### Condolences on the Prophet's (SAWA) Departure & Martyrdom of Imam Hasan and Imam Reza (AS)

Pakistan: Infections Have Killed 324 People

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) -- Authorities in Pakistan said Wednesday skin infections, diarrhea and malaria in the flood-ravaged regions have claimed the lives of 324 people.

They said the situation may get out of control if the required aid does not arrive in time. Hundreds of thousands of Pakistani people displaced by the torrential rains and flooding are living in the open and stagnant waters have led to serious health issues nationwide. The authorities called for the acceleration of aid delivery.



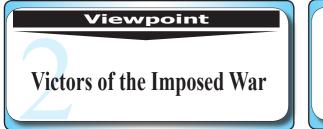
TEHRAN -- Iran and Azerbaijan started construction works for a major bridge over the border river of Aras amid plans to set up a new transit corridor connecting Azerbaijan to its exclave of Nakhchivan through the Iranian territory. Iranian transportation minister Rostam Qassemi and Azerbaijan's Prime Minister Shahin Mustafayev attended a virtual meeting earlier in the day that marked the start of construction works for the bridge on Aras, IRIB News reported. The bridge will be 220 meters

in length and 25 meters wide and will finish in 18 months.

Iran, Azerbaijan Start Building Border Bridge

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## **The Prophet's Message of Peace** Vs. the Terrorism of Jahiliyya

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"In the Prophet of Allah there is certainly for you the Excellent Exemplar, for those who look forward to Allah and the Last Day, and remember Allah greatly." (Holy Qur'an 33:21)

This is how the Almighty Creator introduces to mankind His Last and Greatest Messenger who was raised to institutionalize and universalize the message of peace, submission to none but God (monotheism), and the healthy way of life – all of which in Arabic means "Islam".

Today on the eve of the departure from the mortal world of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), let us cast a glance at his immortal legacy and how it has been preserved by his Divinely-designated Heirs (despite the usurpation of their right of political leadership), in spite of the fact that some have tried to pervert it – ironically in the name of Islam. He used to say: "I have been sent to complete the best of morals".

The orphan of the monotheist parents Abdullah ibn Abdul-Muttalib and Amenah bint Wahb, and scion of the Hashemite clan of the Quraysh which was descended from Prophet Ishmael (the firstborn of Prophet Abraham), he spared no efforts to enlighten mankind with the highest morals.

As the perfect picture of humanitarian values, during his 23-year mission he united under the fraternal banner of Islam the fratricidal tribes of Arabia, preached universal brotherhood by attracting Abyssinians, Persians, and Romans (e.g. Bilal, Salman, Sohaib), and invited heads of the supposedly civilized nations to shun state terrorism by returning to the path of God.

Prophesied by all prophets of the past, including Abraham in his Scripture, Moses in the Torah and Jesus in the Evangel, as well as tidings of his universal monotheist mission in the holy books of the Zoroastrians and the Hindus, the Seal of Prophets in order to ensure the evergreen purity of his message of peace that abhors violence, emphasized time and again on the famous Hadith Thaqalayn, by reiterating in crystal clear words:

"I am leaving behind among you the Thaqalayn (Two Weighty Things); the Book of God (Qur'an) and my progeny, the Ahl al-Bayt. Hold fast to them and you will never go astray, since the two will never separate from each other, even when they return to me at the Fountain (of Kowthar on Resurrection Day)."

Did all his companions obey the letter and spirit of his words?

The sad fact is that they did not, otherwise the peace of Islamic faith that was perfected at the memorable gathering of Ghadeer-Khom on 18th Zilhijja 10 AH –exactly two months and ten days before he passed away - would not have been perverted by the violence of the scandalous meeting of Saqifa Bani Sa'da, even as his last rites were being performed by his aggrieved family.

This could be called the first open deviation from Islam and the ethereal teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), whose words were

# **Ayatollah Khamenei: Progress Is Achieved by Resistance, Not Surrender**



Ayatollah Khamenei addresses a group of veterans and commanders and martyr families on the occasion of the Sacred Defense Week in Tehran on Wednesday.

the former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hus-

Ayatollah Khamenei said the war

"At one time, we asserted that all of the

world powers are fighting us. But now,

those who said that this was just a claim

on our part are admitting to this them-

"The world's arrogant powers were be-

hind Saddam in his war on Iran, because

they were angry with the Islamic Revo-

lution. The Revolution wasn't merely a

temporary political defeat for the arro-

against Iran was an "international war".

sein's invasion in the 1980s.

selves," he said.

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Wednesday Iran's military capabilities have left no room for any concern about external threats.

"Today, the country has fortunately reached the stage of deterrence, meaning that its military status has reached the point that the country is not concerned about foreign threats, and the enemies are also aware of this," Ayatollah Khamenei said on the eve of the Sacred Defense Week.

The Leader made the comments in a meeting with a number of veterans and

**President Raisi Tells UN General Assembly:** Iran Cannot Trust U.S. Without Guarantees

commanders who defended Iran against gant powers. It was a threat to the domineering system of global imperialism," Ayatollah Khamenei stated.

> The Leader said the imposed war on Iran was the global imperialism's natural reaction to the victory of the Islamic Revolution.

> The purpose of the war, he added, was to prevent the message of the Iranian nation such as standing firmly, not fearing the U.S., and resisting global oppression and discrimination from being passed on to other nations.

The Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khamenei said, was a threat to the domineering system of the global imperial-

"The arrogant powers of the West and the East understood the seriousness of this threat. Thus, they imposed a war on the Iranian nation by encouraging and inciting Saddam."

The Leader said the main goals of the arrogant powers in imposing war on Iran were to divide Iran, separate Khuzestan from Iran as an important part of the country, bring the Iranian nation to its knees, overthrow the Islamic Republic, and take the fate of the Iranian nation to its own hands

One of the achievements of the Sacred Defense was that it proved safeguarding the country and deterring the enemies is only possible through resistance, not submission, he added.

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined the need to put into use the principle of resistance in various political, economic, and cultural matters.

"This intelligent resistance showed the enemy that they must always take Iran's strength into consideration in their calculations, why, because it is with this spirit that we have been able to defeat the enemy in many cases," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the military invasion against Iran after the Islamic Revolution was not unexpected.

"It is true that Saddam launched the attack, but behind Saddam was global arrogance."

The Leader said, "The Sacred Defense is an exciting, eventful and fruitful juncture. The era of Sacred Defense is one of the events that have an effect on our yesterday, today and tomorrow."

# **Putin Orders Partial Mobilization for Ukraine War**

ignored by a group of power-hungry companions, whose sole intention in choosing a caliph after a fistfight among themselves, was to deprive Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), the foremost member of the Ahl al-Bayt, of his Divinely-decreed right to lead the Ummah in peace.

The result has been catastrophe, whose painful consequences we are suffering to this day in the form of terrorism by devilish elements masquerading as Muslims while being totally devoid of not just the spirit of Islam but of any humanitarian principle.

At the same time, charlatans amongst non-Muslims, pointing to takfiri terrorism and referring to the distorted accounts of his life in the socalled books of hadith compiled by sons or grandsons of converts having little knowledge of Islam, label the wildest accusations against the Prophet, who despite the taking of widows and divorcees as spouses in the last ten years of his life in order to break the customs of Jahiliyya, never doted on any particular woman (as alleged) and always had fond memories of his loval of wife of 25 long years, Hazrat Khadija (AS) the mother of his Immaculate Daughter Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA). As a matter of fact, no sooner was the Prophet laid to rest by his grieving household, the first act of terrorism occurred in Medina, when a roguish group of his companions stormed the house of his Immaculate Daughter, and flung the burning door upon her, thereby fracturing her ribs.

As a result, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA) – the Noblest Lady of all times - had a miscarriage (Mohsin, the first martyr of the Ahl al-Bayt) and eventually attained martyrdom, but not before delivering her famous sermon in front of the coup leaders, to expound the egalitarian principles of Islam and to expose the regime in Medina in its true Jahiliyya colours.

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NEW YORK (Dispatches) -President Ebrahim Raisi said Wednesday Iran serious about reviving the 2015 nuclear deal but questioned whether it could trust America's commitment to any eventual accord.

In 2018, former U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew from a deal brokered by the Obama administration. That has led Tehran to abandon over time every limitation the accord imposed on its nuclear enrichment.

President Raisi addressed the UN General Assembly as talks to revive the nuclear deal approached a take-it-or-leave-it moment.

"Our wish is only one thing: observance of commitments," Raisi said, noting it was the U.S. that pulled out of the accord.

He asked whether Iran can "truly trust without guarantees and assurances" that the U.S. will live up to its commitments this time. European Union officials have warned the window for securing

a deal is about to close.

"America trampled upon the nuclear accord," said Raisi, who was sworn in as president only a year ago. His speech marks the first time he has taken the podium at the UN in his role as president. Last year, he delivered remarks to the assembly virtually due to CO-VID-19 restrictions.

He also blasted what he said was lopsided scrutiny of Iran's nuclear energy program while the nuclear weapons program of the occupying regime of Israel remains secret.

Raisi also told the gathered leaders that Iran wants to have "extensive relations with all our neighbors" — an apparent reference to foe Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries in the region. Saudi Arabia and Iran have held

a number of direct talks since U.S. President Joe Biden took office, though tensions remain high between the two. Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates recent reopened (Continued on Page 7)

KYIV, Ukraine (Dispatches) — Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a partial mobilization of reservists Wednesday in the first callup in Russia since World War II.

In his seven-minute televised address to the nation, Putin also warned the West he isn't bluffing over using everything at his disposal to protect Russia — an apparent reference to his nuclear arsenal. He has previously told the West not to back Russia against the wall and has rebuked NATO countries for supplying weapons to Ukraine.

The total number of reservists to be called up could be as high as 300,000, officials said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, asked what had changed since he and others previously said no mobilization was planned, said Russia is effectively fighting against NATO because the alliance's members have been supplying weapons to Kyiv.

The partial mobilization order came a day after Russian-

controlled regions in eastern and southern Ukraine announced plans to hold votes on becoming integral parts of Russia - a move that could eventually allow Moscow to escalate the war on legal grounds. The referendums will start Friday in the Luhansk, Kherson and partly Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk regions.

The balloting is all but certain to go Moscow's way. Foreign leaders have described the votes as illegitimate and nonbinding. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said they were a "sham' and "noise" to distract public attention.

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#### Condolences

#### Dear Mrs. Doroudian,

We are saddened by the loss in your family. May Allah bless the soul of the departed and grant you patience.

### **Holiday Notice**

With Sunday and Tuesday marking departure of Prophet of Islam (SAWA) and martyrdom of Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Reza (AS), our next issue will be published on Wednesday, Sept. 28.