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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

US Hypocrisy Makes North Korea Nuclear-Weapons State

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Western pressures and US bullying of North Korea has been firmly responded by Pyongyang.

On September 9, a day after the death of the godmother of the Western world (Britain's Queen Elizabeth), Kim Jong-un surprised the world by declaring North Korea a nuclear weapons state.

According to Kim, the decision is irreversible and he ruled out the possibility of any talks on denuclearization. The young leader also made it clear to the US that the new law enshrines the country's right to use a pre-emptive nuclear strike to protect itself.

Surprisingly, France which possesses approximately 300 nuclear weapons says it is worried about what it called threats to regional and international peace and security by the recent decision made by North Korea.

Well, if France or other Western countries have concerns about North Korea, then what about the thousands of nuclear weapons stored at their arsenals?

Has North Korea ever threatened any regional state with nuclear weapons, unlike the regular US threats of targeting independent countries with what they call pre-emptive strategic nuclear strikes?

On the other hand, it seems that US President Joe Biden's regime has accepted the truth and now claims it has no hostile intent towards North Korea.

Washington also says that it is willing to resume talks with Pyongyang.

The North Korean administration well knows the tricks and ploys of Uncle Sam, and this time Lazy Joe like his predecessor Donald the Dotard (Trump) is trying to manipulate the situation in its own favor.

On one hand it claims that it is ready to meet the North Korean leaders without any preconditions and on the other hand, it says it is in full coordination with its so-called regional allies.

Although the Biden regime has indicated its willingness to talk to Pyongyang, it hasn't said whether Biden would meet Kim.

This is indeed a slap in the face of the US which last year reviewed its policy on North Korea and declared that its main goal is the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

As a matter of fact, the nuclearization of North Korea, although deplorable, is the result of hypocrisy and broken promises of the US.

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Book: Iran's Retaliation Fears Haunt Trump



Mourners attend a funeral ceremony for Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and his comrades, who were martyred in Iraq in a U.S. drone strike, at the Enqelab-e-Eslami (Islamic Revolution) square in Tehran, Jan. 6, 2020.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) — Former U.S. president Donald Trump told his friends before the end of his tenure that he was afraid Iran would try to kill him in revenge for the assassination of top anti-terror commander Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, a new book reveals.

General Soleimani was targeted in a U.S. drone strike directly ordered by Trump near the Baghdad International Airport on January 3, 2020. The attack also martyred deputy chief of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis among others.

Five days later, Iran launched a barrage of missiles at the U.S.-run Ain al-Assad airbase in Iraq's western province of Anbar, as well as another airbase in Erbil.

The Islamic Republic also said

the attack was a "first slap" and that its retaliation was not over.

According to a new book by Peter Baker and Susan Glasser, Trump told several of his Florida friends in December 2020 that he was afraid Iran would try to assassinate him, The Guardian reported.

"At a cocktail party, Trump told several of his Florida friends he was afraid Iran would try to assassinate him, so he had to go back to Washington where he would be safer," said the book, titled *The Divider: Trump in the White House 2017-2021*, scheduled to be published next week.

Trump duly returned to Washington, where he swiftly "turned up the heat on Mike Pence," his vice-president who he was pressuring to overturn the results of the election, Baker and Glasser write.

The two authors also said Trump and his advisers considered new strikes against Iran but backed off because the end of Trump's time in power was too near.

Top Iranian officials have identified a long list of culprits behind the terrorist attack that martyred General Soleimani, saying all of the perpetrators, in particular Trump who tops the list, will have to pay the price for their heinous act.

Marking the second anniversary of Gen. Soleimani's martyrdom, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said on January 3 that Trump and his secretary of state Mike Pompeo must stand trial for the "horrible crime."

Otherwise, he added, the Islamic Ummah (community) will take revenge.

Iranian FM Rebukes U.S. Lack of 'Realism'

TEHRAN — Iran said Wednesday the revival of the 2015 nuclear accord is "possible" should the American side adopt a realistic approach towards the negotiations.

An "agreement is possible with the American side's realism," Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said during a telephone conversation with his Nigerian counterpart Geoffrey Onyeama.

Amir-Abdollahian said the Islamic Republic is committed to negotiations and willing to help the formation of a "strong and sustainable" agreement.

