

**Minister: Iran Building Largest Launch Base in West Asia**

TEHRAN – Iran's minister of communications and information technology (ICT) said Sunday the country is building the largest space launch base in the West Asian region. Issa Zarepour said the country will launch another satellite by the end of the current Iranian calendar year on March 20. Important events have taken place in the space industry of the country, the ICT minister said, putting the number of satellite launches in the country since the administration of President Ebrahim Raisi took office in August 2021 at 11. He expressed hope that the country will soon increase the number of space launches.

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**Patients Under Seven to Receive Free Treatment**

TEHRAN – Deputy Minister of Health and Medical Education Saeid Karim on Sunday announced that Iran is to provide free treatment to patients under seven years of age in all public hospitals.

This initiative, approved by the Iranian cabinet, will soon be communicated to all universities of medical sciences, public hospitals, and medical centers. Additionally, medical treatment for 33 million Iranians residing in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents, villages, and nomadic tribes has been made free of charge, he said.

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## Khaiber Continues to Horrify Forces of Darkness

**By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz**

Today, the 24<sup>th</sup> of Rajab is anniversary of an immortal day in the history of civilization – a day God Almighty granted Islam a decisive victory of the progenitors of modern-day Zionists. It is the day that has continued to inspire Muslim to strive for the cause of God, even against heavy odds to confront the forces of darkness, which in our own times are a disgrace to humanity, such as the racist child-killing entity called Israel and its chief supporter, the super terrorist known as the United States of America, which have joined together to unleash a holocaust on the defenceless people of Gaza, slaughtering over the past four months some 28,000 civilians, most of whom are women and children.

It was on this day in 7 AH (629 AD) that a heavily built Israelite warlord, clad in what appeared to be the most impregnable of armour, seated on a caparisoned steed and equipped with a variety of razor sharp weapons, thundered in typical Zionist arrogance: **"I am Marhab as all Khaibar knows."** To his surprise, however, the youthful adversary confronting him was hardly impressed. Without the least awe he planted the standard firmly in the ground and stared boldly in the eyes of Marhab. The Israelite warrior was surprised. The youth confronting him today was unlike those who had been approaching the strongly fortified Israelite bastion almost every day over the past weeks only to flee at the battle cry uttered by the veritable giant that Marhab was.

The youth retorted in a calm and confident voice: **"My mother has named me Haidar (a courageous lion)."**

The answer unnerved Marhab. The champion of the progenitors of modern day Zionists became terrified. His mind flashed across memory lane. It seems he once had a dream of a lion tearing him apart and his mother who was kind of soothsayer had told him never to fight with a person having the noble attributes of a lion. Yet vain pride coupled with devilish designs against the Muslims egged him to take on his adversary.

The duel ensued, and soon, to the surprise of the Muslim forces watching in nervous silence and ready to turn back and flee if the Israelite warrior wins, the champion of all Zionism lay lifeless on the ground, cut in two halves by the redoubtable twin-bladed sword **"Dhu'l-Feqar"**.

Today on the anniversary of this historic event over a millennium and four centuries ago that took place some 150 km north of Medina, it is worth recalling the immortal words of the Prophet on the eve of the epic battle:

**"Tomorrow, I will entrust the standard to a man who is an intrepid attacker (karraar) and who never flees (ghayra farrar). Who loves Allah and His Messenger and (in turn) is loved by Allah and the Messenger. Allah, the Glorious will deliver Khaibar at his hand."**

As morning dawned, all the companions of the Prophet even those who had regularly been fleeing from the battlefield and were apparently plotting compromise with what they regarded as a superior enemy because of their lack of complete faith in the Prophet and in God's promise to the Muslims, wished to have the honour. Here, let me quote the prominent Sunni compiler of hadith Bukhari from his book Sahih:

**"The Messenger of Allah said at Khaibar: 'The next day I shall give the standard to a man through whom Allah will bring victory.' The companions spent the night asking each other: Who is this man whom the Prophet meant? In the morning as they approached the Messenger of Allah hoping that one of them would of the standard, he asked: 'Where is Ali ibn Abi Talib?' They said: He is suffering from inflammation of the eyes. The Prophet sent for him and when Ali came the Prophet treated Ali's eyes with his blessed saliva and prayed for him. Ali's eyes cured instantly as if they had not been sore. On receiving the standard from the Prophet, Ali asked: 'O Messenger of Allah, shall I fight them until they become Muslims like us?' The Messenger of Allah said: 'Go on, until you reach their fortress. Invite them to Islam and inform them of their duty towards Allah and Islam. By Allah, if He guides one single soul through you to the right way, it would be better for you than to own a huge treasure.'"**

What lessons do we draw from this decisive battle following which the Prophet did not raze entire townships like the Zionists are doing in Gaza and committing one of the worst genocides in the history of civilization?

He allowed the defeated Israelites to remain peacefully in possessions of their homes and to cultivate their lands until they were eventually guided to Islam thanks to the heroic person-to-person combat of Imam Ali (AS)

And what were the Israelites doing in Arabia?

The Israelites of Khaibar were the descendants of a group of God-fearing Jews, who frustrated with the emerging signs of Zionism that was still in its embryonic stage and aware of the promise of God in the heavenly scriptures that the Last Divine Messenger will appear in Arabia had decided to migrate to this land to await his advent. Centuries later, however, when Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) proclaimed his divine mission and invited all mankind to Islam, the Jews of Khaibar who had long deviated from Mosaic laws adopted hostile and aggressive attitudes towards Muslims by conspiring with the Arab infidels. When their mischief exceeded all bounds, the Prophet approached Khaibar and invited them to Islam. They arrogantly refused and soon, despite initial success ancient Zionism floundered in the sands of Arabia.

