

## In the Name of the Most High

### Viewpoint

## Iran, Iraq Determined to Jointly Root out Terrorists

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*No two countries in the world share such close historical ties as Iran and Iraq, which despite the plot of their common enemies, especially the Americans, are fully determined to safeguard peace and security.*

*These and other points were discussed during the new Iraqi prime minister's visit to Tehran and his talks with Iran's senior most officials, including the Leader of the Islamic Revolution.*

*Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, who granted audience to Mohammad Shiya as-Sudani on Tuesday lauding these fraternal and friendly ties, said: "Anything that may disrupt Iran's security will inevitably impinge on Iraq as well."*

*He referred to the heroic role of the Iraqi people in defeating the US-backed takfiri terrorists, and was confident that they are capable of safeguarding the independence and integrity of their homeland against all sorts of terrorism by both the overt and covert enemies.*

*The Leader called on the elected central government of Iraq in Baghdad to exercise greater sovereignty over areas in the country's semi-autonomous Kurdistan region – which the enemies of the Iraqi nation are trying to use as a terrorist base against neighbouring countries.*

*The Iraqi Prime Minister who is heading a high-ranking delegation to further cement ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran in almost all fields, also held fruitful discussions with President Hojjat al-Islam Ibrahim Raisi of Iran and held a press conference with him.*

*He underlined that security with Iran is integrated and that his government would "not allow any group or parties to use the Iraqi lands to destabilise the security of Iran".*

*Prime Minister Sudani was obviously referring to terrorists fleeing justice from Iran for their crimes are sheltering in mountainous areas of Iraqi Kurdistan to continue their murderous cross-border activities with the assistance provided by the US and the illegal Zionist entity.*

*The Islamic Republic of Iran has recently launched decisive attacks on the hideouts of these terrorists and made it clear that its attacks will not cease unless these traitors are disarmed and expelled.*

*As emphasized by President Raisi: From the point of view of Iran and the Iraqi government, security, peace and stability in the region are very important and therefore, the fight against terrorist groups, organized crimes, drug trafficking and any [source of] insecurity that threatens the region is among [issues of] the agreements and common will of the two countries.*

*Tehran and Baghdad are thus resolved to further enhance their ties in fields and will not allow the US and other common enemies of the nation.*

# Envoy: Iran Biggest Victim of Chemical Weapons



Iranian city of Sardasht was targeted by chemical weapons supplied by the Western countries to Saddam's Iraq on June 28, 1987.

TEHRAN – Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Reza Najafi has said that those German and American companies that have provided former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein with the chemical weapons during its 1980s imposed war are complicit in these crimes and must be brought to justice.

Najafi made the remarks while addressing the 27th Conference of States Parties (CSP-27) Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague on Monday.

"As the biggest victim of chemical weapons in the contemporary history, Iran neither forgives nor forgets the perpetrators and supporters of Iraq's chemical attacks and these crimes," the Iranian diplomat added.

Najafi urged the OPCW member states to fulfill their commitments and remove the inhumane unilateral sanctions imposed on Iran in violation of the human rights principles, which blocked the access of Iranian chemical veterans to their required equipment and medicines,

saying all these bans must be removed immediately.

"The Zionist regime of Israel is in possession of various types of weapons of mass destruction and is the most serious threat to peace and security in the region and the world. It is the cause of the failure of [establishment of a] Middle East region free of weapons of mass destruction," the Iranian diplomat pointed out.

He called on the member states of the conference to take action to realize the universality of the convention and establish a world free of chemical weapons.

On Monday, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani showed up at a presser with a chemical mask in the presser, which alluded to Germany's support for ex-Iraqi dictator Saddam during the 1980-1988 imposed war on Iran and supply of chemical warfare by Berlin to the deposed Ba'ath regime.

Kan'ani said it would not cooperate with the so-called fact-finding mission created after a UN Human Rights Council resolution,

engineered by Germany, to probe claims of human rights abuses during the recent riots, stressing that Tehran has already formed a national fact-finding committee to look into the events.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has also said earlier that Germany, itself, was the main provider of chemical weapons to the Saddam regime during the Iraqi imposed war against Iran, which were frequently used against Iranian people with disastrous consequences.

"Now, they are abusing HR mechanisms to perpetrate more HR violations, all in the name of a farce "solidarity" w Iranians," the top Iranian diplomat said.

