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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Indomitable IRGC Unscathed by any Enemy Resolutions

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Lawlessness cannot be legalised by any resolution by any legislature, and this is what the so-called European parliament has done by targeting one of the most legitimate organs of the Islamic Republic.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) is the vanguard of the campaign against terrorism, whether in Iran or abroad.

As was recently said by Iran's Parliament Speaker, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, if not for the determined activities of the IRGC the takfiri terrorists would have spread all over Europe and plunged the whole continent into disability.

These facts are not unknown to the European and American politicians and policymakers, but what makes them target Iran and its legitimate organs is their enmity towards Islam and the fear that an independent and powerful Islamic Republic will indeed be an inspiration for not just the Asian and African countries but also for the people of the West.

This is the reason they had triggered the riots in Iran through a bunch of thugs, traitors, terrorists, blasphemers, and characterless women, in order to kill the innocent people of Iran and tarnish the image of the Islamic Republic.

Thanks to the prudence of the Iranian government, the guidelines of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, and the resolve of the scores of millions of patriotic and pious men and women of Iran, this intricate plot was defeated.

The failure of those scattered incidents of arson, murder, vandalism, sedition, blasphemy, and sacrilege, made the orchestrators of these riots to resort to the despicable plot of publishing caricatures in the scandalous French magazine, Charlie Hebdo, claiming to be those of Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, whose spotless personality, however, is above all such dirty insults.

Now these enemies of the world people, especially of the Muslims and of Iranians in particular, are trying to label the IRGC as 'terrorist', when the fact cannot be denied that the regimes of Europe provide asylum to notorious terrorists, murderers, embezzlers, and traitors from various Islamic countries, including Iran.

Thus, in view of these undeniable facts, the kangaroo resolution of a pseudo parliament, which itself does not represent the people of Europe, holds no legitimacy for Tehran.

In the words of Iranian Foreign Minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in his address to the 26th meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan: "We strongly condemn the meddlesome and unconventional resolution of the European Parliament."

He made it clear: "Undoubtedly, the adverse consequences of such irrational behaviour will be costly for Europe."

Iran definitely has levers of its own to make its enemies rue their wrongful decisions.

As for the indomitable IRGC, it will continue its liberating role in Iran and abroad, even in the West to safeguard humanitarian values from terrorists, whether state or non-state actors.

President Pledges Iran's Support for Syria's Reconstruction



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi held talks with Syrian Defense Minister Ali Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday.

TEHRAN – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a meeting with Syrian Defense Minister Ali Mahmoud Abbas in Tehran on Tuesday promised the Islamic Republic will stand by the Syrian people in the same way that it helped them fight against terrorism during years of war in the Arab country.

The relations between Iran and Syria are strategic as their relations are based upon common beliefs and the spirit of resistance shown by their people, Raisi said.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran is a true friend of the Syrian nation, because in the same way that it (Iran) stood by the Syrian nation and government in the era of resistance against terrorism, it is also ready to stand by them during the reconstruction period by strengthening economic cooperation in all fields," the president stated.

Raisi also lauded the Syrian armed forces' efforts to protect the Arab country's nation and government against seditions as a promising prospect for the future of Syrians.

For his part, General Abbas said Syria emerged victorious in the war on terrorism thanks to the support from its brothers and true friends.

Syria has become stronger and will continue to act as a ring in the chain of resistance, he stated, adding, "The axis of resistance will have a significant role in forming a new world."

Deploing the hostile attempts to harm the deep-rooted and brotherly ties between Syria and Iran, the minister said the bonds between the two countries are too strong to be damaged and that they continue to grow constantly.

On Monday, President Ebrahim Raisi met and held talks with Chairman of Russia are State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin and underlined the capacities of the two countries can complement each other in serving mutual and regional interests.

"The two countries have diverse, numerous capacities in the fields of energy, transit and transportation that can be activated for developing cooperation," Raisi added.

The president also stated that Iran

follows the full implementation of the agreements with Russia, adding, "The capacities of the two sides can complement each other, and their use can create regional benefits in addition to securing the interests of the two countries."

For his part, Volodin said Iran's positions on strengthening regional and neighborhood relations could facilitate the development of cooperation between the two countries, the president's official website reported.

"The Russian Federation also has the same approach and opinion about improving the level of interactions with the Islamic Republic of Iran, and our agenda is based on the will of the leaders of the two countries to strive for the continuous development of cooperation," he added.

