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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

US General's Criminal Violation of Syria's Sovereignty

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Is the UN aware of the US lawlessness in violating the territorial integrity of one of its sovereign independent members?

It is, but the World Body is helpless and doesn't have the guts to confront and condemn Washington's crimes against humanity.

On Saturday a senior-most American military general entered Syria uninvited with hostile intentions against the elected government in Damascus and insolently expressed support for rebels and terrorists.

It was not a stealth visit, but a blatant trespassing of Syrian soil in broad daylight with the TV crews covering his crime.

Moreover, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley flew on a military aircraft from the illegal Zionist entity, where he had openly condoned Israel's terrorism in the region – against the Palestinians, against the Lebanese, against the Syrians, and against the Iraqi, as well as threats against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Damascus has strongly denounced the US general's illegal visit and his partying with the separatist forces in northeastern Syria, on the pretext of fighting the Daesh terrorists, when the fact of the matter is that all these takfiri terroristic outfits have been created and armed by Washington to destabilize Syria, Iraq, and other countries.

The statement said "Milley's visit was a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and integrity" of Syrian territory, and demanded that the US regime immediately cease its systematic and continued violation of international law and support for separatist armed groups.

It should be noted that about 900 US soldiers are deployed in several bases and posts across northeastern Syria without the permission of the government in Damascus.

The American troops are notorious for their frequent attacks on civilians and their stealing of huge quantities of oil, which they are smuggling across the border to their base in Iraq.

The US is the chief violator of human rights and supports thugs, terrorists, and traitors in independent world countries in a bid to destabilize them.

Syria is the frequent target of missile attacks from Israel, which is supported by the US in its criminal activities.

Presidents Raisi, Putin Discuss Boosting Cooperation



President Ebrahim Raisi (R) meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Tehran on July 19, 2022.

TEHRAN – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Monday discussed possible ways to strengthen economic cooperation, particularly in the field of international transit, as well as joint infrastructure projects.

In a telephone conversation, Raisi and Putin stressed the importance of improving bilateral cooperation.

Muhammad Jamshidi, the Iranian president's deputy chief of staff for political affairs, said in a post on his Twitter account that the two presidents reviewed economic infrastructure initiatives.

"Eurasian integration is the 2nd phase of Raisi's neighborhood policy that includes China's BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) & the North South transit corridor with Russia," Jamshidi said.

He emphasized that "Iran's geo-

economic growth is the objective" of the projects.

The Kremlin said the Iranian and Russian presidents exchanged views about issues pertaining to bilateral cooperation in various areas, including the implementation of joint infrastructure projects, adding that the two leaders assessed the development of Tehran-Moscow relations as positive.

"Both sides gave a positive assessment of the level and dynamics of the development of Russia-Iran relations," Russia's TASS news agency quoted the statement as saying.

It noted that Raisi and Putin had agreed to maintain further contacts.

According to TASS, the International North-South Transport Corridor is one of the infrastructure projects pursued by Russia and

Iran.

Iran, together with India and Russia, is pushing forward with the sea and rail corridor that could substantially reduce the time and cost of shipping goods from India to Europe.

The 7,200-km multimode route was proposed by the three countries in 2000. Later, the number of participants expanded to 14.

It envisages a network of ship, rail and road for freight transport that will cut carriage costs by about 30-60% and transit time from 40 days to about 20 days.

The goal of the project is to attract transit cargo traffic from India, Iran and the Persian Gulf through the Russian territory to Europe.

Now the project combines several different transport systems of individual states.

Ministry Rules Out Interim Agreement on JCPOA

TEHRAN – Iran's foreign ministry on Monday ruled out the possibility of striking any interim agreement in the talks on the revival of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said Iran would not by any means consider signing a temporary agreement in the course of the talks on reviving the 2015 nuclear deal and lifting sanctions on Tehran.

"What we consider is the return of all parties to the JCPOA," the spokesman told reporters.

He said Iran's national interests define how far it should persist with the course of the JCPOA negotiations.

"We will stay on this path as long as we observe our interests (are being fulfilled). What we emphasize is that the sanctions must be lifted and our relations with the (International Atomic Energy) Agency should be in their natural mode," Kanaani stated.

He reiterated that Iran sticks to diplomacy in its interaction with the IAEA and believes that mutual and multilateral diplomacy is the best solution to the differences.

