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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran's Firm Resolve for Regional Stability

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Iran and Oman have been neighbours since time immemorial, unlike the other states on the southern shores of the Persian Gulf, including the largest one, Saudi Arabia, all of which are colonial creations.

This is not to discredit them, since these former British protectorates and presently American client states, are after all neighbours to the Islamic Republic and Muslim by tradition, even if some of them, or more properly the tribal clans that lead them, have blundered in inviting the rapacious Zionist wolf to the region.

Anyway, usurper Israel is not expected to last long in Palestine, let alone its undesirable diplomatic presence in the Persian Gulf, while Iranians and the Arabs, as inseparable parts of the great Islamic Ummah, will continue to live as neighbours and share the rich resources of the region, irrespective of the undesirable presence of the Americans, who like all outside intruders will soon become part of history.

Iranians and the Arabs, as well as all other Muslims, whatever their ethnicity or language – Turkic, Subcontinental, African, European, and Southeast Asian – need to cooperate with each other and coordinate views for reviving glories of the great Islamic civilization.

This has been the principled policy of Iran ever since the triumph of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, and in spite of the wars, economic sanctions, and terrorism imposed by the US to try to create bad blood between Muslims, Tehran has spared no efforts to promote Islamic solidarity by fostering good-neighbourly relations with all.

This is evident by the recent visit to Muscat of the Iranian president who earlier this month had played host to the Emir of Qatar, within three months after his official trip to Doha.

Earlier, President Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi, who was elected Head of the Executive Branch of the government less than a year ago, had paid a state visit to Russia in January, preceded by official trips to the Central Asian countries of Tajikistan (September) and Turkmenistan (November).

Among the Heads of State so far received in Tehran by President Raisi, mention could be made of President Barham Salih of Iraq, President Ilham Aliyev of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and President Bashar al-Assad of Syria, as well as Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan of Armenia.

Important accords were made during the Iranian president's meetings with the senior leaders of these countries, and last Sunday in Muscat, Hojjat al-Islam Raisi and Sultan Haytham bin Tariq Aal-e Sa'id, signed at least twelve agreements in various fields.

This is indicative of the firm resolve of the Islamic Republic of Iran to promote brotherly relations to the benefit of both the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sultanate of Oman, which are located on the opposite sides of the Strait of Hormuz at its narrowest point of entry to the Persian Gulf.

Iran has made it clear that the security of the region is the collective responsibility of the littoral states, and therefore the presence of any foreign forces in the Persian Gulf, especially of the US, is highly detrimental to regional stability.

We hope the truth will dawn on those countries of the region, who seem to be in deep slumber and ignorant of the designs of the Americans and the Zionists.

President Raisi: Good Iran-Oman Ties to Help Increase Regional Cooperation



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said on Tuesday that Tehran and Muscat enjoy matched stances in many cases and issues.

TEHRAN - Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi has returned home from his visit to Oman, saying good relations between the two countries will help increase cooperation across the region.

Raisi made the remark upon arrival at Mehrabad Airport in the Iranian capital of Tehran early on Tuesday after a one-day visit to Oman, saying the positions of Tehran and Muscat agree on many issues.

"In meetings with senior Omani officials, it was emphasized that it is necessary for the two countries to have this cooperation at the regional and international levels, even as the positions of the two countries are remarkably in sync on many issues," the Iranian president said.

Raisi said economic activists, traders and businessmen of the two countries discussed their problems in the fields of trade, money transfer, financial, banking and customs issues in a meeting with Oman's minister of industry.

It was decided that obstacles will be removed soon to pave the way for trade and economic work, he added.

"Both Omani and Iranian traders are not much familiar with the capacities of the two countries," he noted. "Therefore, the necessity of establishing an Iranian trade office in Oman was felt and it was considered that this office should be established as soon as possible in order to introduce the capacities of the two countries to economic actors."

During the trip, Iranian and Omani officials signed 12 cooperation documents and memorandums of understanding for the expansion of bilateral cooperation in various fields.

In the presence of Raisi and Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said, the documents were signed by the two countries' ministers and high-ranking officials in such fields as energy, politics, transportation, diplomacy, economy, tourism, sports and the envi-

ronment.

In a meeting with Oman's Deputy Prime Minister Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al-Said on Monday, Raisi said Iran-Oman relations are not limited to neighborliness, and that the deep religious and doctrinal interests and commonalities of the two nations have been linked for centuries.

