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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran's Skywards Ascent

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

A day after scores of millions of Iranians rallied on the streets in over 900 towns and cities in what could rightly be called an overwhelming confirmation of the April 1979 referendum that established the Islamic Republic, Iran set a new 'skymark' by successfully launching into outer space a three-stage solid fuel suborbital carrier.

Kudos to the country's young and aspiring scientists and engineers for their unstoppable endeavours to maintain the steady pace of progress in the face of the most stringent sanctions whose failure prompted super terrorist US to incite a handful of thugs, terrorists and traitors to try to disturb the peace in Iran in the vain hope of derailing national development.

The Qaem-100 rocket, the first of its kind manufactured by Iranian scientists, is capable of putting satellites weighing up to 80 kilograms into orbit 500 kilometers from the earth's surface.

It marks the latest achievement of the aerospace force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) which is among the country's most popular units in view of its heroic defence of the homeland during the 8-year war Washington had imposed in the 1980s, its role in the reconstruction that followed, its branching into various fields of science and technology in addition to economy, its assistance to freedom loving people of the region and beyond to defeat terrorists and American attempts at hegemony, and its vigilance at home against hypocrites and US mercenaries.

The launch vehicle's solid-fueled first-stage engine, which had undergone ground tests earlier this year, successfully completed on Saturday its first suborbital spaceflight.

According to IRGC officials, Qaem-100 is now ready to launch Nahid, a satellite manufactured by the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology, into orbit in the near future.

Iran has now has four satellites in space. The previous ones being the Sina-1 launched by Russia in 2005, the Noor-2 built and launched by the IRGC in March 2022, and the Khayyam launched with Russian help in August 2022.

FM Amir-Abdollahian: Iran Gave Drones to Russia Months Before War



Iran Shahed-136 drones stacked on a launcher before an exercise by the Iranian Army.

TEHRAN -- Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian on Saturday dismissed media controversy over Iran's alleged support for Russia in the Ukraine war, assuring that Tehran will not be indifferent if it is proven that Russia has used Iranian drones in the conflict.

Speaking to reporters, Amir-Abdollahian once again rejected claims that Iran has provided Russia with missiles and drones to be used in the Ukraine war.

"Our relations with Russia are based on neighborhood and mutual interests. I would like to emphasize here that the fuss made by some western countries that Iran has provided Russia with missiles and drones to help it in the Ukraine war, claims about the missile part is completely wrong and the drone part is correct," he said. But he added that Iran has provided Russia with a limited number of drones months before the war in Ukraine.

'We agreed with Ukraine's foreign minister that if they have any documents proving Russia has been using Iranian drones in Ukraine, Kiev should provide these documents to us," he explained.

The Iranian foreign minister also revealed that Iranian and Ukrainian officials were about to meet two weeks ago, as an Iranian defense and political delegation went to a European country to meet the Ukraine delegation, but Kiev made a last-minute decision not to attend the meeting.

"The reason was that the U.S. and some European countries, especially Germany, told Ukraine that while we [the West] want to use the drones issue against Iran, you want to drink coffee together in a Euro-

pean country!" he added. Tehran has multiple times re-

jected in the strongest terms the Western claims of Iran's delivery of weapons and drones to Russia to be used against Ukraine, saying the country has had defense cooperation with Moscow for long and pursues a resolution of the conflict through dialog and diplomacy.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has made many efforts with the aim of ending the Ukraine war, Amir-Abdollahian assured.

"Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, these efforts have been made at the level of the presidential and foreign ministry levels, and Iran will continue these efforts until the war in Ukraine stops," he added.

Touching on the nuclear deal, Amir-Abdollahian called on the (Continued on Page 7)

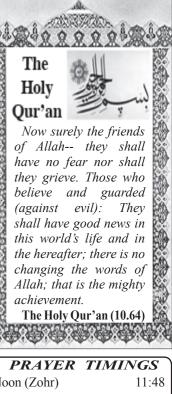


TEHRAN -- Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has sent a letter to the United Nations, slamming the "inexcusable silence" of the UN Security Council in the face of an October 26 terrorist attack in Shiraz, where over a dozen pilgrims were heinously killed.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the Iranian minister censured the failure of the Security Council in condemning the terrorist attack.