"Iran remains committed to negotiations and diplomacy, as it strongly believes that it can achieve tangible and practical results under such a framework," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani told reporters here.

His comments came a few days after Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Grossi paid a visit to Tehran, held talks with Iranian officials, and issued a joint statement with the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI).

The top Iranian diplomat noted that Grossi's latest trip to Tehran was in line with Iran's active diplomacy with the UN nuclear agency and yielded encouraging results.

In response to a question about the occupying regime of Israel's threat to carry out act of sabotage in the Iranian nuclear facilities, Kanaani said, "You should ask this question from the IAEA officials."

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Paper Details Zionist Regime's Arms Sales to Azerbaijan

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – The occupying regime of Israel is exporting weapons worth billions of dollars to Azerbaijan in return for the former Soviet republic supplying Tel Aviv with oil and providing access to Iran, Haaretz reported on Monday.

The paper reported that since 2016, at least 92 cargo flights flown by Azerbaijani Silk Way Airlines have landed at Ovda airbase, the only airfield in the occupied territories through which explosives are transferred.

In October 2013, the head of the Israeli civil aviation authority signed an exemption permitting Silk Way planes to fly shipments of explosives – "classified as dangerous materials banned

to fly" – from Ovda to a military airfield on the outskirts of the Azerbaijani capital city of Baku, the report said.

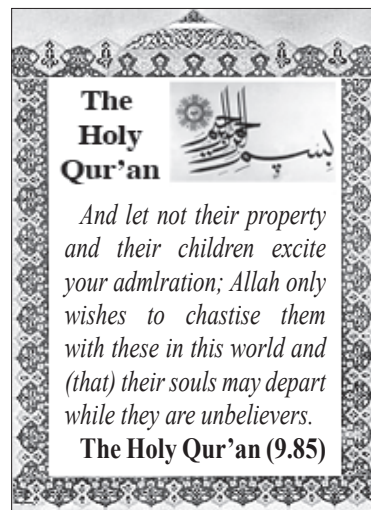
The data, it added, expose an increasing pace of flights to Baku, especially in the middle of 2016, in late 2020 and at the end of 2021, which coincide with periods of Azerbaijan-Armenia fighting in the Karabakh region.

Haaretz also cited foreign media reports that said Azerbaijan had allowed Mossad to set up a forward branch in Azerbaijan to monitor what is happening in neighboring Iran and has even prepared an airfield intended to aid the occupying entity in case it decides to attack Iranian nuclear sites.

It further highlighted official reports from Azerbaijan that said the Zionist regime has over the past years sold Azerbaijan the most advanced weapons, including ballistic missiles, electronic warfare systems, kamikaze drones and more.

An investigative report in the Czech media in 2018, it continued, found that weapons banned for sale to Azerbaijan were flown there in spite of the arms embargo – in a circular deal through the occupying regime of Israel.

"Azerbaijan's relations with Israel are discreet but close," wrote Rob Garverick, head of the political and economic department in the U.S. embassy in Baku, in a 2009 telegram that was published



The Holy Qur'an
 And let not their property and their children excite your admiration; Allah only wishes to chastise them with these in this world and (that) their souls may depart while they are unbelievers.
 The Holy Qur'an (9.85)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:15
Evening (Maghreb)	18:23
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:27
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:04

Defense Minister: No Need for Russian S-400

TEHRAN – Defense Minister Brigadier General Muhammad Reza Ashtiani said Monday Iran has gained self-sufficiency in the air defense industry, dismissing speculations about Tehran's plans to purchase S-400 missile system from Russia.

Addressing a press conference, the defense minister said Iran does not need to buy any other air defense missile system for now, although Tehran maintains high-level relations with Moscow.

He said Iran has attained self-sufficiency in the air defense industry, adding that many countries are now vying to purchase the country's Bavar-373 air defense missile system.

The minister also touched on Iran's remarkable progress in building drones, saying several countries are keen to purchase Iranian-made unmanned vehicles.

"Everybody acknowledges that Iran's drone power is unparalleled and has already been put to test. Therefore, we help some countries to strengthen their defense power with our own considerations."

General Ashtiani hailed Iran's "perfect achievements" in developing reconnaissance, combat and stealth drones. He said Iranian experts have even applied artificial intelligence to manned fighter jets that carry out solo sorties or fly in squadrons.

In comments in October 2022, a high-ranking Iranian general said 22 foreign states were interested in purchasing Iranian UAVs.

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