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#### **Viewpoint**

# **US-Israeli Terrorism Threatening** Regional & World Peace

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

At a time when the world is tired of tensions and is looking for peace and cooperation, the Zionists and their American godfathers are yearning for war and bloodshed. In the city of Samarqand, the ancient centre of Islamic culture in the Republic of Uzbekistan, a couple of days ago Iran formally joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as its 9th full member at the annual summit, which was also attended by the executive heads of India and Pakistan, the two nuclear-armed traditional rivals of the Subcontinent – both extra cautious in avoiding any confrontation despite their differences.

This, however, is not the case with Israel and the US, the two dangerously nuclear-armed rogue regimes involved in provocative attacks in their quest for igniting the fires of bloody conflicts.

If the NATO-designed war in Ukraine is a glaring example of Washington's lawlessness, including the recent attack on Zaporizhzhia's Nuclear Power Plant in a vain bid to blame Russia, the increasing intensity of the Tel Aviv regime's aerial attacks on Syria's civilian installations is without doubt a pretext to impose a war on the government in Damascus.

The latest Israeli attack on Damascus international airport, in the wake of similar missile attacks on Aleppo airport, has left five Syrian soldiers martyred, and is indeed a cause of concern.

It is a matter of regret that the UN, has kept mum over these criminal activities of a racist/terrorist entity which almost every day slaughters more and more of the oppressed and unarmed Palestinian people and bulldozes their homes and hearths.

This is indeed the height of hypocrisy, of not only the socalled World Body, but also of the leading West European regimes, which claim to be advocates of human rights and democracy.

What, if Syria, which has hitherto exercised patience and restraint were to immediate exercise its right of retaliation and target the airports of Tel Aviv and Haifa?

The whole western world would be crying hoarse in such a case and using all sorts of abusive words against President Bashar al-Assad, and even calling for its overthrow - as they did and failed in the 11-year long war they had imposed on Syria through some of the world's most macabrely murderous terrorists.

Israel, however, has the license to kill without accountability, while the Syrians, or for that matter the Palestinian people, are not allowed to retaliate.

Such a situation will definitely not last long. Sooner than later Syria has to respond to Israeli crimes, and when the hour of retaliation comes, all hell will break loose on the Zionists.

The Americans who are in occupation of parts of Syrian territory and looting the oilfields of Dayr az-Zore, in addition to carrying out their own unprovoked attacks on the Syrian people, will also face the doomsday scenario.

# Kayhan President Raisi Calls for Closer Ties With SCO Countries



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, right, meets with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in Samarkand on Thursday.

SAMARKAND (Dispatches) --Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has called for closer interaction with Iran on issues relating to Afghanistan.

In a meeting with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi here Friday, Modi said his country and Iran share views on Afghanistan. He also expressed India's opposition to unilateral sanctions on other

Modi highlighted the significant role of Iran's southeastern port of Chabahar in regional transportation, saying the development of the port will contribute to the economic progress of the regional states.

For his part, Raisi said one of Iran's top foreign policy priorities is to expand its relations with In-

Hailing the friendly and cordial ties between Iran and India, Raisi said the two countries can promote cooperation in various fields, employ capacities available in the oil and gas industries, and work in the transportation sector, especially in the Chabahar-Central Asia transit

Pointing to Iran's advances in science and industry, Raisi said the cruel sanctions have failed to obstruct the Iranian nation's progress.

Meanwhile, the presidents of Iran and Turkey talked about the latest developments in the Caucasus, Syria and Afghanistan.

"The principle of our policy in the region is that the fate of the countries should be decided by themselves and their national sovereignty and territorial integrity should be respected," he told President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Raisi stressed that Iran is a friend of its neighboring countries.

The president reaffirmed Iran's welcoming of the liberation of Karabakh and its preparation for the reconstruction of that region. He said any change in the international, historical and geopolitical borders in the region is unaccepta-

The two presidents talked about agreements signed during Erdogan's July visit to Tehran, with the Turkish leader calling for their implementation.

Separately, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev called for the rapid completion of a corridor linking his country to Iran via Turkmenistan.

In a meeting with Iranian President Raisi, the Kazakh president highlighted the achievements of his recent visit to Iran.

He stressed the need to accelerate (Continued on Page 7)

#### President on Al Jazeera:

# Guarantees Needed for Lasting Removal of Sanc-

(Dispatches) -- Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has said U.S. sanctions must be lifted, and there must be guarantees established to ensure their "lasting removal".