The moral of this immortal event is that without Imam Ali (AS) and adherence to his enlightened path, Zionism and the various other devilish doctrines cannot be defeated.

In our own times, Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, have demonstrated the modern world the magic formula of reciting **"Naad-e Aliyan Mazhar al-Aja'eb"** (Invoke Ali the Manifestor of Wonders) that has plunged the Zionists and their backers in nightmares.

The Iranians have stood steadfast to this formula as is evident for the past four-and-a-half decades during the memorable days of the victory of the Islamic Revolution, during the 8-year sacred defence against Saddam's godless Ba'ath minority regime, during the Takfiri terrorism and throughout the illegal sanctions of the US.

Today, the Iraqis are all set to frustrate the joint US-Zionist plots by recovering their Alawid roots, and so are the heroic people of Yemen. The moment the people of Palestinian and other Muslim lands discover the wonders of this talisman, Zionism will evaporate like thin air.

Incidentally, the Prophet said on this remarkable victory: **"O' Ali! Had I not been afraid that the Muslims would start regarding you as the Christians regard Jesus, I would have said things about you which would have made the Muslims venerate you and to consider the dust of your feet something worth venerating; but it will suffice to say that you are from me and I am from you; you will be nearest to me on the Day of Judgment; you will be next to me at the Fountain of Kawthar; enmity to you is enmity to me; war against you is a war against me; your friendship is my friendship; to be at peace with you is to be at peace with me; your flesh is my flesh; your blood is my blood; whoever obeys you obeys me; truth is on your tongue, in your heart, and in your mind. You have as much faith in Allah as I have. You are a door unto me. As per the order of Allah, I give you these tidings that your friends will be rewarded in heaven and your enemies are doomed for hell."**

## Gaza Fighters Hunt Zionist Troops as Rafah Invasion Looms



**Palestinian children are seen among targeted building and surrounding structures by the Zionist military in the Jeneenah neighborhood, Rafah, Gaza on February 03, 2024.**

DOHA/GAZA/AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Palestinian fighters kept up attacks against Zionist forces on Sunday in the Gaza Strip's two main cities, weeks after they were overrun by troops and tanks, in a sign Hamas still maintains control ahead of any potential truce.

Nearly four months into the war triggered by the resistance

group's deadly assault on the occupying regime of Israel, there was persistent fighting in Gaza City in the north of the densely populated enclave, and in Khan Younis in the south.

The Zionist regime said last week its main focus was now Rafah, on the southern border with Egypt, which has piled pressure on the hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians who have fled their homes elsewhere and are sheltering there.

The advance on Rafah is also a worry for Cairo, which has said it would not admit any influx of Palestinian refugees in what it describes a bid to prevent any permanent dispossession.

Palestinians reported Israeli tank shelling and airstrikes there,

## Hashd al-Sha'abi Demands Withdrawal of U.S. Troops

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- The head of Iraq's Hashd al-Sha'abi alliance on Sunday demanded the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the country following deadly strikes.

"They targeted administration offices, a (Hashd) hospital, they struck forces tasked with protecting the borders," Faleh al-Fayyad said at a funeral ceremony for members of the group killed in the U.S. strikes.

"Targeting the Hashd al-Sha'abi is playing with fire," he warned.

## U.S. House Approves \$17bn in Military Aid to Israel

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- Legislation providing \$17.6 billion in new military assistance to the occupying regime of Israel as it wages war on Gaza was unveiled on Saturday in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The funding bill, offered by a House Appropriations panel, could come to a vote in the full House sometime this week, Speaker Mike Johnson said in a letter to members.

The Republican-controlled House had previously approved

## Ansarullah: U.S., UK Strikes Will Not Deter Yemen

SANAA (Dispatches) -- Yemen's Ansarullah movement said Sunday U.S. and British airstrikes "will not deter us" and vowed a response after the country under the latest aerial aggression.

The joint air raids in Yemen late Saturday followed a separate wave of unilateral American strikes on Iraq and Syria after three U.S. soldiers were killed in Jordan.

It was the third time that British and American forces have jointly targeted Yemen, whose operations in solidarity with Palestin-

\$14.3 billion in new military aid to the Zionist regime, but with the requirement that it be paid for by clawing back a chunk of money already targeted for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

The Democratic-controlled Senate balked at that provision and is expected to unveil a legislative package that would aid Israel as well as provide more military assistance for Ukraine in its war against Russia.

That same Senate bill is also expected

capabilities of Yemen's armed forces to conduct their attacks against Israeli interests.

Neither Austin nor the joint statement identified the specific places that were hit, but Yemen's military spokesman Yahya Saree said the capital Sanaa and other areas were targeted.

Saree reported a total of 48 airstrikes, and said on social media platform X that "these attacks will not deter us from our... stance in support of the steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip," where the Israeli invasion has

raged since early October.

The latest strikes "will not pass without response and punishment", Saree said.

Analysts have said the U.S. and British escalation could derail efforts to broker a ceasefire between Yemen and a Saudi-backed military coalition.

A UN-brokered truce in April 2022 brought a sharp reduction in hostilities, and while it had long expired, Yemen's war has since largely remained on hold.

Yemen began targeting Red Sea

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