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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### The Real Terrorists Behind Peshawar Terrorist Blast

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*International terrorism, backed by the terroristic regimes of the US, France, Britain, and Germany, as well as the new alliance of Arab reactionary states and the illegal Zionist entity, continues to claim innocent lives around the world.*

*In Peshawar, some 50 Shi'a Muslim worshippers were martyred and over 150 injured – many of them in critical conditions – when Takfiri terrorists on the payroll of the West penetrated with ease the supposed security cordon of a prominent in the police lines area of the Pakistani city.*

*True, condemnations were quick to follow from the local authorities to the ruling party and the opposition, but the question that arises is, does mere denunciation prevent the occurrence of terrorist attacks?*

*It is obvious it does not in the absence of serious measures by the government to track down the terrorists and execute them, along with purging of the police and army of terrorist sympathisers.*

*The Zionist controlled western media calls such acts of terrorism as 'suicide' attacks and spins tales of sectarian divisions in Muslim countries, when the fact of the matter is that the terrorists have no religion and get away by targeting at will both Shi'a and Sunni gatherings.*

*Moreover, the cowardly tactics of the dastardly terrorists has not changed the least.*

*These devilish elements, who are terrified of death, never risk their own life. They either brainwash pseudo religious rustics, steeped in superstition and ignorant of genuine Islamic values, or unsuspecting simpletons bribed to carry explosive-filled bags for remote control explosion.*

*Whatever the case of the latest Peshawar mosque blast, the authorities in Islamabad need to swing into action.*

*The security of the citizens, whatever their denomination – Sunni, Shi'a, Sufi – is of paramount importance and not political wrangling or the blaming of each other by religious leaders or politicians.*

*The Muslims of Pakistan do not hate each other, and the few hatemongers who claim to be Takfiri are outside the pale of Islam, similar to the thugs, traitors, terrorists, blasphemers, and characterless women who recently caused riots in Iran.*

*This means these elements whether they claim to be 'Islamists', laics, nationalists, and agnostics are the agents of western imperialism and Zionism.*

*Their mission is to weaken Muslim countries through acts of sedition, sabotage, sectarianism, secessionism, and sacrilege.*

*Therefore, Pakistan ought to take decisive measures against these elements for the sake of national solidarity, regional relations, and Islamic unity.*

# Iran Assures Palestinians of Continuing Support



Iranian women hold placards in support of Palestine during a rally in Tehran.

TEHRAN -- Iran will continue its support to the Palestinian nation in face of Israeli aggression, Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said Monday.

In separate phone calls with Hamas head Ismail Haniyeh and Secretary General of Islamic Jihad Ziyad al-Nakhalah, the minister strongly condemned Israeli killing of innocent Palestinian people.

He emphasized that Iran will stand by its Palestinian brethren. His statement comes following the recent round of crimes committed by the Zionist regime in the Jenin refugee camp, where 10 Palestinians including a woman were martyred.

More than 70 armed vehicles stormed the flashpoint city and the neighboring refugee camp,

while Israeli snipers were deployed on rooftops and heavily armed soldiers opened fire at Palestinian youths who tried to block their way.

The Iranian foreign minister paid tribute to the souls of the Palestinian martyrs and expressed sympathy with their families and the Palestinian nation. He reassured that Palestine has the continued support of the Islamic Republic.

For his part, Haniyeh thanked Iran for its principled positions in supporting the Palestinian nation on all levels.

Nakhalah also said, "We are proud of the positions announced by the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has been always standing with us against the Zionist regime and its actions against Palestine and its Holy places."

Saleh abu Izzah, a senior Palestinian political analyst from the Jenin camp, said Iran is sincere in its relations with other nations and that the Palestinian people have all the right to defend themselves in face of Israeli aggression.

Speaking to Press TV website, Abu Izza said while Iran supports the Palestinian people who live under apartheid, there is immense pressure from some Arab countries on the Palestinian resistance to stop its retaliation against Israeli crimes.

"The Israeli Institute for National Security Studies issued a strategic report a few days ago in which it expressed worry and fear over what it called an imminent danger facing Israel, meaning resistance in the West Bank that Israel wants to crush" Abu Izzah told Press TV.

## Official in Iraq to Pursue Case of Assassination

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- A senior Iranian judiciary official on Monday traveled to Iraq to follow up on the U.S. assassination of Iran's top anti-terror commander General Qassem Soleimani at Baghdad airport.

Leading a delegation, the judiciary chief's deputy for international affairs and secretary of the country's High Council for Human Rights Kazem Gharibabadi said that the aim of the visit is to push for the acceleration of the legal

process to bring those behind the assassination to justice.

