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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Limits to Leniency, Weed out the Traitors

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Iran is proud of the freedom and liberties that the Islamic Revolution granted to not just the women on its triumph in 1979 by restoring to them the dignity of the Hijab, but to all sections of the people, including the religious minorities, whether non-Muslim such as Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians, or our Sunni Muslim brethren of the Hanafi, Shafei, Hanbali, and Maliki schools of jurisprudence – all of whom have the right to practice their rites and rituals, and even elect their own representatives to the national parliament.

This spirit of national solidarity and Islamic unity has been on spectacular display over the past 43 years on every occasion – at the Bahman 22 rallies marking the anniversary of the victory of the Islamic Revolution, at the Qods marches on the Last Friday of Ramadhan to show support for the oppressed Palestinian people, on the 4th of November to celebrate the capture of the US den of spies, and on every instance requiring allegiance to the Islamic Republic and its pious leadership.

Although people may have economic grievances because of the illegal sanctions of the US to try to disturb Iran's unstoppable progress, scores of millions of Iranian patriots have never hesitated to take to the streets whenever the situation demands to decry the plots of the enemies and the treason and terrorism of the minions slavishly serving American/Zionist interests.

True to its Islamic nature, the government has never differentiated between Muslims and non-Muslims, or between Shi'as and Sunnis, all of whom revere the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt by participating in the mourning ceremonies for Imam Husain (AS) and pilgrimage to the holy shrine of Imam Reza (AS) in Mashhad.

This year saw thousands of non-Shi'a Iranians amongst the four-and-a-half million Iranian pilgrims who made it to holy Karbala for the Arba'een ceremonies for the Chief of Martyrs – a month and a half ago.

This unity in diversity has alarmed Global Arrogance and as part of its plot to try to derail the progress and development of the Islamic Republic the US and its comrades-in-crimes ordered thugs, terrorists, traitors, and characterless women to indulge in acts of violence, murder, arson, plunder, and sacrilege that included blasphemous slogans, attacks on mosques, burning of copies of the holy Qur'an and snatching of headscarves of dignified ladies in defiance of the laws of Islam.

Iran's police personal whose gentlemanly behaviour is a byword in contrast to the cruelties of their counterparts in other countries, especially the US, bore the brunt of these unmanly attacks and offered scores – if not hundreds – of martyrs to maintain peace and order in society.

Unfortunately, these lenient policies of the authorities have emboldened the thugs, traitors, terrorists and morally-loose women to indulge in sporadic crimes on the streets and committing sins in public by dressing provocatively.

And now comes the shocking news for every Iranian whatever his/her religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation, that the sanctity of the holy shrine of Shah Cheragh in Shiraz was desecrated by a team of terrorists who indiscriminately fired upon pilgrims, martyring (according to the last reports), some twenty men, women, and children, and injuring over 50 others.

Leniency has its limits and freedom its well-defined frontiers that ought not to be transgressed. This incident should be fully probed and the culprits meted out the deserving punishment with stern warning to the habitual rioters flaunting public morals to desist from treason against the Islamic Republic and disobedience of Islam's benign rules, or face dire consequences.

One thing that became clear during the recent scattered incidents of riots in a few localities of Tehran and parts of some other cities is the fact that the rioters are not ordinary citizens, neither they belong to any religious, political, or ethnic group, nor is their intention welfare of the Iranian people.

As is obvious by their acts of vandalism and desecration of sanctities, these are irreligious anti-social elements, who should not be dismissed as mere agnostics or apostates, since they are agents of the US and Israel bent upon destruction of Iran and turning it into an American client state, with Islam totally removed from public life.

Envoy Blasts U.S. Role in Mideast Insecurity, Defends Iran's Missiles



This file photo shows Iran testing missiles in a desert.

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) -- An Iranian diplomat at the UN has stressed the need for a region-wide comprehensive solution to the threat of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, denouncing the Zionist regime as an impediment to the creation of a WMD-free zone in the region.

Addressing a UN General Assembly meeting, first counselor of the permanent mission of Iran to the United Nations Heidar Ali Balouji said the Middle East has been the scene of several wars, massive foreign military buildups, the ensuing nightmare of extremism and terrorism, the dangerous accumulation of the most sophisticated weaponry as well as aggression and power projections by various actors.

He touched on the number of active armed conflicts that have taken place in at least 46 states in 2021, saying eight of these conflicts alone have erupted in the Middle East.

"In this day and age, a regional security framework is needed now

more than ever in our region. The region is on fire, so to speak, and the presence of extra-regional players as well as interference in the region further exacerbates the situation," he said.

Balouji said excessive military budgets and arms imports by certain states remain alarming.

"Unsurprisingly, the U.S. is the number one arms seller to some regional countries, including a country that is the largest buyer of such weaponry with military spending.

"In this context, we must not condone the fact that the Israeli regime relies on its military aid from the U.S. as well as the aggressive military establishment it has created which is a chronic source of insecurity in the region and beyond," he added.

Balouji said one of the biggest concerns is the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the region.

The Zionist regime, he said, is the only entity in the region that has

refused to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), and Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).

"What's worse, it possesses nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, threatens others even with nuclear annihilation while it enjoys the blanket support of the U.S. despite its threats to regional peace and security in the meantime," the envoy said.

