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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Winds of Change Blowing Across West Asia

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Fasting Ramadhan is a blessed month when the doors of Divine Mercy are flung open for the believers. For an individual, it is the season for taking stock of one's own deeds in order to reform the self, the family, and the society through proper interaction.

For the authorities in charge of the destiny of a nation it is time for reflection on flaws in national, regional, and international policies in order to resolve problems, solidify ties, and discern between friends and the foes of the Ummah.

Wonder, why it takes such a long time for some Muslim states to summon up the courage to rectify mistakes and break free from the enemies' yoke which they had unwittingly put on their own necks.

Anyway, better late than never, and if there is sincerity of intention, the All-Merciful God will indeed open the gates of forgiveness, provided compensation is paid in the proper manner for the wanton destruction that was caused by listening to the satanic whispers of the devilish powers, especially the US.

Perhaps, the positive developments that occurred on Saturday may indicate the awakening from a long sleep that had created inter-Muslim tensions, flamed internecine wars, and allowed an archenemy of the Ummah, such as the illegal Zionist entity, to desecrate the sanctity of Islam's third holiest site, Al-Aqsa Mosque, and taint it with the innocent blood of Palestinian worshippers.

Simultaneous with the arrival of a delegation from Saudi Arabia in the Islamic Republic of Iran for discussion on reopening of their respective embassies in Riyadh and Tehran following the two countries' recent rapprochement in the Chinese capital to the horror of the US, the Saudi ambassador in Aden took a team of his country's officials to land in the Yemeni capital Sana'a and hold talks with the Ansarullah-led legitimate government, shortly after joint neighbour Oman had sent its emissaries for mediation to end the 8-year war.

Mohammed Abdus-Salaam, the chief negotiator of Yemen's National Salvation Government, tweeted that the Yemeni people's demands were just and included an end to the war, the total lifting of the blockade imposed by the aggressors, and payment of the salaries of all civil servants using revenues from the occupied oil and gas resources.

He added that Yemen's demands also included "the exit of all foreign forces, plus compensation and reconstruction."

Hope these just demands will be materialized after eight years of a wanton war fueled by the US, Britain, France, and the Zionist entity, that has resulted in the killing of some four hundred thousand men, women, and children, in addition to the destruction of Yemen's infrastructure, and Israeli infiltration in its island.

At the same time, Saudi Arabia, which after over a decade of tension, sent a delegation to Damascus for restoration of diplomatic ties and officially invited President Bashar al-Assad to attend the forthcoming Arab League summit, should be on full guard against the mischief of the Americans, who in their blind support of Israel, had tried to disintegrate Syria through terrorists and turned Riyadh against Tehran.

The US should not be allowed to meddle in the affairs of the Arab and other Muslim countries. If the regional countries knit their ranks there is no reason for the military presence of the Americans in West Asia.

Thus, to thwart Washington's devilish moves, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Syria, Turkiyeh and all other countries of the region should cooperate and coordinate moves for full backing of the Palestinian cause and the cherished goal of liberation of Bayt al-Moqaddas.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is all too willing to help mobilize the resources of a united Ummah to bring the curtain down on usurper Israel, which is already in the throes of implosion.

Basij to Parade Vessels in Solidarity With Palestinians



IRGC Navy's Basij forces hold maritime drills in the Persian Gulf on Nov. 26, 2020.

TEHRAN – Voluntary sailors in Iran's northern and southern ports and those in a number of ports across the world will attend maritime parades on April 13 to demonstrate solidarity with the people of Palestine, the IRGC Navy commander said Sunday.

Rear Admiral Ali Reza Tangsiri told reporters in Bushehr that the maritime parade is planned to express support for the oppressed people of Palestine and their intifada and to condemn the Zionist regime's brutal and heinous crimes.

Local sailors along the southern and northern coasts of Iran will take part in the parades that will be held simultaneously in a number of ports across the world, the commander stated.

More than 2,500 vessels of the popular Basij forces will participate in the parades to voice support for the Palestinian cause and Intifada.

On Saturday, IRGC chief Major General Hussein Salami said the Zionist regime is stoking tensions

across the occupied lands in order to escape from the Palestinian resistance and avoid retaliatory operations targeting areas deep inside Occupied Palestine.

"The fake and criminal Zionist regime is creating crises across the occupied territories in the hope of staying away from a popular uprising and escaping from Palestinians' resistance, especially from the youths in the West Bank and elsewhere," he said.

The IRGC chief also said the United States is in decline, adding those who once used to blindly follow the U.S. president are now distancing themselves from the White House and its decisions.

Salami touched on the recent riots in Iran, stating that the enemies of Islam had jointly plotted to topple the Islamic establishment, but they failed miserably.

"The U.S., Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the Zionist regime and a number of reactionary regimes in the region, together with several sell-outs, political op-

ponents and refugees, had assembled an evil coalition in order to defeat the Islamic establishment, obliterate Islam from Iran's political scene, and return Iran back to the era before the [1979] Islamic Revolution," he said.

"The enemies did not even hesitate to officially declare that they backed the overthrow of Iran's Islamic Republic. The maximum pressure campaign intensified, strategies of isolation were placed at the heart of the enemies' policies, and a full-scale psychological warfare was openly waged against the Iranian nation, the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khamanei and the IRGC," Salami noted.

