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Viewpoint

US-Zionist Plot to Rekindle Flames of War in Yemen

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The refusal of Riyadh and its clients in Aden to honour their commitments for resuming the ceasefire with the legitimate government in Sana'a means the US, Britain, and Israel, are intent upon fanning the flames of war anew in Yemen, following the failure of their seditious plot in Iran by unsuccessfully inciting hypocrites, thugs, terrorists, traitors, and apostates, to indulge in vandalism and all sorts of blasphemous acts in a vain bid to tarnish the image of Islamic Iran.

The cessation of hostilities that lasted six months was frequently violated by Saudi Arabia which continues the blockade of Yemen's sea and airports in the north and never completely ceased its bombing and shelling of civilian areas.

The Ansarullah-led government has no choice now but to be on full alert on all fronts to thwart any escalation in ground and air attacks.

It has already served notice of its right to retaliate with full force against the enemy's military and industrial installations with its ever-improving arsenal of drones and ballistic missiles in order to safeguard the sovereignty and integrity of Yemen.

The only language the Yankees, the Zionists, and their clients understand is that of force, since peace and peaceful co-existence of communities, anywhere in the world, does not suit their bestial warmongering nature, as is evident from the events in Occupied Palestine, Ukraine, and the Korean Peninsula.

The government in Sana'a is right to demand the complete lifting of the Saudi siege, saying that refusal to do so means the ceasefire has reached the "dead end."

It points out that the siege has resulted in a humanitarian catastrophe and malnutrition on a massive scale that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

The US cannot be trusted in view of its camaraderie with Saudi Arabia, and it is thus nothing but waste of time to entertain any envoy sent by Washington to Sana'a.

In fact, it is with American armaments the Saudis and their clients are fighting the government in Yemen.

Thus, if full scale combat is resumed, the weapons produced by the Yemenis will be the big factor in making the difference between the antagonists on the battlefield, and the big loser will be regime in Riyadh, which started the current war eight years ago.

We still hope that peace will prevail, but in the absence of any wisdom among the opponents of Yemen's legitimate government, war is likely to resume and this time with devastating consequences for the American clients, even in some Persian Gulf states.

Scores Injured in Quake in West Azarbaijan



The quake on Wednesday caused cracks in buildings in Khoy and other cities.

TEHRAN -- A 5.4 magnitude earthquake in northwestern Iran injured more than 500 people early Wednesday, most of them lightly, local officials said.

"The quake that hit at a depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) in West Azarbaijan province has injured 528 people, 135 of whom have been admitted to hospital," the region's

governor Muhammad Sadeq Motamedian said.

The quake and its aftershocks "damaged 500 houses, completely destroying 50 of them, in 12 affected villages," he added.

National television aired footage of stores damaged and homes destroyed in the 3:30 am (0000 GMT) quake.

National emergency services spokesman Mojtaba Khaledi said that "electricity and water have been cut in some villages" near the cities of Salmas and Khoy, which lie close to the epicenter of the earthquake.

Iran sits astride the boundaries of several major tectonic plates and experiences frequent seismic activity.

Zahedi Vafa Fails to Secure Vote of Confidence

TEHRAN -- The Iranian parliament on Tuesday did not endorse President Ebrahim Raisi choice for minister of cooperatives, labor and social security.

A total of 136 MPs voted for Muhammad Hadi Zahedi Vafa against 125 lawmakers who opposed him. Nine MPs abstentions and two votes were dismissed.

Zahedi Vafa, an economist educated in Canada, have taken over as caretaker labor minister in early July after a former minister resigned under pressure from pensioners and government authorities.

The portfolio is one of the largest ministries of the Iranian government that controls financial holdings and economic institutions. It was estab-

lished in 2011 with the merger of three smaller ministries.

Before the voting, President Raisi said Iran has managed to take the path of progress despite all the threats and sanctions, noting that the country's forward movement has infuriated the enemy.

"We are indifferent to all the sanctions and obstacles that the enemy has created and we are making efforts to remove and neutralize the sanctions in a fair and dignified manner," he said.

He said the enemy knows well that its so-called maximum pressure policy against Iran has failed miserably, saying, "The enemy officially admits that the sanctions have failed to impact the Iranian nation...The enemy is angry at

our progress."

