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### In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

## Suicidal US Moves in the Korean Peninsula

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Washington is playing a very dangerous game along with its clients in Seoul in the Korean Peninsula without realizing that Pyongyang is determined and has the capability to not just confront such provocative measures but take the battle to the enemy's camp if needed.*

*Almost helpless, if not defeated, in the war into which NATO has pushed Ukraine against Russia, a frustrated US is trying to ignite the flames of an unwarranted military conflict perilously close to the eastern borders of China and Russia, in a miscalculated move to pressure Moscow and also intimidate Beijing – whose power in all fields including defence, technology, and global political clout is rapidly growing.*

*Even American analysts are alarmed at the recklessness of the Joe Biden regime which might drag the country into a disaster that could prove suicidal.*

*It is clear the US cannot afford the costs of a war that could easily turn nuclear in view of the successful ICBM tests of North Korea which may have also developed miniaturized nuclear warheads for precision strikes.*

*Pyongyang's firing of missile after ballistic missile cannot be dismissed as a joke or a bluff. Kim Jong Un is serious when he says his country is fully prepared for the "real war" which the US might impose on his country, with its provocative war games south of the 38th Parallel, where currently 28,500 American troops are stationed, along with some of the most advanced aircraft and military hardware.*

*This is indeed a threat to the security of North Korea, rather than any danger to the so-called American interests in the region.*

*As a result the tit-for-tat scenario shows no signs of de-escalation, as both sides claim they are conducting defensive actions in the face of aggressive adversaries and have pledged to continue these operations.*

*It seems the US has not learned lessons from its blunders of the recent past and the very idea of browbeating what it thinks to be an isolated and small communist state could badly boomerang.*

*If Washington really wants peace and stability in the region then it should withdraw not just its occupation troops from South Korea but also from Japan.*

*Only a détente or more properly brotherly talks between the two estranged Koreas can remove the misunderstandings and bring peace to the region, instead of the illegal and inhuman sanctions the sadistic Americans impose on independent countries.*

*If Biden thinks that he can get away with playing brinkmanship in East Asia, he is completely out of his wits. One wrong step and the real war and uncontrollable war might start.*

*Moreover, if he thinks by escalation of the situation in the Korean Peninsula, he might scare both China and Russia, he is totally wrong.*

*Neither Beijing will concede anything, anywhere to Washington nor will Moscow let go of the prime advantage it holds in NATO's war in Ukraine.*

# President: Iran Seeks Strong Ties With Neighbors



President Ebrahim Raisi and Uzbekistan's acting minister of foreign affairs Bahtiyor Saidov (L) meet in Tehran on March 12, 2023.

TEHRAN – President Ebrahim Raisi on Sunday described stronger relations with neighboring countries as an essential element of his administration.

In a meeting with Uzbekistan's acting foreign minister Bakhtiyor Saidov here, Raisi said one of his administration's main objectives is to strengthen convergence with the neighboring countries.

The president hailed measures taken for promotion of relations between Iran and Uzbekistan,

saying the two sides need to step up their efforts to broaden ties considering their mutual capacities.

Raisi touched on his visit to Uzbekistan in September 2022 for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, calling for implementation of the bilateral agreements signed during the trip.

For his part, Saidov expressed Uzbekistan's resolve to broaden cooperation with Iran in various

fields.

He touched on deep-rooted cultural and civilizational bonds between Uzbekistan and Iran, saying the Iranian president's trip to Samarkand opened a new chapter in the bilateral relations.

He also referred to plans to activate the Economic Cooperation Joint Commission and hold a trade conference between the two countries, saying Uzbekistan will do its utmost to carry out the joint agreements with Iran.

### Top Advisor to Leader:

## Post-U.S. Era Has Started in Persian Gulf

TEHRAN -- A top military adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Sunday a post-U.S. era has started in the Persian Gulf region in the wake of a China-brokered deal between Iran and Saudi Arabia to restore diplomatic ties.

Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi said the rapprochement between Tehran and Riyadh marks an end to the American hegemony in the region.

"Regarding the recent agreement, it ... was a tectonic shift in the political field and an end to the American hegemony in the region. The post-U.S. era in the Persian Gulf

region has just started," he said.

"The Chinese have decided to become the world's first economy by 2030. The deal between Iran and Saudi Arabia, mediated by China, dealt the second biggest blow to the U.S. by China. That is because Saudi Arabia is China's largest supplier of oil, and on the other hand, China's strategic partnership agreement with Iran to invest in the development of our infrastructure was a great agreement."

