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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Growing Appeal of Imam Mahdi's (AS) Global Government

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Last Tuesday night's huge gatherings in Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Nigeria, and other countries, was yet another confirmation of the growing grassroots movement of the dedicated Muslim masses enthusiastically looking forward to the promised advent of the Saviour of humanity.

In Qom, in and around the sprawling Jamkaran Mosque over three million men, women, and children held the nightlong vigil on the eve of the blessed birthday of Imam Mahdi (AS), which was also observed in the holy shrine of Hazrat Ma'suma in the same city.

In Mashad in Khorasan in the northeast millions converged on the holy shrine of Imam Reza (AS) and prayed fervently for the reappearance of the 12th and Last Heir of the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

The Iranian capital Tehran along with other towns and cities was illuminated and festivities held on the occasion with firm faith in the fast approaching end of corruption and the rule of tyrants on Planet Earth.

In Iraq, the same scenes were witnessed, especially in Karbala where over three million people from all over Iraq and different parts of the world flocked to the holy shrines of the Chief of Martyrs, Imam Husain (AS) and his valiant brother and standard bearer, Hazrat Abbas (AS).

In Samarra in northwestern Iraq the birthplace of the Mahdi (AS) Tuesday and Wednesday in particular saw pilgrims celebrating the anniversary and beaming with confidence that the plight of mankind is soon coming to its end.

In Beirut, the capital of Lebanon overflowed with exuberant crowds, mostly youths, intent upon defeating the plots of the enemies of humanity, such as the US and the illegal Zionist entity, in order to pave the way for establishment of Imam Mahdi's (AS) global government of peace, prosperity, and justice.

In short, parts of Pakistan, India, Syria, Nigeria, the Caucasus Republic of Azerbaijan, and even the suppressed people of Bahrain and Arabia, jubilantly marked the blessed 15th of Sha'ban undeterred from the persecution of the ruling regimes.

The Day of the Oppressed, as this date of the Islamic lunar calendar is known, every time sends a shiver down the spines of the deviants and other devilish forces thriving on treason, terrorism, and blasphemy, with the support of the Great Satan.

As a matter of fact, the mercenaries of the depraved West are seeing their ranks depleted, thanks to the liberating message of the Mid Sha'ban that every year attracts more and more of the initially deceived people, who are eager to repent, rectify their mistakes, and reform themselves.

The US, the most evil empire in history is visibly alarmed and so are its clients, but there is nothing they can do to avert the inevitable. Even their doomsday weapons are obsolete vis-à-vis Divine Power.

To sum up, the Islamic Revolution that triumphed in Iran in 1979 and has spread its influence worldwide in the face of the most intricate American plots, was and is, the harbinger of the global movement of Imam Mahdi (AS), who on his advent will be assisted in his humanitarian mission by Prophet Jesus (AS), whose reappearance will definitely make scores of millions of Christians assemble under the universal banner of Islam to deal the deathblow to the satanic Zionists. Amen

Iran Reiterates Support for Syria as FM Visits Damascus



Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian (L) and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad talk in Damascus, March 9, 2023.

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has met Syrian leaders, including President Bashar al-Assad, reiterating Tehran's support for Damascus and condemning repeated Israeli acts of aggression against the Arab country.

The minister singled out the regime's most recent airstrike against an international airport in the northwestern city of Aleppo, saying the attack indicated the Zionist regime's aggressive and inhumane nature.

Amir-Abdollahian said the strike reflected the occupying regime's anxiety over the change that has affected the political equation in Syria -- apparently referring to the regional countries' race to restore their relations with the Arab country.

The minister reiterated Iran's solidarity with the Syrian government and nation in the aftermath of a

devastating earthquake that killed about 56,000 people in the Arab country and neighboring Turkey.

He also reiterated Iran's call for Western sanctions on Syria to be removed in order to allow humanitarian aid to the country.

President Assad expressed his gratitude to the Islamic Republic over its support for the Syrian nation and thanked Amir-Abdollahian for visiting to quake-hit areas.

Assad also laid emphasis on the need for further development of his country's relations with Iran, describing them as strategic and in favor of regional stability and security.

The Iranian top diplomat also met with his Syrian counterpart Faisal al-Mekdad. Asked at a joint news conference if Iran had any plans to reinforce Syrian air defenses, Amir-Abdollahian said, "Tough days await the Zionist regime."

He said the time has come for foreign forces to leave Syria, saying Tehran invites all parties to respect Syria's sovereignty, territorial integrity, security, and stability.

Amir-Abdollahian condemned double standards adopted by the West toward the earthquake in Syria.

The minister also hailed the regional countries' efforts to repair their ties with the Arab nation.

"We have no doubt that the Zionists will have no place in the region's future, but the regional countries will take strong steps towards interaction with one another," he said.

Mekdad said, "Our mission in the region is to return the situation to normal."

He thanked Iran for its humanitarian aid, saying the Islamic Republic was the first country to help Syria after the quake.

