

Iran Missiles Can Destroy Moving Marine Targets

TEHRAN -- Iran's top general said Monday the country is producing ballistic missiles capable of destroying moving marine targets. "This missile has been successfully tested and its mass production has started," Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Baqeri told reporters. "After production of this missile, Iran will be among the three countries possessing the know-how to make such missiles," he said. The new ballistic missile can hit its target with a speed of Mach 8 and with a final range of 1,500 kilometers and is capable of delivering precision strikes.

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One Dead, 8 Injured in Stampede in New York

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — False fears of a shooting at a rap concert in Rochester, New York, sent a crowd surging toward the exits, killing one person and injuring eight others, police said. Police found "no evidence to support a shooting having occurred" inside the concert late Sunday featuring rappers GloRilla and Finesse2tymes at the Main Street Armory. Rochester police Lt. Nicholas Adams said in a statement. A 33-year-old woman died and two people were in critical condition, the department said.

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Awaiting the Advent of the Saviour

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"Certainly, We had written in the Psalms, after the Reminder (Torah); Indeed My righteous servants shall inherit the Earth." (Holy Qur'an 21:105) "We desired to show favour to those who were abased in the land, and to make them Imams (Leaders), and to make them the inheritors." (Holy Qur'an 28:5)

The above Ayahs are self-explanatory. They refer to the Divine Promise to make the faithful the eventual victors and inheritors of Planet Earth, which for millenniums has been wantonly looted of its rich natural resources by oppressors all over the globe, who subjected fellow humans to untold injustice. The sworn enemies of humanity in our own times are the devils in human forms, such as the Takfiri terrorists, the Zionists, and the US, which is called the 'Great Satan'.

Ever since the creation of the first pair of humans - Adam and Eve - God Almighty had sent a long line of Prophets in all parts of the Earth and in every age in order to guide mankind and to confront the likes of such tyrants as Nimrod, Pharaoh, Hamaan, Herod, and Abu Jahl, culminating with the universal message of Islam entrusted to the Last and Greatest of Messengers, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

As the Mercy unto the Creation he excellently accomplished his mission. Since the end times were still away and there were more trials and tribulations in store for humanity, especially for Muslims, at the hands of Chengiz Khan and the European colonial powers, on God's commandments the Seal of Messengers explained every minute matter in detail before his departure from the mortal world so that mankind could avoid the fate that befell the nations of the past.

Among his admonishments was his exhorting of his companions to hold fast to the "Thaqalayn" (Two Weighty Things), that is, the Book of God - the holy Qur'an - and his progeny, the Ahl al-Bayt. He told them in explicit words that Muslims will never go astray if they follow his instructions, because the Qur'an and the Ahl al-Bayt are inseparable from each other.

Did the Muslims follow the instructions of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA)? The answer is obvious: Some did, while many of them did not, otherwise the Ahl al-Bayt would not have been deprived of their right of political leadership of the Ummah.

The All-Wise God, aware of such sedition and the seditionists, who would violate their own oaths of allegiance to Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), sworn so ardently at Ghadeer-Khom on 18th Zilhijja, 10 AH on the Prophet's proclamation of his cousin and son-in-law as Vicegerent, decreed that the Redeemer of the human race will have to wait for advent. He will eventually reappear in the end times to fill the Earth with justice, although he would be born in the full limelight of his story on the 15th of Sha'ban in the year 255 AH (869 AD), to the Prophet's 11th Infallible Heir, Imam Hasan al-Askari (AS), in the city of Samarra, in Iraq.

Irrespective of the frequent manhunts launched by the self-styled caliphs of the usurper Abbasid regime to try to locate and destroy the Prophet's 12th and Last Successor; let us go through some hadith in both Shi'ite and Sunni sources concerning the rising of Imam Mahdi al-Qa'em (AS), whose reappearance we are eagerly waiting. We ardently look forward to his promised advent, no matter if the tyrants of our age deny him and seethe with anger at the mention of his name, impose sanctions on his steadfast followers, hire thugs and traitors to undermine Islamic societies, and try to label altruist organizations and the selfless defenders of humanitarian values as 'terrorists', just like the oppressors of the past had done.

The words of the Prophet of Islam found in the hadith books of the Sunnis and Shi'as alike, are a firm refutation of the claims of those who deny the coming of the Mahdi as well as of those who allege that he has not yet been born and would be born in the end times.

For instance, in the book "Fara'ed as-Samtayn", a famous hadith through Sunni sources reads:

"The Prophet said: My Caliphs are my legatees and the proofs of Allah upon the creatures; after me they are Twelve. The first of them is my brother and the last of them is my (grand)son.

He was asked: O' Prophet of Allah, which brother of yours. He replied: "Ali Ibn Abi Taleb"

Again he was asked: And which (grand)son?

He said: "Al-Mahdi is the one who will fill the earth with justice and equity as it was brimming with injustice and tyranny. I swear by the one who has sent me as the giver of good tidings, even if a single day were to remain for the world (to end), Allah shall prolong that day till he sends my son Mahdi. Then Ruhollah Jesus son of Mary will descend and perform prayers behind him. The earth shall be illuminated by his radiance and his authority shall stretch from the east to the west."

