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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran-Qatar Set the Trend for Regional Cooperation

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Iran's growing political, economic, and cultural ties with the Persian Gulf states of Qatar and Oman (and to a lesser extent with Kuwait), provide an excellent model for regional cooperation, if only the other three members of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (PGCC) – Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Bahrain – summon up the courage to reconsider their flawed policies that are serving the vested interests of the US, and the illegal Zionist entity.

Friday's visit to Tehran of the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Aal-e Thani, at the head of a large delegation and his talks with senior Iranian officials on various issues, including the chronic question of Palestine, is a firm indication in this regard.

It was his second visit, following the one in January 2020, and he was granted an audience with the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, who pointed out the need for expanding Tehran-Doha ties to their full capacity.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei stressed the necessity of increasing political and economic relations between Iran and Qatar, and stated that the way to resolve regional issues must be sought without the interference of foreign elements.

Referring to the continuation of the crimes being committed by the Zionist regime against the people of Palestine, he said: "The Arab world is expected to explicitly enter into political action against these open crimes."

Sheikh Tamim who earlier this year in February had played host in Doha to President Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi, reiterated the necessity to further solidify bilateral relations in the number of fields, as strongly condemned, along with the Iranian president in the joint press conference, the latest Israeli crime in the cold-blooded killing of Al-Jazeera TV correspondent in Palestine, Shireen Abu Aqelah.

There are wide scopes of cooperation between Iran and Qatar, including in the media and sports fields, especially with the approach of the FIFA world cup to be held in Doha from November 21 to December 18.

The Islamic Republic has made preparations to play hosts to thousands of football fans from all over the world in view of the limited capacity of hotels in Qatar, coupled with the short distance between Doha and the Iranian resorts on the Persian Gulf. Daily to and fro flights would be operating between the two countries to facilitate travel for the spectators.

Iran and Qatar share the giant Pars gas field in the Persian Gulf and besides the export of wide-ranging Iranian products, including industrial and agricultural, plans are underway to lay a submarine fresh water pipeline from Bushehr to Doha.

Qatar has one of the highest electricity consumptions in the world and is eager to connect its power grid to the Iranian network.

Iran, which currently provides electricity to Iraq, the Caucasus Republic of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, has welcomed the move as a step towards strengthening energy diplomacy.

Such cooperation which is indeed a slap on the US face, could serve as a model for other Persian Gulf states, provided they have the guts to rectify wrongs, such as the Saudi war on Yemen and the repression of the Bahraini nation by the Aal-e Khalifa minority regime, as well as the unnatural ties between Israel, Abu Dhabi and Manama.

A Taste of Own Medicine: Mora Detained at Frankfurt Airport



Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Enrique Mora, leaves the 'Grand Hotel Vienna' in Vienna, June 20, 2021.

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) – The European Union's envoy to Iran talks, Enrique Mora, said Friday he was "retained" by German police at Frankfurt airport on his way back from Tehran.

"Retained by the German police at the Frankfurt airport on my way to Brussels, back from Teheran. Not a single explanation," Mora tweeted.

"An EU official on an official mission holding a Spanish diplomatic passport. Took out my passport and my phones," he said.

A short time later he added: "Now released along with my two colleagues, the EU Ambassador to UN Vienna and the head of the EEAS Iran task force."

The EEAS is the European External Action Service, the EU equivalent of a foreign ministry, with its own diplomats.

"We were kept separated. Refusal

to give any explanation for what seems a violation of the Vienna Convention," Mora complained.

An EU spokesman tried to play down the incident, which he said was "solved quickly" but which Mora had declared "seems a violation of the Vienna Convention" on diplomatic protection.

The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations grants legal privileges to diplomats and diplomatic missions, and is one of the treaties that underpins all international relations.

Asked about the incident, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell refused to explain the reasons for the detention, only saying "the issue is over, he took the plane and is travelling in accordance with his mission".

Mora had been in Tehran on Wednesday for talks with Iran's chief negotiator on efforts to sal-

vage a nuclear deal which has been on life support since the U.S. withdrawal in 2018 and its subsequent coercive measures against the Islamic Republic.

For years Iranians have been subject to detention and mistreatment at European airports. On occasions Iran's civilian flights have been denied fuel at European cities, fearing U.S. retribution.

The Islamic Republic has berated Europe's failure to fulfill its obligations under the nuclear agreement, including protecting Iran from the U.S. sanctions.

Mora's detention at Frankfurt airport reveals the extent to which the West's policy has gone awry.

