

Iran's Thwarting of US-Zionist Destabilization Plots

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The yardstick to measure a country's progress, development, independence, and spirit of freedom, is its tapping of indigenous talents based on faith, ethical values, and humanitarian principles, as well as its positive influence on the peoples, movements, and independent governments of the region and beyond.

It means that a country which merely imports technology, depends on foreign experts, apes the culture of unethical societies, mortgages national prestige, has no moral qualms, does not represent the people it rules, and depends on outsiders to cling to power at home, suppresses religious aspirations, destabilizes other states, promotes the interests of its overlords in its national, regional and international policies, and applies cosmetic measures to present the deceptive picture of cities with clean roads, tall buildings, luxurious car models shipped in from abroad, and the latest gadgets freely available in the market but bought from overseas, cannot be considered progressive.

Today, forty-five years after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, a cursory but comparative glance at republican Iran's achievements at home and abroad and the Anglo-American client state that Iran of the pre-1979 years was, should be enough to convince any impartial observer of the spectacular success that people's power has made it possible.

This progress and development whose fruits are crystal clear in the fields of academic learning, scientific advancement, modern technology, heavy industries, medicine, hypersonic means of defence, mastery of the nuclear fuel cycle and aerospace, as well as in culture, arts, architecture, agriculture, urban areas, women's rights, safeguarding of the national heritage, preservation of the natural environment, and above all presentation of religious values in the most rational manner, have been achieved despite the blind hostility of the US.

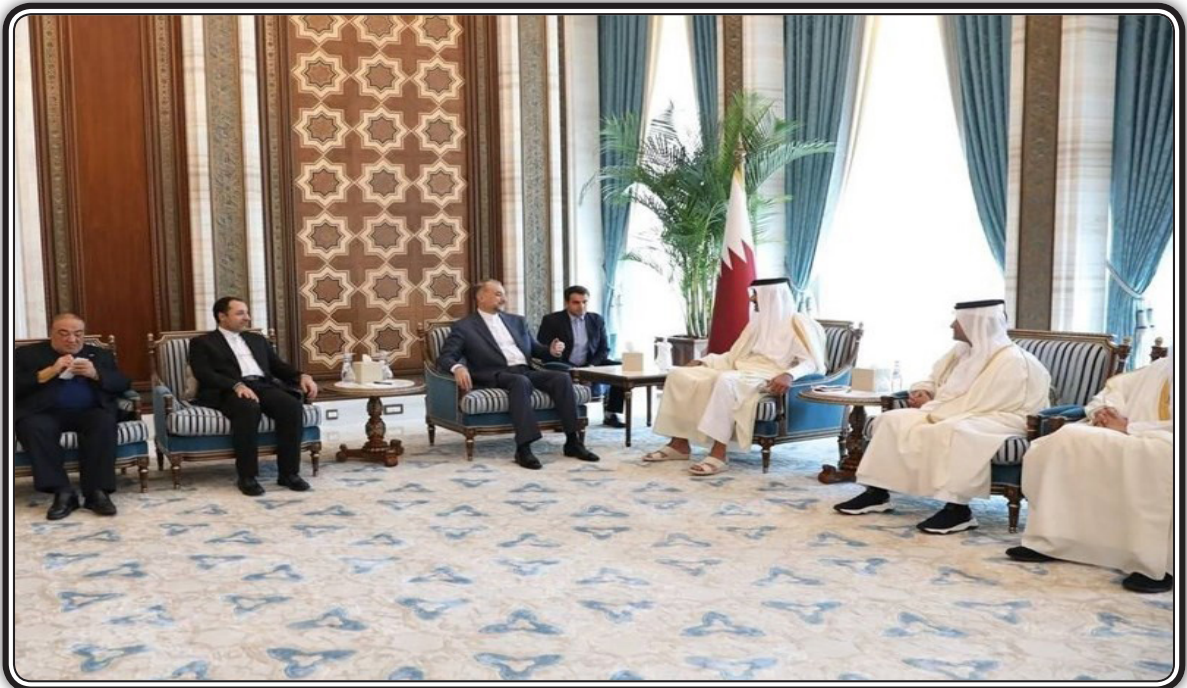
In other words, the successive regimes in Washington over the past four-and-a-half decades, in complicity with certain West European regimes, have subjected Islamic Iran to a wide variety of illegal sanctions, freezing of billions of dollars of its money in foreign banks, denial of its rights at international forums, relentless propaganda tirade, a failed invasion, a destructive 8-year war, terrorism by state and non-state actors, and the treason of a few faithless elements acting as mercenaries of the West to undermine and sell their own homeland.