Abu Dawoud, the compiler of the one of the six collections of hadith revered by our Sunni brethren, quotes the Prophet in volume 4 of his "Sunan":

"Even if a single day remains for the Day of Judgment, Allah will send a man from my Ahl al-Bayt. He will fill the earth with justice just like it was filled with tyranny."

In the book "Ikmaal ad-Din", compiled by the famous Iranian Jurist Shaikh Sadouq over a thousand years ago, we come across the following hadith from the Prophet:

"O Ali, know that the strangest of the people of faith and the greatest of them in certitude are those people who will be in the end times. They will not meet the Prophet, and their Imam will be hidden from them, but they will believe on the basis of black upon white."

The Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) explaining this hadith says: "The 'black upon white' means the writings on paper. It means that these people will believe in the Qur'an and the Sunnah (the Prophet's practice) as recorded in the books, even though they may not see their Imam."

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Perpetrators Should Receive Most Severe Punishment, Leader: Poisoning of Students a 'Big Crime'



Ayatollah Khamenei makes an address after planting three saplings on the National Arbor Day on Monday.

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Monday called mysterious poisoning of students in Iran's schools a "big and unignorable" crime, calling on authorities to seriously pursue the issue.

"This is a big and unforgivable crime, and if anyone is involved in this incident, the perpetrators must receive the most severe punishment," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the incident as "a crime against

the most innocent elements of the society, namely children, as well as the cause of psychological insecurity in the society and worry of the families".

"Everyone should know that if anyone is identified and convicted as the perpetrators of this crime, there will be no amnesty for them because they must be severely punished to serve as an example to others," the Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks as he planted saplings to mark Iran's national Arbor

Day.

The Leader highlighted the importance of planting saplings for preservation of the environment. He said a declaration on the preservation of the environment is one of the outstanding features of Iran's Constitution, which no one should violate.

He said experts' advice is that in addition to planting fruit trees, forest trees and trees important for their wood should also be planted, because trade of wood has a significant impact on the economy.

Former Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman: Zionist Entity Headed for 'Third Temple Destruction'

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) - Yisrael Beiteinu leader Avigdor Lieberman has attacked Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Knesset, warning that he is leading the illegal entity to "a Third Temple destruction."

The destruction of the Temple is a term that refers to two historical events in Jewish history in which the Temple was destroyed. The first Temple (Solomon's Temple) was destroyed in 586 BC by the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, while the second Temple (Herod's Temple) was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 AD.

According to Jewish sources, after the destruction of the First Temple, the Jews were exiled to Babylon and after the destruction of the Second Temple, the work of the priests ceased, and the Jews were dispersed.

Lieberman said the new cabinet "has existed for two months, and the U.S. has not yet invited the prime minister or foreign minis-

ter to visit Washington. This is a political failure, and I do not remember this happening before."

The statements by Lieberman, who previously held several ministerial positions, including ministers of war and finance, were made amid a sharp division in Occupied Palestine over a plan that Netanyahu and the ruling coalition under his leadership are seeking to implement and that will greatly limit the power of the judiciary in favor of the executive and legislative branches.

On Saturday evening more than 250,000 people demonstrated in Tel Aviv and various parts of the occupied territories to protest the plan currently put before the Knesset for a vote.

Food Insecurity

A new report has revealed that more than one million Zionists, including some 665,000 children, (Continued on Page 7)

Bahrain Regime Arrests Formula One Protesters

LONDON (Middle East Eye) -- Four people were arrested near the Bahrain Grand Prix for peacefully protesting and demanding the release of political prisoners, according to the UK-based Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (Bird).

Former political prisoners Hajer Mansoor and Najah Yusuf were among those arrested. Yusuf told Middle East Eye that they were then "treated inhumanely" by a senior police officer.

"The officer described us as criminals, belittled and disrespected us with such an inappropriate description," Yusuf said.

The two Bahraini women were both imprisoned and allegedly tortured in 2017 after protesting against Formula One's presence in the kingdom.

The two men arrested alongside them on Sunday were Ali Muhana and Muneer Mushaima.

Muhana is the father of a Bahraini political prisoner, Husain Muhana. Mushaima is the brother

"The current state of the country, with regard to the value of the national currency and inflation, is the outcome of a single-product economy," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

The Leader also touched on state officials' efforts to resolve the country's problems, saying authorities should use all possible economic ways to find the right solution to people's problems.

Since November 2022, some Iranian students have reported symptoms of poisoning while in school. The outbreak started in the central city of Qom before expanding to other cities.

In most cases, students suffered respiratory problems, nausea, fatigue and dizziness, while some were hospitalized.

President Ebrahim Raisi has ordered the ministers of intelligence and interior to thoroughly investigate the cases and publicize the results.

On Sunday, he said the poisonings amount to a "crime and an inhumane act" which are being committed by the enemies of the nation.

"The enemy's new conspiracy of creating fear in the hearts of students... and their parents is a crime and an inhumane act," he told a cabinet session.

According to the president, the incidents are another link in the (Continued on Page 7)

Holiday Notice

Offering felicitations on the auspicious Mid-Sh'aban and birthday of Imam Mahdi, we hereby announce that our next issue will be published on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Editor