Stressing that Tehran-Muscat relations have always been good and constructive throughout history, the Iranian president said, "Although we see good relations between the two countries, but this level of relationship is not convincing."

Raisi underscored the need to revive various neglected capacities between Iran and Oman, noting that the amount of trade, transportation and economic cooperation between Tehran and Muscat, especially in the field of energy and transit of goods, can certainly increase.

Pointing to Iran's progress in industry
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Health Minister Tells WHO Chief COVID Contained Despite Sanctions

GENEVA - Iranian Health Minister Bahram Einollahi has told the World Health Organization's Secretary General Tedros Adhanom that Iran has successfully contained the COVID pandemic thanks to efforts by its healthcare staff and people's support for the drive.

Einollahi was talking to Adhanom on the sidelines of the 75th global health conference in Geneva.

He added that the daily death

toll from COVID in Iran has been single-digit for the past two weeks.

He also said some 150 million doses of COVID vaccine has been administered to people in Iran that translates into the inoculation of 75 percent of the entire population.

Einollahi then pointed to the oppressive U.S. sanctions against Iran, noting that the bans failed to prevent the Islamic Republic from controlling COVID because the

Iranian people rushed to help the healthcare system of their country.

The health minister further criticized some international bodies for their negligence regarding the state of health in some parts of the world.

Einollahi said some war zones in the world face a dire situation in this respect and all international bodies must fulfill their responsibilities to help people in those regions.

Fighter Jet Crashes in Iran, Pilots Killed

TEHRAN - An F-7 fighter jet of the Iranian Air Force crashed near the central city of Isfahan on Tuesday, killing two pilots.

The F-7 fighter aircraft of the Islamic Republic Air Force crashed at an exercise zone in Anarak in the central province of Isfahan.

Both pilots of the military plane lost their lives in the accident.

Air Pollution Again Forces Closure of State Offices, Schools in Tehran

TEHRAN - Tehran's emergency committee has declared Wednesday a holiday in the Iranian capital due to the continuation of air pollution in the city.

The committee said all state offices, schools and banks, except for central branches of the banks, will be closed on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, officials in Alborz province, adjacent to Tehran, said all state offic-

es, schools and banks, except for their central branches, will be closed on Wednesday.

The severity of the air pollution in Tehran on Tuesday forced authorities to shut down state organizations and offices in Tehran at noon. That's according to an official at Tehran's Governor's office.

Abed Maleki said the climate was unhealthy and dangerous in most districts of Tehran.

The Holy Qur'an

O our Lord! Surely Thou knowest what we hide and what we make public, and nothing in the earth nor any thing in heaven is hidden from Allah: Praise be to Allah, Who has given me in old age Ismail and Ishaq; most surely my Lord is the Hearer of prayer:

The Holy Qur'an (14.39)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:01
Evening (Maghreb)	20:30
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:53
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:11

Iran Urges Int'l Action Against Zionist Attacks on Syria

TEHRAN - The spokesperson for the Iranian Foreign Ministry Saeed Khatibzadeh has condemned the Zionist regime's continued acts of aggression against Syria, calling on international organizations to give a decisive response to such Zionist crimes.

Answering questions from journalists, Khatibzadeh said the international community's inaction on the continued acts of aggression by the Zionist regime against Syria and the Zionists' brazen violation of international rules and regulations have encouraged that regime's officials.

"No doubt the overt and covert supports from the U.S. regime play an important role in increasing the occupying regime's Israel's boldness and impudence in such a way that it not only continues to occupy the Golan Heights of Syria, but also launches aerial and missile attacks on the infrastructures of the Syrian government and nation repeatedly," he deplored.

Denouncing the Zionist regime for acting as the air force of terrorist groups throughout the Syrian crisis in recent years, Khatibzadeh said whenever the Syrian army and its allied forces defeat the terrorist groups, the Zionist warplanes take action immediately and launch strikes on Syria.

The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns the Zionist regime's acts of aggression on Syria and stresses the need for an appropriate and decisive response, either in the field or at international organizations, he added.

Military sources said on Friday that Zionist surface-to-surface missiles had killed three people near the Syrian capital, Damascus.

The missiles came from the Zionist-occupied Golan Heights and some were intercepted by the Syrian air defenses.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor said the three people killed were military officers and four other members of an air defense crew were wounded.

On Tuesday, Khatibzadeh, denounced attempts by the Canadian government to scuttle a
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