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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Victors of the Imposed War

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Forty-two years ago on this day when the US ordered Saddam of the repressive Ba'ath minority regime of Baghdad to launch an unprovoked war on Iran it had thought that within a few weeks the newly-founded Islamic Republic would be overthrown and the Americans back in Tehran to continue plunder of its rich resources, while keeping the Iranian Muslims in perpetual bondage and at the mercy of a minion in power on the Peacock Throne to de-Islamicise the country and spread the most abominable vices in society in the name of freedom.

It turned out to be not just a distant dream but a horrible nightmare for both Washington and Saddam as the imposed war dragged on for 8 years with no gains for the instigators except permanent loss, thanks to the heroic resistance of the Iranian combatants and people, inspired by the God-oriented leadership of that Sage of the Age, Imam Khomeini (RA).

Today, on the 41st anniversary of the Holy Defence (as the US-Ba'athist invasion is marked), the Islamic Republic system of government while guaranteeing the independence, security, welfare, and progress of the Iranian Muslim masses, is an attraction to the people, movements, and independent governments of the region and beyond in which US hegemony is on the wane, and the means of defence produced by a self-reliant Iran are more than a match for the terrorists and the regimes equipped with US-manufactured armaments.

It should be recalled that during the 1980s the most impenetrable armour of the Iranian combatants facing an armed-to-the-teeth war machine greased by the weapons of the both the Capitalist West and the Socialist East, in addition to the billions of petrodollars doled out to Saddam by Persian Gulf Arab regimes, was faith in God Almighty and the recitation in the trenches amidst bursting bombs of such supplications as "Dua Kumayl", "Naad-e Ali", "Ziyarat" of Imam Husain (AS), and "Isteghasa" of the Lord of the Age, Imam Mahdi (AS) – may God hasten his reappearance for end of oppression and establishment of the global government of peace, justice, and prosperity.

Yesterday's statement of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution on the start of this year's Holy Defence Seek by recalling the epics of the 8-year imposed war and the selfless sacrifices of the people as "an exciting, eventful and fruitful juncture", drew a clear line between the victors and the vanquished.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in his address to senior military officials rightly remarked: "The era of Holy Defence is among the events that has an effect on our yesterday, today and tomorrow."

The message of the Islamic Revolution and the victory of the Iranian people echoed in the heart of the US itself in New York where President Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi, in his address to the 77th UN General Assembly, while waving from the podium the portrait of Martyr General Qassem Soleimani (one of the commanders of the Holy Defence during the imposed war and architect of the victories of the people of Syria and Iraq against the takfiri terrorists, as well as of the Lebanese against Israel during the 33-day war of 2006), called for justice and fairness of the international system and punishment of former US president, Donald Trump for his crimes against humanity.

It is now all the more clear that the imposed war utterly failed in creating bad blood between the brotherly people of Iran and Iraq, who are both winners as was evident by the fraternal atmosphere at the recent Arba'een rituals where Iraqi Muslims displayed their highest form of hospitality for millions of Iranian guests.

President Raisi Tells Macron: Europe Must Not Follow U.S. Wishes



French President Emmanuel Macron and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi meet on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday.

NEW YORK -- Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi and his delegation have held meetings with French President Emmanuel Macron and other top European leaders as a deadlock over the U.S. return to compliance with the 2015 nuclear agreement remains in place.

Raisi, accompanied by Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian and top nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani, also sat down with European Council President Charles Michel, and the bloc's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell and his deputy Enrique Mora, who act as coordinators of the talks that began in April 2021.

Bagheri and Mora then held separate talks that are thought to be predominantly focused on stalled efforts to restore the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), as the nuclear deal that the United States unilaterally abandoned in 2018 is formally known.

According to Raisi's website, the Iranian president emphasized a major demand to his French counterpart that an inquiry by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) into several Iranian nuclear sites revolving around nuclear particles to which Iran has provided answer before must be concluded for any agreement.

"The agency's approach towards technical issues must be away from pressures by others, and we believe that achieving an agreement will not be possible without closing Iran's cases," Raisi told Macron.

Raisi also said, "Europe must show in action that its policies are separate from those of the U.S. and does not follow the wishes and policies of the U.S."

Macron reportedly offered proposals to advance the talks. "Iran and the agency are able to resolve existing cases and we won't exert political pressure on the agency on

this issue," the French president was quoted as saying on Raisi's website.

Speaking to Michel, Raisi asked, "If safeguards issues are not resolved, what guarantee is there that the three European countries won't again propose and pursue a resolution against the Islamic Republic of Iran the day after an agreement?"

The E3 – France, Germany and the United Kingdom – and the United States introduced a resolution censuring Iran in June, which led to Iran dismantling dozens of agency's cameras at its nuclear sites.

