sedition through such devilish tendencies as atheism, idolatry, egotism, and all sorts of evil ways that includes Zionism, Takfirism, Communism, and Capitalism, which have splintered the human race.

Indeed those who perform the Hajj pilgrimage, not as a mere ritual, but with focus on the dynamic teachings of Prophet Abraham and the Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), are like those who have been born again.

This means those who brag about their questionable claim to be the 'guardians' of the Holy Sanctuary, solely because they happen to be in military occupation of the cities of Mecca and Medina, should know there is a big responsibility on their shoulders.

They cannot call themselves 'Muslim' yet divide the ranks of the Ummah on the basis of narrow sectarian attitudes and by taking the archenemies of Islam, such as the US and Israel, as their guardians.

This year, the Saudi regime of Riyadh which is in occupation of the Land of Revelation, Hijaz, since 1925, has limited the number of pilgrims to less than 60,000 and restricted the Hajj only for those living within its political boundaries by refusing to issue visas for the faithful from other countries.

Glory to the Lord Most High! Neither Covid-19 is a permanent pandemic nor does the rule of the Saudi Wahhabi have any permanency.

In other words, the future is bright for the Ummah. Without the dangers of any epidemic disease and without the humility of obtaining a Saudi visa, the Hajj will retain its Abrahamic and Muhammadan spirit to unite Muslim on the common platform of monotheism.

Even in the present conditions when travel to Mecca is out of question, the faithful wherever they happen to be can adhere to the egalitarian message of the Hajj, and this requires throwing off the yoke of the US and other hegemony.

This was the gist of the message of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, on this year's Hajj, when he said:

"Today, our nations, our youth, our scientists, our religious scholars, our civic intellectuals, our politicians, our political parties and our people must make up for that dishonorable, embarrassing past. They must stand firm and resist the aggression, interference and wickedness of Western powers."

"Usurped Palestine is calling for our help. Innocent, bloodied Yemen torments every heart. The plight of Afghanistan concerns everyone. The bitter events in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and some other countries – where the interfering, malevolent hand of the US and its cohorts is completely visible – is stimulating the zeal and determination of all the young people."

"Naturally, America and its cohorts are sensitive about the word 'Resistance' and have decided to show all kinds of hostility to the 'Islamic Resistance Front.' Some regional governments' cooperation with them is a bitter reality that strengthens those malicious acts as well."

These few paragraphs enlightens our minds and brightens our hearts, to the Qur'anic principle of "Bara'at min al-Mushriken" or Disavowal of the Disbelievers, a concept which was revived by the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA) during the Hajj pilgrimage, and which the Saudis so brutally tried to suppress on the instructions of their masters in Washington and London.

Insha Allah (God Willing) the coronavirus will be eradicated and it will take along with it all the enemies of Islam as well as the hypocrites who masquerade as Muslims to splinter the ranks of the Ummah.

Government Shuts Down Tehran to Curb Delta Surge



People wearing protective face masks walk in a street, following the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in Tehran, June 28, 2020.

TEHRAN — Iran on Monday imposed a week-long lockdown on the capital, Tehran, and the surrounding region as the country struggles with another surge in the coronavirus pandemic.

The lockdown — the nation's fifth so far — will begin on Tuesday and last until next Monday. All bazaars, market places and public offices will close, as well as movie theaters, gyms and restaurants in both Tehran province and the neighboring province of Alborz.

Iran reported 25,441 new cases

on Monday and 213 deaths over the past day, bringing the overall death toll to 87,374 from among more than 3.5 million confirmed cases in the pandemic.

During an earlier surge in cases, in April, Iran reported the highest daily number of cases, 25,582. At the time, its daily death tolls surged to around 400, below the grim record of 486 reached last November.

Iranian authorities have lately been warning about a new surge, fueled by the fast-spreading delta variant.

The closure of government facilities and banks in the country's bureaucratic and business hub is a first since the pandemic began.

The government has avoided imposing a full lockdown on the population, and instead resorted to piecemeal measures such as temporary travel bans and business closures.

President Hassan Rouhani on Saturday warned of "very low" observation of health protocols, and said Iran faces another jump in infections "across almost all the country."

Foreign Ministry:

Iran Will Not Tolerate Insecurity in Afghanistan

TEHRAN -- Iran on Monday said it regards Afghanistan's security as its own and will not tolerate unrest in the neighboring country.

"We carefully control and monitor the situation at the borders. We assess the situation and will continue to do so," Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said.