"However, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution and the great Iranian nation successfully thwarted sanctions, pressures, psychological warfare, destabilizing bids, harboring opponents and even threats of military action, which were among the enemy's mechanisms, thorough resistance and steadfastness," the IRGC chief said.

Qalibaf: Zionist Regime in Weakest Position Ever

TEHRAN -- Iran's parliament speaker on Sunday vehemently condemned the recent Israeli aggression on Al-Aqsa Mosque and Palestinian worshippers in the holy fasting month of Ramadan, warning that a harsh and crushing punishment from the resistance awaits the occupying regime over its barbaric violence.

Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf made the remark in an address at the onset of a plenary session in the Iranian legislature on Sunday, following the Israeli regime's continued desecration of al-Aqsa and violent raid against Palestinian worshippers performing Ramadan-related rituals at the holy site.

"I strongly condemn the desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque, the first qibla (direction) of Muslims, and the arrest and beating of pilgrims and worshipers in that holy place, and the brutal attacks of the Zionist regime on the Gaza Strip and southern Lebanon," Muhammad Baqer Qalibaf said.

"For decades, the Zionist regime has turned into an unrestrained and increasingly criminal killing machine by violating all international laws," he added.

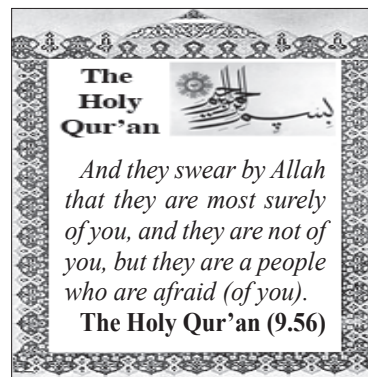
He called on all Muslims across the world to stay united in support of their valiant and resistant brothers and sisters in Palestine and

stand up for the cause of the Holy Quds on this year's Quds Day, the last Friday of Ramadan.

"Today, the Zionist regime is in its weakest state in history, and the resistance front's clout has forced the regime to react cravenly. The Zionist regime knows that, based on the strength of the resistance front, a harsh and crushing punishment awaits them on the promised day," Qalibaf noted.

Heavily armed Israeli forces stormed the al-Aqsa Mosque compound on Tuesday night, firing tear gas and stun grenades into the Qibli prayer hall, where hundreds

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PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	12:06
Evening (Maghreb)	18:52
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:38
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:11

Expert: Netanyahu Apologetic on Targeting Advisors

TEHRAN -- A senior Iranian expert on regional issues says Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent multiple indirect messages to Iran saying the regime's military did not want to assassinate the two military advisers of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), who were martyred in an Israeli airstrike near Damascus last month.

"Netanyahu has sent messages through Jordanians, Egyptians, Qataris and the French that Israel had no intention whatsoever to strike Iran's positions" in Syria, Sadullah Zarei told IRIB Ofogh television network.

He said Netanyahu has even stated that Israel "had planned to carry out a regular airstrike against a certain area and had earlier checked out to make sure that no Iranian military personnel was stationed in close proximity."

Netanyahu has also underscored that "Israel did not want to kill the IRGC military advisers on purpose, and it was rather an accident," Zarei added.

The expert said Palestinian and Lebanese resistance forces have inflicted heavy losses on Israeli military forces and extremist Jewish settlers over the past few days, killing and injuring a large number of them in retaliatory attacks.

He said fighters from the Axis of Resistance have fired barrages of rockets into Israeli-occupied lands in response to the martyrdom of Iranian advisors, violent raids on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and Palestinian worshippers observing the holy fasting month of Ramadan, as well as the bombardment of several sites in Syria, the Gaza Strip, and southern Lebanon.

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Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

19th day

“اَللّٰهُمَّ وَفِّرْ فِيْهِ حِطٰى مِنْ بَرَكَاتِهِ، وَسَهِّلْ سَبِيْلِيْ
اِلٰى خَيْرَاتِهِ، وَلَا تَحْرِمْ مِنْى قَبُوْلَ حَسَنَاتِهِ،
يَا هَادِيًّا اِلَى الْحَقِّ الْبَيِّنِ .”

“O Allah, Let me have an ample share of (this month's) blessings, and make easy for me the path of righteousness and deprive me not of its bounties. O One Who guide to the right path.”

Assad Decorates Outgoing Iranian Ambassador

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – President Bashar al-Assad has awarded outgoing Iranian ambassador to Damascus Mahdi Sobhani with the Order of Civil Merit of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The medal was presented by the Assistant Foreign and Expatriates Minister Ayman Sousan in a farewell ceremony held at the Dama Rose Hotel in Damascus, SANA reported.

Sobhani received the award for his efforts in developing

Syria-Iran relations and for his dedication to carrying out his duties as his country's ambassador to Syria.

Sousan praised Sobhani's important role in consolidating relations between the two countries and expressed his high appreciation for Iran's support for Syria during the war.

Sobhani expressed his gratitude to Assad for granting him the medal, saying that Syria-Iran relations are deep and strategic.