ister said it was "expected" from the body to "strongly condemn the terrorist attack in Shiraz and call for the accountability and prosecution of those responsible for such heinous crime" as part of its "established practices" and given that it has "repeatedly constituted terrorism as one of the most serious threats to international peace and

Council, continue to categorize terrorists as either good or bad, and not only use ISIS as a tool to exert pressure on other nations to further their own narrow political agendas, but also their discriminatory and irresponsible actions make it more difficult for the Security Council to effectively carry out its mandate in combating international terror-



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Three **MKO** Agents **Captured in Shiraz**

TEHRAN -- Iran's intelligence forces have arrested three agents working for the notorious MKO terrorist group in Shiraz, a week after innocent pilgrims were heinously killed at a holy shrine in the southwestern Iranian city.

Kazem Mousavi, head of the Judiciary in the southern province of Fars, broke the news in a statement.

The agents were responsible for "designing and directing propaganda projects in favor of the MKO terrorist group and its criminal head," he said.

The MKO is responsible for killing over 17,000 people by acts of terror since the 1979 victory of Iran's Islamic Revolution.

The arrested individuals were active not only in Shiraz but also in several other cities across the country, he said, noting that the arrests were made with the cooperation of several intelligence bodies.

"This active terrorist group was recently involved in planning an act of sabotage," said the judiciary official, adding that explosive and incendiary materials have also been seized. Mousavi said the judiciary will be "firm" and "deterrent" in dealing with such individuals. A heavily-armed terrorist assaulted the revered shrine of Shah Cheragh at approximately 5:45 p.m. local time (1415 GMT) on October 26, just before the evening prayers, heinously killing more than a dozen pilgrims — including a lady and two children - and injuring at least 40 others. The attacker opened fire indiscriminately on visitors within the shrine, according to the police commander of Fars province. He was wounded and taken into custody by security personnel, and later succumbed to his wounds. Shortly afterward, the Daesh terror group claimed responsibility for the attack.

There are more advanced rockets and satellites under production to enable Iran to be independent in space exploration that is vital for keeping track of the weather conditions, discovering geological deposits, and of course, protecting the peace and security of the country against would-be aggressors.

These will be unveiled in due time and will show to the world the genius of the young generation of Iranians who firmly adhere to Islam, humanitarian principles, and guidelines of the farsighted Leader of the Islamic Revolution.

These spectacular achievements of the Islamic Republic whose devout and dedicated masses have thwarted every plot of its sworn enemies – the US, the Zionist entity, and Britain – have put Iran among the topmost countries of the world in the mastering of modern science and technology.

This is the reason the US is seeing red and out of hopelessness has resorted to a campaign of fake news to tarnish the image of the Islamic Republic, but to no avail.

Iranians will be the foremost people in space as well in the near future – Insha Allah (God Willing) – and the US cannot do a damn thing to obstruct their skywards ascent.

Reminding the Security Council of its responsibility for maintaining peace and security, the minism.

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Comrades Recount Daesh-Like Slaying of Basij Member

TEHRAN -- The comrades and colleagues of Arman Aliverdi, a 21-year-old Iranian Basiji youth who was severely beaten by wild rioters in Tehran and was martyred in the hospital later, say the Daesh-like thugs who killed the young man have been trained by foreign countries.

One of Arman's friends, who was present with him in the Ekbatan area where he was beaten and stabbed to death, told the Al-Mayadeen TV channel that "the attitude of thugs on the streets of Tehran was so similar to that of Daesh terrorist group and it seems like they have been trained on how to carry out violence and killing."

The young man recounted that "Martyr Arman Aliverdi chose to walk through side alleys in order to avoid the crowds. He was walking when suddenly violent rioters started throwing stones at him and the group of young men with him. Some rioters clashed with the martyr, and as he tried to move on, the thugs found out that he belonged to the Basij volunteer forces and therefore surrounded him and started assaulting him."

The West-supported rioters, he continued, ordered him to insult his own religious beliefs. However, Arman repeatedly refused, which infuriated the rioters. Then they shoved him to the ground and started beating him.

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"They stripped him of his clothes, kicked him, punched him, slapped him, insulted him, tortured him, and stabbed him with knives."

He also recalled that "when we found the martyr, he was covered with his blood. We transferred him quickly to the hospital but he did not survive and died due to torture and severe injuries."

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On October 28, Shiraz Governor Lotfollah Sheibani said (Continued on Page 7)