He made it clear that the only way to reach peace in Afghanistan is for the warring sides to engage each other through dialogue. He also said Iran has launched an initiative of hosting intra-Afghan talks and will continue the process.

"We are actively in contact with Afghan groups. We are ready to continue this in-person process. We hence welcome and contribute to any relative initiative," the spokesman added.

The Taliban militant group says it

has seized 85 percent of the Afghan territory, a declaration government officials have dismissed as part of a propaganda campaign.

Iranian officials have said the Iran-Afghanistan border areas are in full security, after the Taliban claimed that they had captured the war-torn country's main conduit for trade with Iran.

"Borders of the Islamic Republic of Iran are in full tranquility and security due to the zealous border guards of our country, and there is no insecurity on our country's border with Afghanistan," Khatibzadeh said on July 9.

Earlier this month, Tehran hosted a new round of intra-Afghan talks between the country's government and the Taliban in the hope of a better future for Afghanistan.

A senior advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah

Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Monday the U.S. wreaked havoc instead of helping Afghanistan's development, and finally left the country with humiliation.

Ali Akbar Velayati addressed a one-day webinar themed "Afghanistan, Peace, and Sustainable Security," which was held here attended by a number of Afghan elites and intellectual figures.

"Instead of development and prosperity, the U.S. wreaked havoc and committed horrendous crimes in Afghanistan and despite its primary delusions, is now leaving the country of dignified Mujahedeen with humiliation and ignominy," Velayati said.

The U.S., he said, still seeks to cause more destruction and sow discord among the noble Afghan people through evil acts of provocation," but the Afghan elites and

intellectual figures are aware of such malicious objectives and will foil these plots."

Velayati, who chairs the World Assembly of Islamic Awakening, said Iran has always called for fostering unity and amity among the Afghan people, who have played a leading role in the Islamic civilization in the past.

He reaffirmed Iran's support for the Afghan people in their efforts to promote peace, security and development.

"The Afghan people have always showed resistance against all acts of aggression and extremism, and armed-to-the-teeth military forces of the West and East have suffered defeat in the face of their will and resistance."

Khatibzadeh also strongly denounced Israeli violence against

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Response to Satellite-Linked Attacks

TEHRAN — A new report by an Iranian analytical news website says the Islamic Republic, which has been hit by various attacks coordinated by Israel through satellite technology, reserves the right to take countermeasures by targeting the source of such assaults.

The Nournews website said the Islamic Republic has been the target of various attacks, including acts of terrorism against its nuclear facilities and assassination of its nuclear scientists, through the use of satellite technology by the Zionist regime.

"Following the assassination of Iranian nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh last year, the Zionist media in a wide-ranging propaganda acknowledged

the regime's use of new satellite technologies to carry out this assassination. Based on this, they sought to assert their superiority in this area," the report said.

"Information received by Nournews also indicates that the Zionist regime, in addition to other cases, has misused space and satellite technologies for military and terrorist purposes, which is a clear violation of space security guidelines."

Fakhrizadeh, the head of the Iranian Defense Ministry's Organization of Defensive Innovation and Research, was targeted in a multi-pronged terrorist attack by a number of assailants in Absard city of Tehran Province's Damavand County in November 2020.

Iranian government officials and military commanders have hinted that the Israeli regime could have been behind the terror attack.

The New York Times reported that the occupying regime of Israel was behind the assassination, citing three US officials.

The Nournews report also pointed to acts of sabotage against nuclear facilities of Iran, where the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) did not show the will to protect the nuclear infrastructure of one of its member states.

"According to this, it is clear that countries, such as Iran, that have been targeted by terrorist acts, have the possibility and permission to retaliate based on

the right of legitimate defense and to target the source of these attacks in time, with their own equipment, and, of course, considering that the consequences are for the one who started this dirty game."

The Iranian administration said earlier this month that the abortive act of sabotage that targeted a building belonging to the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) last month was carried out by the Israeli regime with the aim of bringing to a halt the ongoing talks in Vienna on a possible revival of the 2015 nuclear deal.

Speaking at his weekly press briefing on Tuesday, Ali Rabiei, the administration's spokesman,

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The Holy Qur'an

And among men is he who says: We believe in Allah; but when he is persecuted in (the way of) Allah he thinks the persecution of men to be as the chastisement of Allah.

The Holy Qur'an (29.9)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:11
Evening (Maghreb)	20:38
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:22
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:03