"We hope that an indictment will be presented to the court in Iraq as soon as possible so that the perpetrators are brought to justice," he said.

General Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), and his Iraqi trenchmate Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the second-in-command of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), were mar-

tyred along with their companions in a U.S. drone strike on January 3, 2020.

The strike near Baghdad airport was authorized by then-U.S. president Donald Trump.

The two prominent anti-terror commanders were tremendously respected and admired across the region for their instrumental role in fighting and decimating the Daesh terrorist group in the region, particularly in Iraq and Syria.

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## Iraqi FM: MBS Seeks Face-to-Face Talks With Iran

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- Iraqi Foreign Minister Fouad Hussein says Saudi Arabia's crown prince Muhammad bin Salman (MBS) has urged senior Iraqi authorities to arrange a face-to-face meeting between the top diplomats of Riyadh and Tehran.

"Muhammad bin Salman has demanded senior Iraqi officials set up the meeting between Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud and his Iranian counterpart Hussein Amir-Abdollahian. We are busy or-

ganizing the event, and the timing will be announced later on," Hussein told Iraq's Kurdish-language Rudaw television news network.

The Iraqi foreign minister noted that Saudi and Iranian delegates have already held five rounds of security-level meetings in Baghdad.

The confidential negotiations will be publicized through Iraq's mediation, and Iranian and Saudi foreign ministers will meet in public, Hussein explained.

Earlier this month, the Saudi foreign minister said Riyadh was

trying to find a path to dialog with Tehran as the best way to resolve differences.

Speaking at a panel at the World Economic Forum in Davos on January 17, the chief Saudi diplomat said a decision by Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf states to focus on their economies and development was a "strong signal to Iran and others in the region that there is a pathway beyond traditional arguments and disputes toward joint prosperity."

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## Foreign Ministry: German Chancellor's Analogy 'Spiteful'

TEHRAN -- Iran on Monday rapped the latest interventionist remarks by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz during his visit to Argentina, describing them as "spiteful" and "amateurish."

"Through an amateurish and spiteful analogy, the German chancellor proved once more that he is still standing on the wrong side of history," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said.

During his second day in Buenos Aires on Sunday, Scholz drew a parallel between Argentina's 1976-

1983 dictatorship and Iran's handling of recent foreign-backed riots.

"The true historical parallel to be drawn here is the rise of modern extremism in Germany, the result of which ... has been nothing but fomenting of violence and hatemongering, but this time under the guise of human rights instruments," the Iranian diplomat said.

He added that certain individuals use the project of obtaining "power through human rights" in order to

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The Holy Qur'an

Certainly Allah has turned (mercifully) to the Prophet and those who fled and the helpers who followed him in the hour of straitness after the hearts of a part of them were about to deviate, then He turned to them; surely to them He is Compassionate, Merciful.

The Holy Qur'an (9.117)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	17:50
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:05
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:39

## Air Raid Targets Iran Humanitarian Convoy at Syria-Iraq Border

TEHRAN -- An Iranian convoy of more than two dozen trucks carrying food, including flour and rice, has come under an aerial attack as it was leaving the western Iraqi province of Anbar and entering Syria's northeastern province of Dayr al-Zawr.

Informed sources said aircraft fired three rockets at the convoy, consisting of 25 trucks and carrying humanitarian aid, as it was rumbling through the Albu Kamal border crossing and heading toward Syrian territory late on Sunday.

Two of the rockets missed the target, while one hit a truck, without causing any casualties. The remaining trucks entered Syria later on.

Earlier, Lebanon's Arabic-language Al Mayadeen television news network reported that three Iranian aid trucks were struck in the aerial attack.

Citing local sources who asked not to be named, the television said the attack took place right after the second batch was about to enter Syrian soil.

It said the bombing left no casualties, adding that the convoy "did not carry any weapons or military hardware" and had obtained all necessary legal approvals from Syrian authorities.

Last December, the former Israeli military chief of staff confirmed that the occupying regime was behind an early November attack on an Iranian fuel convoy heading to Lebanon near the Syria-Iraq border, saying that the airstrike was carried out by the Zionist air force.

Lieutenant general Aviv Kochavi claimed during a conference on December 14 that the Israeli spy agency had detected the convoy and launched the aerial assault.

Iraqi security and border officials said an airstrike targeted a convoy of 22 tankers carrying Iranian fuel that had entered Qa'im border crossing on the Syrian side of the border with Iraq late on November 8.