Raisi hailed the vigilance of the Iranian people in the face of the enemy's plots during recent foreign-backed riots across the country, which erupted following the death of a young Iranian woman in a hospital days after collapsing at a police station in the capital Tehran.

He said the presence of millions of Iranians in the scene in support of the country's values and their expression of hatred towards the rioters foiled the enemy's conspiracies.

He also hailed the wise guidance and analysis of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei regarding the issue, saying that as mentioned by the Leader, the enemy seeks to hinder Iran's progress.

Tehran Rejects 'Unfounded' Moroccan Accusations

TEHRAN -- Iran has strongly rejected Morocco's accusations that the Islamic Republic was interfering in the regional Arab countries' internal affairs.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani advised Morocco to allow the Western Saharan people to exercise their right to self-determination based on the United Nations' laws and regulations, instead of seeking assistance from the occupying regime of Israel.

He was referring to Rabat's

normalization last year of its relations with Tel Aviv under the so-called Abraham Accords.

"Instead of blame game and unfounded allegations against the Islamic Republic, Morocco had better worry about the insecurity that has come to threaten the regional countries and nations as a result of Rabat's normalization of its ties with the apartheid Zionist regime," the Iranian official said.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita earlier claimed

that Iran was meddling in the domestic affairs of Arab countries, including Morocco and Yemen.

Bourita alleged that the Islamic Republic had provided "drones" to the pro-independence Polisario Front movement, which has been fighting to end Morocco's 1970s-present annexation of the Western Sahara region.

Kanaani urged Bourita to spend his time trying to resolve the problems and suffering that have been affecting Yemen.

Inmate Leaves for U.S. After Release on Humanitarian Grounds

TEHRAN -- Iranian national Baqer Namazi, who had been convicted on spying charges, has left the country for the United States after being released from prison on humanitarian grounds.

Namazi, 85, was arrested on February 22, 2016, when he flew into the country to purportedly visit his imprisoned son Siamak Namazi.

Baqer Namazi was sentenced later that year to 10 years in prison for "collusion with an enemy state," in reference to the United States.

On Wednesday, news agencies pub-

lished a video showing Namazi boarding a private plane to leave Iran for Oman.

Omani Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr Albusaidi thanked Iran for the humanitarian measure, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said on its website.

Oman has always supported the wise positions of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the region and international forums, Albusaidi told his Iranian counterpart, Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, during a phone call on Tuesday.

Nournews, a website close to Iran's

Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), reported on Monday that Iran and the U.S. had agreed to a prisoner swap involving four Iranian nationals imprisoned in the United States.

Nournews also said some \$7 billion worth of Iran's frozen funds in South Korea will be transferred to an account in a bank in the Middle East.

Officials stressed that Baqer Namazi was released on humanitarian grounds. Siamak Namazi was also allowed out of prison on a one-week furlough.

The Holy Qur'an

And when affliction touches a man, he calls on Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing; but when We remove his affliction from him, he passes on as though he had never called on Us on account of an affliction that touched him; thus that which they do is made fair-seeming to the extravagant.

The Holy Qur'an (10.12)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:52
Evening (Maghreb)	17:59
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:03
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:40

Russian Ambassador to Vienna:

Canadian Sanctions on Iran Sign of Weakness

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- A senior Russian diplomat has condemned Canada over imposition of sanctions on a wide range of Iranian institutions and persons, including the English-language Press TV news network, describing it as a sign of Western authoritarianism.

"This is a sign of weakness. Moreover, this is yet another sign of the authoritarian trends in the West," Russia's Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov tweeted Wednesday.

He added, "No space for competition of different views. Just dictate and brainwashing."

Independent journalist and political commentator Richard Medhurst, who previously hosted Press TV's The Communiqué program, denounced Canadian sanctions against the 24-hour channel.

"This is the level of intellectualism, free speech, and debate in the West," he said.

"You're not allowed to consume other media and make up your own mind. You must be nannied, told what to believe, and never dissent from establishment narrative," Medhurst tweeted.

The Canadian government announced the new sanctions in a Monday statement, claiming they were in response to "human rights violations" committed in Iran.

These new measures come in addition to Canada's existing sanctions against Iran. They listed 25 individuals and nine entities, including officials in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) and the Ministry of Intelligence.

Iran's 24-hour English-speaking Press TV, which has played a pivotal role during the past two weeks in reporting the riots and their background support base through various news items and articles, is on the list of the Canadian government's sanctions.