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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Sheikh Zakzaky's Acquittal – Triumph of Truth Over Tyranny

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The recent verdict of the Nigerian Court absolving the illegally detained Leader of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) of all accusations against him and his subsequent freedom, along with that of his wife, is indeed heartening for all conscientious people throughout the world.

"Let (Sheikh Ibraheem) Zakzaky go" were the words of Justice Gideon Kurada of the High Court last Wednesday when he upheld the no-case submission of the IMN Leader on the charges levelled against them by the Kaduna State government.

It meant rejection of the 8-count charges leveled against the IMN Leader in May 2018, two-and-a-half years after his abduction and detention by the regime of former military dictator and current President Mohamadu Buhari that included culpable homicide, unlawful assembly, and disruption of public peace.

Nigeria's steadily growing 14-million plus Shi'a Muslim community welcomed the move as IMN members drove the venerable Sheikh and his wife Zeenah to their home after almost six years in prison on trumped up charges.

This was indeed a victory for the Nigerian people and a setback to their enemies that also include the heretical Wahhabi regime of Riyadh, the illegitimate Zionist entity, the US and the Boko Haram takfiri terrorists.

From the Islamic Republic of Iran which has not spared any diplomatic efforts for his release, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Ahl al-Bayt World Assembly, Ayatollah Mohammad Hassan Akhbari, promptly sent a congratulatory cable to Sheikh Zakzaky, part of which read:

"With resistance and patience, you managed to pass six years of highly terrible conditions. This happy event, coinciding with the anniversary of the great event of Ghadir, the Eid of Imamate and Wilayah (of Imam Ali [AS]), added to the joy of us and the followers of the Prophet Muhammad's (SAWA) Ahl al-Bayt (Blessed Household) throughout the world."

It should be noted that during his long ordeal and bouts of persecution with the regime, the IMN Leader has sacrificed six of his beloved children in defence of Islam, the Holy Qur'an, and humanitarian values.

It remains to be seen whether former military dictator and current president, Mohamadu Buhari, who had first imprisoned Sheikh Zakzaky in 1984 during his coup d'état rule, and now during the present 6-year detention unconstitutionally ignored the verdict passed by Justice Gabriel Kolawole of the Federal High Court in Abuja on 2nd December, 2016, for the IMN Leader's release, will end his personal enmity.

It is also time for Africa's most populated country with a population of over a hundred million Muslims to stop dancing to the tunes of the Saudis and the Israelis and the persecution of Nigeria's 14-million followers of the jurisprudential school of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt.

The Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN), founded about four decades ago and inspired by the Islamic Revolution in Iran, has been unjustly labeled a terrorist threat because of Buhari's connections to Riyadh and Tel Aviv, although Nigeria's Shi'a Muslims are peaceful and law-abiding citizens.

As analysts point out, Shi'a Muslims, theologically and ideologically, have no connection to violence and terrorism. Unlike the Boko Haram terrorists, they believe in modern education. Moreover, the regime should know that killing Shi'a Muslims and threatening them with death and destruction will not scare them into submission, because martyrdom is at the core of their ideology.

Sheikh Zakzaky should now press for compensation from those who had imprisoned him unjustly following the Nigerian military's unprovoked attack and killing of over a thousand people in the city of Zaria, besides desecration and destruction of Hussainiyah Baqiatollah, on 15 December 2015.

Isotopic Unit of Khondab Nuclear Complex Opens



Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi addresses a ceremony inaugurating the isotopic biotechnology unit of Khondab Nuclear Complex in Arak.

TEHRAN -- Iran has inaugurated the isotopic biotechnology unit of Khondab Nuclear Complex (Arak) set up to prevent the selling of heavy water as raw material and meet medical and diagnostic requirements, Press TV reported.

The unit was opened at a ceremony on Saturday, with head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi, senior managers of the nuclear industry and Khondab city officials in attendance.

By cultivating algae and engineering its culture medium at the unit, the cell wall of the algae is opened, forcing them to make the desired

products like a small cell factory.

This pioneering method can be used to produce a variety of screening kits to diagnose neonatal diseases as well as illnesses in pregnant women and potential addicts.

It is also applicable in the fields of medical standards and pioneering vitamin compounds and supplements.

The method can further be used to produce labeled isotopic sugars for positron emission tomography (PET) scan, glucose analysis and deuterium metabolic imaging (DMI).

Additionally on Saturday, Salehi attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a set

of research-production laboratories for isotopic technologies, branded as Kimia project.

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of research-production laboratories for isotopic technologies on July 31, 2021.

"This huge project includes scientific, research and production activities in the field of technology by the AEOI and the health sector," he said, expressing hope that other important products will reach mass production in the next 3 to 4 years.