Balouji said the acute need for a region-wide comprehensive solution to the threat of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, specifically the creation of a WMD-free zone based on the NPT or UN General Assembly processes, is still facing the impediment of the occupying regime of Israel.

Regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the envoy said, "it is crucial to note that the U.S. withdrawal from it in 2018 and the current U.S. administration's refusal to rejoin it have

Iran Urges Action to Stop Zionist Atrocities in West Bank

TEHRAN – Iran has condemned Israeli aggression against Palestinians in the West Bank city of Nablus, calling for international action to stop the regime's crimes in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In a statement, Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani criticized the "hypocritical and duplicitous" positions of the United States and some Western countries on human rights issues across the world.

"Their unconditional support for the usurping Zionist regime and its daily crimes against the oppressed Palestinian nation is the biggest ex-

ample of human rights violations which have been going on for consecutive decades," he added.

Pointing to the continuation of Israeli crimes and terrorist acts in the occupied West Bank, including the siege and attack on Nablus, Kanaani called on the international community to take action to condemn and stop the Zionist regime's genocide in Palestine.

He hailed the courageous resistance of Palestinian people, especially the youths, in Al-Quds, Jenin and Nablus, urging international support for the Palestinian struggle

against the Zionist regime until the full liberation of Palestine from the Israeli occupation.

The Israeli military has imposed a strict siege on Nablus since October 11, blocking the city's entrances with military checkpoints and earth mounds, while the occupying regime's drones constantly hover over the northern West Bank city.

The siege came in the wake of a shooting attack carried out by the Palestinian resistance group Lion's Den near Nablus in which an Israeli soldier was killed.

The siege, which Zionist officials

The Holy Qur'an

Say: Tell me if His punishment overtakes you by night or by day! what then is there of it that the guilty would hasten on? And when it comes to pass, will you believe in it? What! now (you believe), and already you wished to have it hastened on.

The Holy Qur'an (10:51)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:48
Evening (Maghreb)	17:33
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:22
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:57

resulted in tremendous harm to global efforts toward nuclear non-proliferation".

"However, Iran has continuously upheld its commitments based on the JCPOA as well as the Comprehensive Safeguard Agreement and has been cooperative with the IAEA," he said.

"Our nuclear program is completely peaceful and any allegation or politicized approach on this matter by any country is rejected. The U.S., with a history of sustained non-compliance with numerous accords, including the JCPOA, lacks any moral ground to raise such unacceptable statements."

Balouji also refused any claims that Iran played any role in the war in Ukraine or broke its commitments.

"Our offer to clarify the issue at the expert level is still on the table," he said.

The envoy said Iran has the right to meet its security and military needs, including its need for missiles, in conformity with international law and as a sovereign member of the international community.

"By taking a politicized approach, no individual or legal personality can deny us the realization of this right," he said.

said will continue until further notice, has had economic repercussions on a city that has a particular industrial and commercial importance for the West Bank.

Israeli forces have also recently been conducting overnight raids and killings in the northern occupied West Bank, mainly in the cities of Jenin and Nablus, where new groups of Palestinian resistance fighters have been formed.

More than 180 Palestinians have been martyred by Zionist forces in the illegally occupied West Bank

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Ambassador Raps UN Silence on Israeli Aggression Against Syria

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) -- Iran's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations, Amir Saeed Irvani, has denounced the UN Security Council for its silence in the face of the repeated Israeli acts of military aggression against war-torn Syria.

Speaking at the UN Security Council briefing on the situation in Syria, Irvani slammed Israeli attacks against civilian population and basic infrastructure in Syria as a flagrant violation of international law and humanitarian rights, and argued that the Security Council's inaction has emboldened the Tel Aviv regime to broaden the scope of its aggression.

"The Israeli regime's ag-

gression against Syrian sovereignty and territorial integrity continues unabated, despite repeated requests from the Arab Republic of Syria for the Security Council to clearly condemn it," the senior diplomat said.

"The Security Council's silence has emboldened the Israeli regime to carry out its aggression and crimes more openly and broadly, most particularly the systematic and intentional targeting of civilians and vital infrastructure in Syria, which is a flagrant violation of international law, including international humanitarian law," he said.

Irvani also criticized the Security Council for its double standards concerning the Syria

issue, and urged the UN body to condemn Israeli strikes and indict the Tel Aviv regime for its crimes which endanger regional peace and security.

The occupying regime of Israel carried out an airstrike on military posts in the suburbs of the Syrian capital Damascus on Monday, wounding a soldier and damaging property.

According to a Syrian military source, the barrage of rockets was fired from the northern part of the occupied Palestinian territories at about 2:00 p.m. local time.

The source told Syria's official news agency SANA that "the army air defenses intercepted the missiles and downed most of

them."

The attack came three days after a similar strike on Damascus suburbs caused property damage.

On Friday night, Syria said Israel carried out an airstrike on the Syrian capital of Damascus and its southern suburbs.

Elsewhere in his remarks on Tuesday, Irvani pointed to the presence and activities of terrorist groups in Syria, saying, "The free movement of terrorist groups within Syrian territory where foreign forces are illegally present endangers Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as regional peace and security."

He added that humanitarian

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