The United States, under former president Donald Trump, left the nuclear deal in 2018, returning the sanctions that it had lifted.

The Austrian capital of Vienna

has been hosting many rounds of talks since last year to examine the prospect of the deal's restoration and fresh removal of the inhumane and illegal economic bans.

The Iranian foreign minister also hoped that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would resort to performing its technical duty concerning the Islamic Republic and avoid adopting a politically-charged approach towards the country.

The UN nuclear agency has time and again accused Iran of partially withholding cooperation with it. Tehran strongly rejects the allegation, saying it shows the body's political approach to the country.

Onyeama and Amir-Abdollahian addressed the latest status of Teh-

ran and Abuja's bilateral ties as well as various international developments.

Amir-Abdollahian is the half-century-long history of the countries' relations is a "great and strong asset" that could be used towards expansion of their political, economic, and cultural ties on the basis of their "common interests".

For his part, Onyeama laid emphasis on the "good will" that Iran has displayed throughout the course of the negotiations, hoping that the United States' would resume complying with the agreement.

He said historical and amicable relations between the two countries are a proper basis for further development of their bilateral cooperation.

Elements in Assassination of IRGC Member Identified

TEHRAN — The spokesman for Iran's Judiciary says several individuals have been identified in the case of the assassination of Colonel Hassan Sayyad Khodaei, a member of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) who was martyred in a terrorist attack in the Iranian capital of Tehran in May.

Masoud Setayeshi made the announcement in a news briefing here where he outlined the latest status of the ongoing investigation into the case.

Setayeshi said the investigation is at a "preliminary stage" but

has proceeded well.

He said such acts of assassination were often carried out by a network of operatives and required serious investigatory work.

"Several people have been identified in connection with the issue and a legal order has been issued, too," the spokesman said, without providing further details. He said the information obtained in the case was classified.

The attack on Colonel Sayyad Khodaei took place in Tehran on May 22 when assailants riding motorcycles shot him five times while he was in his car. The assail-

ants fled the scene. Three bullets hit Sayyad Khodaei in the head and two bullets in the hand.

The New York Times on May 25 cited a U.S. intelligence official as saying that the occupying regime of Israel had informed American officials that it had been behind the assassination.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said at the time that "the global arrogance" was behind the terrorist act, vowing "definite revenge."

IRGC Chief Commander Major General Hussein Salami also warned that Iran would take a "harsh" revenge.

The Holy Qur'an

Then Allah sent down His tranquillity upon His Apostle and upon the believers, and sent down hosts which you did not see, and chastised those who disbelieved, and that is the reward of the unbelievers.

The Holy Qur'an (9:26)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:00
Evening (Maghreb)	19:33
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:45
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:20

New UAE Envoy Delighted by Return to Iran

TEHRAN — Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has reiterated Iran's interest in expanding relations with neighbors, including the United Arab Emirates, who has sent a new ambassador to Tehran.

The new ambassador, Saif Muhammad Al Zaabi, is back in Tehran more than six years after the Persian Gulf Arab state downgraded ties with Iran.

"According to the policy of orientation to neighbors, we are interested in promoting relations with all neighbors, including the UAE," Amir-Abdollahian said.

Amir-Abdollahian also stressed the need to employ the existing capacities for the enhancement of relations, convene the High Commission of Cooperation, organize consular ties, and facilitate the activities of the Iranian educational, service and medical institutions in the UAE.

The Iranian foreign minister emphasized the necessity for cooperation among the regional states to ensure stability and security across the region.

For his part, the Emirati ambassador expressed delight at the resumption of his mission in Iran.

Describing the great economic and trade potential of Iran and the UAE as a major factor in the enhancement of relations, Al Zaabi pointed to the high-ranking UAE officials' push for good relations with Iran, the activities of the relevant committees, and the exchange of delegations.

The UAE scaled back its ties with Tehran in 2016 after Iranian protesters stormed Saudi Arabia's diplomatic missions in Iran following Riyadh's execution of prominent Shia scholar Nimr al-Nimr.

After a meeting with new Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi in May, Amir-Abdollahian hailed the opening of a new chapter in the relations between Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

"We warmly shake hands with our neighbors. The warmth of the neighbors' relations disappoints the enemies of the region," the Iranian minister said.