Zionists Hurl Accusations at Iran After Tanker Attacked

TEHRAN -- Iran said on Sunday it was not involved in an attack on an Israeli-managed petroleum product tanker off the coast of Oman, referring to an incident last week that killed two and which the occupying regime blamed on the Islamic Republic.

The Zionist regime's extremist premier Naftali Bennett accused Tehran of "trying to shirk responsibility" for Thursday's incident.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh told a weekly news conference that the "Zionist regime has created insecurity, terror and violence... These accusations about Iran's involvement are condemned by Tehran."

"Such accusations are meant by Israel to divert attention from facts and are baseless," Khatibzadeh said.

A Briton and a Romanian were reportedly killed when the Mercer

Street, a Liberian-flagged, Japanese-owned ship managed by Zionist-owned Zodiac Maritime was attacked- apparently by a drone, a U.S. defense official said, though conclusive evidence was still needed.

Speaking during a weekly meeting of his cabinet on Sunday, Bennett said: "I declare unequivocally: Iran is the one that carried out the attack on the ship."

There were varying explanations for what happened to the tanker. Zodiac Maritime described the incident as "suspected piracy" and a source at the Oman Maritime Security Center as an accident that occurred outside Omani territorial waters.

The incident marked the first-known fatal attack after years of assaults on commercial shipping in the region linked to the occupying regime of Israel.

Khatibzadeh said, "It's not the first time that the Zionist regime occupying Al-Quds has made such empty accusations against the Islamic Republic of Iran."

"Wherever this regime has gone, it has taken instability, terror and violence with it," he said. "Whoever sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

The American nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and the guided missile destroyer USS Mitscher were escorting the Mercer Street as it headed to a safe port, the U.S. Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet said in a statement early Saturday. It said Navy explosive experts believe a drone attacked the vessel.

The drone attack blasted a hole through the top of the oil tanker's bridge, where the captain and crew command the vessel, a U.S. official said.

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Iran Welcomes Plan to Enhance Iraq's Regional Role

TEHRAN -- Iran would welcome any initiative contributing to the enhancement of Iraq's regional role, including the New Levant project, Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Sunday.

Commenting on plan discussed by Iraq, Jordan and Egypt, Khatibzadeh said Iran would always welcome every option contributing to the growing role of Iraq in the region.

"Iran also welcomes every initiative that would help regional peace and stability.

Any measure with such an approach is supported by us," the spokesman added.

The New Levant project is a decades-long plan, but Tehran welcomes every helpful initiative, he underlined.

The New Levant project, proposed by Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi, entails political and strategic dimensions.

The project is based on linking Egypt which constitutes a large population and has its expertise in many fields and loca-

tion on the Mediterranean, with Iraq which has large oil resources, and Jordan which has good economic advantages.

The project focuses on economic cooperation and the promotion of investment and trade aspects between the three countries, in a plan in which there would be more freedom of capital and technology flows, and is expected to encourage other countries to inject new investments into the region, according to a report from the Emirates Policy Center (EPC).

The Holy Qur'an



Say: Travel in the earth and see how He makes the first creation, then Allah creates the latter creation; surely Allah has power over all things.

The Holy Qur'an (29.20)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:11
Evening (Maghreb)	20:28
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:36
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:13

Iranian Plane Joins Efforts to Contain Fires in Turkey

TEHRAN -- Iran's Defense Ministry says a firefighting plane designed by its young experts has joined operations in neighboring Turkey to battle forest fires sweeping through the country's southern regions.

Muhammad-Mahdi Nouri al-Aqa, the head of the ministry's aerial fire control and logistics center, said a firefighting operation team and an aircraft with a capacity of 40 tonnes of water had been deployed to the Turkish city of Mugla.

He also expressed hope that with the addition of two more helicopters in the coming days, the Iranian team can help extinguish blazes in more areas and prevent their spread.

"The quality of the Iranian team's presence distinguishes its work from other teams sent by neighboring countries, which is a source of pride for Iranians."

In a post on his Twitter account on Saturday, Iran's Ambassador to Ankara Muhammad Farazmand confirmed the contribution of an Ilyushin plane belonging to the Defense Ministry in fire control operations in southern Turkey.

"The Defense Ministry's firefighting helicopters will also take part in the aid operation from tomorrow," he added. "Neighbors will not leave each other alone."

Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif in a tweet on Friday expressed sympathy with the Turkish government and people, stressing that Iran's firefighting facilities will be at the disposal of the people of Turkey.

The wildfires broke out in Turkey's Mediterranean and southern Aegean regions on Wednesday and have since killed six people, injured hundreds and forced the evacuation of villages and hotels.

Firefighters are struggling to contain the flames which are fanned by sweltering heat and strong winds.

During a visit to the town of Manavgat in Antalya province, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said all damaged houses would be rebuilt and losses compensated, adding that Azerbaijan, Russia, Ukraine and Iran had sent firefighting planes and support teams to the affected areas.