General Rahim Safavi, who is also a former chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), expressed hope that the region will move towards sus-

tainable security and peace through the Iran-Saudi détente, noting that the power of the U.S. and the Zionists is on the sharp decline.

"In my opinion, the agreement is in the interests of the two countries and the Western Asia region. It is not against any regional countries. Of course, it is natural for the arrogant powers to be upset about this issue and sabotage it," he said.

The Associated Press said the agreement dealt a heavy blow to Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who had sought a fearmongering campaign against Tehran's nuclear program and the

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## Court Upholds Death Sentence for Terrorist Leader

TEHRAN -- Iran's judiciary on Sunday confirmed a death sentence for the ringleader of a separatist group behind the 2018 deadly terrorist attack in the country, among other terrorist operations.

The Mizan news agency, affiliated with the Iranian Judiciary, reported that the verdict was upheld for Habib Farajollah Chaab, the ringleader of the Harkat al-Nazal terror outfit, which martyred dozens of people in an attack on a military parade in the southwestern province of Khuzestan in 2018 and several other bombings.

"The death sentence of Habib Farajollah Chaab on charges of corrup-

tion on earth through the formation, management, and leadership of a rebel group called Harkat al-Nazal and the design and execution of numerous terrorist operations in Khuzestan province was approved by the Supreme Court," Mizan Online website reported.

Habib Farajollah Chaab, also known as Habib Asyud, pleaded guilty and confessed last year to masterminding the 2018 atrocity as well as many other acts of terror targeting the Iranian nation.

The defendant also admitted to being naturalized by Sweden and backed by the Scandinavian country's government,

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## France Lectures Others, Ignores Rights in Own 'Garden'

TEHRAN -- Iran on Sunday lashed out at the French government over its violent crackdown on protests against a controversial pension reform plan, saying Paris lectures others about respecting human rights it is a stranger to.

In a tweet, Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani posted a video showing the French police use of force against the people, who had taken to the streets to vent their anger at President Emmanuel Macron's overhaul of the country's pension system.

"The practical lesson of the French police to others in respecting human rights and honoring the rights of protesters," he wrote.

"This is an example of

respecting human rights and honoring the rights of protesters in the 'European Garden'!"

Kanaani was referring to controversial remarks by European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, who described Europe as a "garden" while banishing the rest of the world as "a jungle" that could "invade the garden."

Borrell remarks prompted strong rebuke, with some saying that the so-called "garden" was built through "barbaric plundering" of the "jungle."

On Saturday night, the French Senate approved the reform package, bringing it another step closer to becoming law.

The approval came hours after nationwide

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The Holy Qur'an

Allah has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, to abide in them; that is the great achievement. And the defaulters from among the dwellers of the desert came that permission may be given to them and they sat (at home) who lied to Allah and His Apostle; a painful chastisement shall afflict those of them who disbelieved.

The Holy Qur'an (9.90)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:14
Evening (Maghreb)	18:28
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:18
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:55

## Foreign Ministry: Interests of Regional States Important to Iran

TEHRAN – Iran says the restoration of diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia proves the Islamic Republic's resolve to secure the interests of Iranians, Muslim nations, and friendly countries in the West Asia region.

"The Iranian government showed that it is strongly determined to realize the interests of Iranians, Muslim nations as well as friendly and neighboring countries, tap regional capacities in order to promote peace and overall stability, and realize common interests of regional governments and nations," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

It said the revival of relations with Saudi Arabia is another step forward by President Ebrahim Raisi's administration to pursue a balanced foreign policy doctrine, dynamic diplomacy, and materializing policies of good neighborliness.

It touched on the "positive outcomes" of reconciliation between Iran and Saudi Arabia on the common interests of the two regional powerhouses and other countries in West Asia.

The ministry also extended gratitude towards China, Iraq, and Oman for their roles that helped Iran and Saudi Arabia to restore bilateral ties.

Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations said the recent conclusion of a detente deal between the country and Saudi Arabia stands to contribute to the realization of a ceasefire in Yemen.

It will have "positive" implications on the three bilateral, regional, and international levels, including as far as relations across the Muslim world were concerned, the mission said in a statement.

"It appears that re-establishment of political relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia will accelerate the achievement of ceasefire in Yemen, initiation of popular negotiations there, and formation of an inclusive national government in the country," it noted.

Saudi Arabia invaded Yemen in March 2015 in collaboration with a number of its allies and with arms and logistical support from the United States and several other Western states.