Envoy Urges Release of Frozen Afghan Assets

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) -- Iran's ambassador to the United Nations has warned against withholding the humanitarian aid that is direly needed by millions of people in Afghanistan, for political purposes.

"The situation remains dire, with an estimated 28 million people projected to require humanitarian and protection assistance in 2023," Amir Saied Iravani told a United Nations Security Council briefing on Afghanistan.

"However, we must be cautious of the politicization or exploitation of humanitarian aid for political purposes," Iravani said. "Such practices would harm the Afghan

people who depend on this aid for their survival."

The ambassador said it was also crucial that the release of frozen assets belonging to the Afghan people is expedited and not subject to political conditions. "This is critical for restoring the Afghan economy and saving lives."

Afghanistan has about \$9 billion in frozen assets overseas, including \$7 billion in the United States. The rest is mostly in Germany, the United Arab Emirates, and Switzerland.

"To ensure that the Afghan people receive the support they need, humanitarian aid must remain im-

partial and unconditional," Iravani stated.

He said Iran is hosting more than five million Afghan people, despite receiving minimum support from the international community and donor countries and facing challenges caused by the inhumane unilateral sanctions of the United States and its Western allies.

The ambassador, meanwhile, repeated Iran's call for formation of an inclusive government in Afghanistan, which has been under the Taliban's control since the U.S. withdrawal of its forces from the Central Asian country in 2021.

Iran's Ambassador to IAEA: Europeans Seek to Cover Up Zionist Nuke Program

GENEVA (Dispatches) -- Iran's envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) says European countries seek to magnify Iran's nuclear program in an attempt to distract the international community from the occupying regime of Israel's nuclear arsenal.

"The European countries are drawing the world's attention to Iran's nuclear program in the IAEA to cover up the important and very worrying issue of the Israeli regime's military nuclear program, which is a source of instability in the region and a threat to peace and security," Mohsen Naziri Asl said.

The Europeans are pursuing a plan to deprive an independent

country of its national interests while Tehran remains fully committed to international regulations, the diplomat said.

They are trying hard to manipulate realities, pursue a limited political agenda and prevent a key player in regional issues to play its role vis-à-vis foreign interference, he added.

Naziri Asl said the European Union must end its zero-sum game against Iran and change its attitude toward the country, rather than insisting on its ineffective, authoritarian approach.

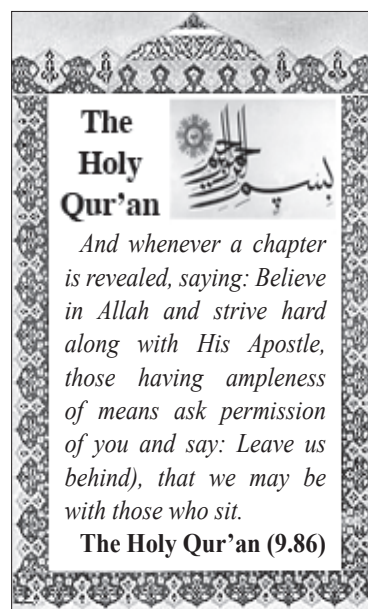
"They need to abandon the win-lose scenario and change their attitude toward Iran," he said in an address to a session of the IAEA

Board of Governors.

"The ineffectiveness of this authoritarian approach has been proven many times in relation to Iran," he added.

Earlier this week, IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi visited Iran and held meetings with head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Muhammad Eslami, President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, to discuss the country's peaceful nuclear program.

At the end of the visit, Grossi and Eslami issued a joint statement in which the two sides agreed to take steps aimed at facilitating (Continued on Page 7)



PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	12:14
Evening (Maghreb)	18:26
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:21
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:58

45 NGOs Ask Biden to Clarify Envoy's Iran Remarks

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- Forty-five NGOs have urged U.S. President Joe Biden to reject the remarks made by American ambassador to Tel Aviv Tom Nides who had said Washington would back the occupying regime of Israel in "whatever action" they take against Iran.

In a letter, the organizations called on Biden to "clarify that these comments do not reflect U.S. policy towards Iran for the sake of regional stability, future diplomacy, and respect for Congress' constitutional responsibility for war powers."

The NGOs expressed concern that the far-right Zionist cabinet would "perceive these remarks as tacit approval for military action, even when such action most likely will damage U.S. national security interests, further embroil our military in regional (Continued on Page 7)

Foreign Ministry: West Using Women Day for Political Exploitation

TEHRAN -- Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani has criticized Western officials for using the International Women's Day as a tool for political exploitation.

In a post on Twitter, the spokesperson said instead of reflecting on the appalling record of Western culture in its interaction with women and family rights, the day has become a tool for unjustly claiming the position of women's rights advocates while accusing and blaming other countries and nations, despite their cultural and civilizational diversity.

In another post, Kanaani highlighted the dark record of several arrogant European countries and the United States in violating fundamental human and women's rights in their societies and other parts of the world.

These countries, he said, are not in a position to advocate for the rights of others, but rather owe the world and human society in terms of human and women's rights.