Speaking exclusively to Al Jazeera here, the Iranian president also ruled out face-to-face talks with the United States, and he questioned the sincerity of Washington in wanting to reach a deal

"Removal of sanctions should be accompanied with the resolution of safeguards. There are some political and baseless accusations against Islamic Republic of Iran

Uzbekistan when it comes to safeguard issues," Raisi said here where he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting on Thursday.

"So, we should finalize these safeguard issues," he said.

"Regarding the guarantees, if we have the trustworthy guarantees, and we have the lasting removal of the sanctions, not temporary removal of sanctions, and if there is a lasting solution for the safequard issues for sure it is nossible. to reach agreement," the president

Months of indirect talks between Iran and U.S. President Joe Biden's administration to revive the 2015

Iran nuclear deal have hit a dead

Raisi censured a raft of new sanctions that Washington has imposed on Iran, asking, "If Washington is after an agreement, why does it apply new sanctions during the course of the nuclear talks?"

"We are determined to put up a decisive defense of Iran's and its people's rights."

Iran ratified the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1970 which requires non-nuclear-weapon states to accept comprehensive safeguards that are demanded by the UN agency.

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# **Iran Strongly Condemns New U.S. Sanctions**

TEHRAN - Iran has strongly condemned new U.S. sanctions on Iranian individuals and firms after falsely accusing them of being involved in cyber attacks against Washington and its allies, stressing that the ongoing campaign of deceitful propaganda and disinformation against Tehran will not succeed.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said on Thursday that the U.S. administration is empty-handed in dealing with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

"Washington's insistence on resorting to foolish, unlawful and norm-defying behaviors against independent governments and nations is indicative of the American statesmen's inability to clearly under-

stand global equations and adapt themselves to the existing facts," he said.

Resorting to "a campaign of false propaganda and promotion of disinformation against the Islamic Republic of Iran are all part of the U.S. administration's failed policy of Iranophobia, which will of course get nowhere", he added.

Kanaani went on to highlight that Washington, which has previously kept mum on numerous cyber attacks against Iran's infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities, and has even directly or indirectly supported such attacks, lacks any justifica-

tion to level accusations against

"As a country that has been repeatedly targeted by cyber attacks, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been an important part of responsible international efforts aimed at dealing with the threats of cyber attacks," the spokesman said.

In a statement published on Wednesday, the U.S. Department of the Treasury levied sanctions on 10 Iranian individuals and two firms for alleged involvement in cyber attacks.

The designated entities have been identified as Najee Technology Hooshmand Fater LLC (Najee Technology) and Afkar System Yazd Company (Afkar System).

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O you who believe! the idolaters are nothing but unclean, so they shall not approach the Sacred Mosque after this year; and if you fear poverty then Allah will enrich you out of His grace if He please; surely Allah is Knowing Wise. The Holy Qur'an (9.28) 

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)

19:25 Evening(Maghreb)

Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow" 06:49

05:25 Sunrise "Tomorrow"

### Envoy Rebukes 'Shameful' Statement of E3 Countries

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- An Iranian diplomat has lambasted the "shameful" statement of the three European signatories to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors meeting, saying such "hypocritical acts" will impede the conclusion of sanctions-removal talks in the Austrian capital of Vienna.

Mehdi Husseini Matin, the chargé d'affaires of the Iranian Embassy in Britain, made the comment in a tweet on Thursday after two-thirds of the UN nuclear agency's 35-nation board endorsed a non-binding statement by the United States, Britain, France and Germany that accused Iran of lack of interaction with the UN nuclear agency and claimed that Safeguard issues still remained unresolved.

"With continued terrorist acts & sanctions by U.S.-Israel against Iran & failure at the IAEA, U.S., UK, Germany & France initiated a shameful controversial statement against Iran's legal remedy measures,' Husseini Matin wrote.

"Hypocritical acts contradict & subvert outlook of a deal negotiated with bona fides," he added.

The senior Iranian diplomat also attached to his tweet the picture of a Reuters' news story per taining to the European troika's expression of "serious doubts' about Iran's intentions to revive the 2015 nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and the resolution of Safeguards issues between Tehran and the UN nuclear watchdog.

Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said on Wednesday that any "unconstructive statement" at the meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors would be "futile," as he reaffirmed Tehran's willingness to reach a good agreement in Vienna talks.

Amir-Abdollahian stressed that the key to reaching an agreement on the revival of the 2015 nuclear deal and removal of sanctions is for the U.S. to focus on "realism" and demonstrate the necessary willpower. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokes-

man Nasser Kanaani also denounced as "wrong" and "ill-considered" (Continued on Page 7)