It also explains Iran's predicaments in Vienna talks, which are currently stalled. Throughout the talks, Iranian negotiators have been insisting on getting firm guarantees
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Book Reveals Netanyahu Imploring Trump to Strike Iran

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Redacted quotes in a new book by former Pentagon chief Mark Esper suggest that former prime minister of the occupying regime of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu called on U.S. President Donald Trump to take direct military action against Iran's nuclear program.

In the book, A Sacred Oath: Memoirs of a Secretary of Defense During Extraordinary Times, Esper notes that Trump seemed firm in his commitment not to enter a war with Iran, the Haaretz newspaper reported.

He writes: "The president often

had others in the room, and foreign leaders like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, telling him [REDACTED]."

Several sections of the book have been redacted, and Esper is currently suing the Pentagon over this, charging that "significant text is being improperly withheld from publication ... under the guise of classification".

Following the redacted quote, Esper writes: "Netanyahu would say this to me when I met with him, so I was confident he was telling Trump the same thing."

"In my view, that seemed like a

big bet to take, especially when there wasn't a pressing need to take it anytime soon," Esper writes.

He goes on to cite Israeli media reports and Zionist war officials saying that Iran was still two years away from assembling a nuclear weapon, even as the Islamic Republic has never been pursuing such a program.

While the quote has been redacted to make it unclear as to whether Netanyahu had indeed suggested to Trump that the U.S. militarily attack Iran's nuclear program, Esper's book comes at the same time
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Adm. Tangsiri: Navy Monitoring All Movements

TEHRAN -- The commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s Navy says the Islamic Republic is fully monitoring all moves by the enemies near Iran's maritime borders and does not allow them to approach the country's territorial waters.

"There is complete security on the country's maritime borders and no danger is posed to them," Rear Admiral Ali Reza Tangsiri said on Thursday.

"We proudly declare that our territorial waters are today clear of any enemy" thanks to the efforts made by the country's armed forces, he said, adding the country's enemies do not have a presence in the vicinity of the waters that are under the supervision

of the Islamic Republic and their activities are monitored at every single moment.

"Whenever the enemies move toward our sea borders and are physically present there, they will be forced to retreat through the timely action of our forces," the senior IRGC commander pointed out, Press TV reported.

The IRGC Navy commander said in December that the elite military force's large-scale military exercise, codenamed the Great Prophet 17, sent a warning to the enemies that the country will annihilate them before they can even get close to its southern islands in the Persian Gulf.

Iranian military experts and technicians have in recent years

made substantial headway in manufacturing a broad range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient in the arms sphere.

Iranian officials have repeatedly underscored that the country will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, including its missile power, which are entirely meant for defense, and that Iran's defense capabilities will never be subject to negotiations.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has repeatedly called for efforts to maintain and boost Iran's defense capabilities, hitting back at the enemies for disputing the country's missile program.
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The Holy Qur'an

My Lord! make me keep up prayer and from my offspring (too), O our Lord, and accept my prayer: O our Lord! grant me protection and my parents and the believers on the day when the reckoning shall come to pass!

The Holy Qur'an (14.41)

PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening(Maghreb)	20:22
Dawn(Fajr)“ Tomorrow”	06:00
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	04:22

FM Amir-Abdollahian: Regional People Will Never Go Under Burden of Normalization

TEHRAN -- Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has told Lebanon's Culture Minister Muhammad Wissam al-Mortada that the people of the region will never brook normalization of relations with the occupying regime of Israel.

He made the remarks here where the two ministers discussed the latest developments in the region, promotion of relations among the Islamic countries and especially development of cooperation between the two countries.

Amir-Abdollahian touched on the special place of Lebanon in Iran's foreign policy and the historical antiquity of good relations between the Iranian nation and all Lebanese groups and tribes.

He called the resistance of the Lebanese people against the continuous aggression of the Zionist regime a shining example for the nations of the region.

"Therefore, the resilient people of the region will never go under the burden of normalization with the terrorist and child-killing Israeli regime," the Iranian foreign minister added.

In September 2020, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain signed normalization agreements brokered by the United States with the occupying regime of Israel. Sudan and Morocco followed suit, triggering a chorus of condemnation among Muslims, with Palestinians calling it a stab in their back.

Amir-Abdollahian touched on the difficult economic situation in Lebanon amid oppressive Western sanctions on the country, reiterating Tehran's readiness to upgrade economic cooperation with Beirut if demanded by the Lebanese government and people.

Western countries, led by the United States, have targeted the Lebanese economy with draconian sanctions with the aim of pressuring the government in Beirut to ostracize Hezbollah and cut it from the country's political and military landscape.

The resistance movement is a nemesis of the West and the Zionist regime for inflicting repeated defeats on their regional schemes, especially during two recent wars which shattered Tel Aviv's myth of invincibility.
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