The Western allies also read out a statement at the IAEA board last week, which accused Iran of lack of cooperation with the agency.

In his talks with Macron, President Raisi noted that the IAEA's dual approach to the destructive nuclear activities of the occupying regime of Israel is a sign of the "politicization" of matters.

Families of Victims of Terrorism Write to President

TEHRAN -- Thousands of Iranian families who have lost their loved ones in acts of terrorism waged by the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) and other terrorists have urged President Ebrahim Raisi to relay their message to the world.

The families made the demand in a letter addressed to President Raisi ahead of his address to the 77th annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

"We seize the opportunity to request Your Excellency to be the voice of the large family of the country's terror victims to the world," the letter said.

The signatories condemned the MKO for martyring more than 17,000 Iranians since the 1979 Is-

lamic Revolution.

In 1986, Iran asked France to expel the group from its base in Paris, following which it moved its base to Iraq.

The group's members spent many years in Iraq, where they were armed by the former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. The group sided with Saddam during the 1980-88 war against Iran and then helped him quell uprisings in various parts of the Arab country.

The European country of Albania started hosting the terrorists after the cult was shunned by the government of former Iraqi prime minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The European Union, Canada, the United States, and Japan had previously listed the MKO as a "terrorist

organization." In 2012, though, the group was taken off U.S and Europe lists of terrorist groups.

The MKO throws lavish conferences every year in Paris, with certain American, Western, and Saudi Arabian officials in attendance. These include former U.S. national security advisor John Bolton, former U.S. president Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, former Canadian prime minister Stephen Harper, and former Saudi Arabian spy chief, Prince Turki al-Faisal.

The letter denounced the MKO for its acts of "blind killings, border attacks, kidnapping and torture."

It noted how the group, which had

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IRGC Navy to Hold Parade in Bandar Abbas

TEHRAN -- Iranian military vessels will take part in a naval parade off the southern port of Bandar Abbas on Thursday to celebrate the Sacred Defense Week on the 42nd anniversary of the Iraqi imposed war on the Islamic Republic.

The spokesperson for the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps announced on Wednesday that the IRGC will host the naval parade.

Various units of the Iranian

armed forces will display the country's naval power in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz during the parade, General Ramezan Sharif said.

According to the spokesman, a total of 1,444 heavy, semi-heavy and light military vessels will partake in the parade, including an advanced patrol combat warship named after Lt. General Qassem Soleimani that has recently joined the IRGC navy's

fleet.

He also noted that the fighter jets of the air force and the IRGC's aerospace force will carry out aerial maneuvers during the naval parade.

Senior military commanders will attend the upcoming event, with Parliament speaker Muhammad Baqer Qalibaf booked as the keynote speaker, the spokesman added.

Every year, the latest achieve-

The Holy Qur'an

Is it a wonder to the people that We revealed to a man from among themselves, saying: Warn the people and give good news to those who believe that theirs is a footing of firmness with their Lord. The unbelievers say: This is most surely a manifest enchanter.

The Holy Qur'an (10:2)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:57
Evening (Maghreb)	18:19
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:52
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:28

Iran Condemns West's Meddling in Its Internal Affairs

TEHRAN -- Iran's foreign ministry has condemned Western countries and their allies for meddling in the Islamic Republic's internal affairs following the "tragic" death of a young Iranian woman.

Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani also condoled with the family of Mahsa Amini who died at the hospital a few days after collapsing at a police station in Tehran.

Following her death, President Ebrahim Raisi immediately ordered relevant officials to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and treat it as "a special case".

Kanaani advised the U.S. and its allies not to use the incident as an opportunity to target Iran.

He reminded that the countries with a "long history of warmongering and violence" throughout the world lacked the legitimacy to "moralize others" about human rights.

The United States is the "biggest violator" of the Iranian nation's rights, he said, adding Washington cannot masquerade as a sympathizer and supporter of the Iranian people.

Kanaani said the Islamic Republic's highest executive, judicial, and legislative authorities have ordered a rigorous and transparent investigation into the poignant incident.

The spokesman condemned the Western countries' dual approach and the fact they ignore their allies' continual crimes throughout the world, including atrocities against the oppressed Palestinian nation.

"This further divulges the West's hypocritical approach towards the human rights," he stated.

Kanaani advised Western governments to address the woeful situation of the human rights in their own countries instead of trying to "sow sedition" elsewhere.

ments of the Iranian armed forces in missile industry, equipment for the ground, naval and air defense forces as well as communication gear are put on display in the military events marking the Sacred Defense Week.

The 1980-1988 Iraqi war waged by former dictator Saddam Hussein is known as the Sacred Defense in Iran, and weeklong events are held on the anniversary of the beginning of the war.