On Thursday, the UN Human Rights Council convened a meeting at the request of Germany and Iceland to discuss alleged human rights violations in Iran during the recent foreign-backed riots in the country.

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## Bagheri Kani Arrives in Doha for Regional, Bilateral Talks

TEHRAN – The Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani on Tuesday lambasted the Western countries for their double standards when it comes to international issues such as the human rights.

Bagheri Kani held a meeting with the Deputy Foreign Minister for Regional Affairs Mohammad bin Abdul Aziz al-Khalifi in Doha.

The two senior diplomats discussed bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues.

Bagheri Kani pointed to the Western countries' opportunist and unilateralist approach toward international issues, and said that "any country that disagrees with the political approach of the Westerners will be accused of violating

human rights and supporting terrorism."

The Iranian diplomat further praised the successful holding of the World Cup by Qatar.

Referring to the growing trend of bilateral relations, Qatar's deputy foreign minister Al-Khalifi emphasized Doha's efforts to expand all-out political and economic relations with Iran.

## Syria Raps UNHRC's Anti-Iran Resolution

TEHRAN – Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mekdad has denounced a recent anti-Iran resolution adopted by the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), saying it represents Western states' attempt to abuse international mechanisms in service of their own political goals.

Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mekdad made the remark during a phone call with his Iranian counterpart Hussein Amir-Abdollahian on Monday.

"Syria affirms that such arbitrary, unacceptable decisions reflect a continuous method taken by Western states against independent countries in order to implement their destructive agendas in the developing countries,"

the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported, citing the contents of the Syrian top diplomat's conversation with Amir-Abdollahian.

The conversation took place less than a week after the UNHRC convened a meeting at the request of Germany and Iceland in Geneva to discuss alleged human rights violations in Iran during the handling of recent foreign-backed riots in the country.

The inter-governmental body voted to establish an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the purported abuses.

The Syrian foreign minister added that the resolution was passed through West's tremendous pres-

ures on some member countries of the council, and represents a direct violation of the sovereignty of states and their right to follow policies that suit the history and traditions of their people.

Earlier on Monday, the Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned German Ambassador to Iran Hans-Udo Muzel, conveying to him Tehran's strong protest against the "interventionist and baseless statements" of German authorities to the ambassador.

Iran also denounced the passage of the resolution at the UN Human Rights Council as a wrong measure based on a completely politicized and instrumental approach to human rights.

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The Holy Qur'an

Say: If Allah had desired (otherwise) I would not have recited it to you, nor would He have taught it to you; indeed I have lived a lifetime among you before it; do you not then understand?

The Holy Qur'an (10.16)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:53
Evening (Maghreb)	17:11
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:55
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:26

## Top Diplomats Discuss Promotion of Iran-Poland Ties

TEHRAN – The foreign ministers of Iran and Poland weighed plans for the expansion of relations between the two countries.

In a telephone conversation on Monday, Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian and his Polish counterpart Zbigniew Rau talked about the relations between Tehran and Warsaw, consular issues, and a series of international developments.

Hailing the good relations between the two countries, the foreign ministers discussed the latest developments in the bilateral ties and the holding of a joint commission.

Rau pointed to the historical relations between Poland and Iran, stressing that his country considers the ties with Tehran as important.

Describing Iran as Poland's significant partner in the region, Rau also expressed hope that the sanctions removal talks would yield results.

## MP: Iran Must Ignore IAEA Resolution, Keep Up Uranium Enrichment

Tehran - An Iranian lawmaker plays down a Western-drafted resolution recently passed against Iran at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), saying the country must ignore the "hype" and keep up its uranium enrichment.

Jabbar Kouchaki told the Entekhab news portal that the resolution, which was approved by the IAEA's Board of Governors earlier this month, is only part of a hype meant to exert pressure on Iran, and that the country should not pay attention to it.

The resolution, backed by the U.S., the UK, Germany and France, accuses Iran of non-cooperation with the IAEA.

Kouchaki described Iran's retaliatory move to begin enrichment to 60% purity at the Fordow nuclear site as a "positive" step.

The lawmaker said the IAEA has already confirmed the peaceful nature of the Iranian nuclear program but passes hostile resolutions against Tehran "under the influence of enemies."

Enemies of Iran, he added, are now trying to put pressure on Iran from abroad after failing to achieve their goals by fueling riots inside the country.