Volodin has visited Iran with a delegation of Russian deputy ministers responsible for energy, trade, transportation and agricultural affairs to take part in the third meeting of the Supreme Joint Parliamentary Commission of Iran and Russia.

FM Amir-Abdollahian: Emotional Behavior to Prove Costly for Europe

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has censured the European Parliament's "visceral" vote calling for the designation of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) as a terror group, warning that such conduct would be "costly" for Europe.

Amir-Abdollahian said the correct path for Europe would be rather to concentrate on diplomacy, constructive interaction and rationality.

"We strongly condemn the meddlesome and unconventional resolution of the European Parliament," Amir-Abdollahian said in an address to the 26th meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

"Undoubtedly, the adverse consequences of such emotional behavior will be costly for Europe," he said.

He added that Iran's foreign policy doctrine is based on balanced interactions with the world and non-interference in the internal affairs of countries.

The European Parliament on Wednesday adopted an amendment calling on the EU and its member states to include the IRGC on their terror list. It also passed another resolution on Thursday, calling for more sanctions against Iranian in-

dividuals and entities and putting the IRGC on the EU terrorist list over alleged human rights violations during the recent riots.

However, EU foreign policy Chief Josep Borrell said on Monday that the bloc cannot list the IRGC as a "terrorist" entity without an EU court decision.

Amir-Abdollahian also said on Monday that the EU does not appear to be willing to take "costly" steps vis-à-vis Iran after the bloc's foreign policy chief indicated that legal hurdles stood in the way of labeling the IRGC as a terror group.

"Insulting religious sanctities not acceptable at all"

Elsewhere in his Tuesday speech, the top Iranian diplomat strongly condemned any act of desecrating the sanctities of divine religions, particularly the Holy Qur'an of Muslims.

He said Western countries' support for these acts in the name of freedom of expression is "not acceptable at all."

The reaction came days after right-wing Danish-Swedish leader Rasmus Paludan received permission from his country's government to burn the sacred Muslim book in front of the Turkish embassy in Stockholm. He was protected by the police while committing the blasphemous act.

Back in April, Paludan had tried

to burn a copy of the Qur'an in a heavily-populated Muslim area.

Amir-Abdollahian also said the existing energy security crisis in the region and the world clearly reveals the vulnerability of energy consuming countries to unexpected shocking issues.

"The ECO region can turn into a model of cooperation between energy producing countries and energy consuming countries. Undoubtedly, participation in the gas and electricity sectors is among ECO's priorities in this regard," he added.

He noted that ECO requires investment
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Envoy Urges UN to Cooperate With Iran on Serving Afghan Refugees

TEHRAN - Iran's Ambassador in Kabul Hassan Kazemi Qomi urged the United Nations to cooperate with Iran in rendering services for Afghan refugees.

Speaking in a meeting with Roza Isakovna Otunbayeva, special representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, Qomi urged the United Nations to lever-

The Holy Qur'an

We sent an inspiration to Moses: "Travel by night with My servants, and strike a dry path for them through the sea, without fear of being overtaken (by Pharaoh) and without (any other) fear."

The Holy Qur'an 20:78

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:17
Evening (Maghreb)	17:44
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:09
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:42

Students Protest French Magazine's Insulting Move

TEHRAN – Iranian students on Tuesday gathered in front of the French Embassy in Tehran to condemn the recent sacrilegious cartoons published by the French magazine Charlie Hebdo.

The insulting and indecent move by the French publication, draw a harsh condemnation from Iranian people and officials.

Earlier, Iranian university students and political activists had gathered in front of the French Embassy in Tehran to once again denounce a French magazine's insult to Muslim sanctities and Iran's religious and national values.

Iran's foreign ministry slapped sanctions against dozens of European individuals and entities, including Charlie Hebdo, on December 12 over their meddlesome measures pertaining to Iran's internal developments and support for acts of terror in the country.

"We have earlier put the publication in the list of sanctioned entities," Amir-Abdollahian said in a tweet.

The French magazine has a long history of publishing derogatory and sacrilegious cartoons in the name of freedom of expression. Back in September 2020, it republished blasphemous cartoons of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that were first released in 2015, sparking anger and outrage across the Muslim world.

age all Iran's capacities to help the people of Afghanistan and boost regional cooperation in solving the economic, social and educational problems of the Afghan people.

He offered Iran's readiness to materialize Afghanistan's capacities with the help and assistance of the United Nations.

The two sides discussed fighting terrorism and terrorist group like terrorist group of Daesh.