In between was and still is, the cowardly campaign of assassination of Iranian scientists and senior defence personnel by the illegal Zionist entity and its terrorist godfather the US, both of whom have miserably failed to mar the marvelous march forward of the Islamic Republic.

This is the reason that Iran is viewed as the principal factor of stability for the whole region with several countries, although under pressure to grant privileges to the US, have mended fences with Tehran and have started cooperation in various fields – all of which augur well for a future free of American hegemony.

As for the liberation movements and the freedom-loving masses in the region and beyond, their inspiration is definitely Iran with the firm conviction that their total independence will only be achieved through friendly and fraternal ties with the Islamic Republic and its goal of not just clearing our part of the world from the CENTCOM terrorists but the eventual weeding out of the cancerous tumour called Israel, which is definitely in the throes of death as is obvious by its US-supported carnage in Gaza to avert the inevitable.

FM Amir-Abdollahian Praises 'Constructive' Tehran-Doha Ties



Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, met and held talks with Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in Doha on February 13, 2024.

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has praised the "constructive" relations of cooperation between the Islamic Republic and Qatar on regional and international issues.

The minister says the full implementation of agreements between the two countries would help consolidate relations.

He made the remarks in a meeting with Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on Tuesday.

The Iranian foreign minister also hailed Qatar's mediating role in certain cases related to Iran.

Cooperation between Tehran and Doha, Amir-Abdollahian said, contributes to regional and international peace and stability.

On Israel's bloody war in the besieged Gaza Strip, Iran's foreign minister underscored the need for accelerating joint efforts by Tehran and Doha towards a political solution.

The minister denounced Washington's "contradictory" approach towards Israel's hostilities.

The United States attacks Yemen, Iraq and Syria, Amir-Abdollahian said, and at the same time claims it does not want to expand the scope of war in the region.

The Emir of Qatar, for his part, said the Tehran-Doha ties are closer

than ever, which demonstrates the two countries' progress in advancing relations.

He appreciated Iran's diplomatic efforts in supporting the Palestinians and pursuing a political solution to end the war in Gaza.

Earlier on Monday night, in a meeting with his Qatari counterpart Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Amir-Abdollahian said that the United States lacks the sincerity in contribution to the political settlement of the war against Gaza.

In the meeting, Amir-Abdollahian hailed the growing trend of bilateral relations between Iran and Qatar.

He noted that cooperation and consultations between Iran and Qatar regarding the regional developments are constructive and serve the mutual interests of the two countries as well as the collective stability and security of the region.

Referring to the shared view of Tehran and Doha regarding the need to immediately end the Zionist regime's war on Gaza and its genocidal campaign in the region, Amir-Abdollahian enumerated Iran's latest diplomatic moves to achieve that goal.

He also denounced the Zionist regime's threat to launch a ground

attack on Rafah, saying the U.S. government announces plans on preventing the spillover of the war across the region but at the same time, it has not reduced its arms supplies to the Zionist regime, the Foreign Ministry's website reported.

The top Iranian diplomat added that reaching an agreement and a political solution to end the war on Gaza can come to fruition, provided that America chooses between the continuation of the war and a ceasefire in action, and not in words.

He also praised the diplomatic efforts of Qatar in order to achieve a ceasefire and end the war on Gaza, noting that the U.S. government is not sincere in helping find a political solution to the war.

He emphasized that Hamas and the Palestinian resistance showed their goodwill and prudence in sticking to the political solution, but it is clear that Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, still prioritizes the option of war, and the U.S. government also practically supports the war.

For his part, Qatar's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani described the relations between Doha and Tehran

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Ministry Blasts U.S. Confiscation of Venezuelan Plane

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani on Tuesday condemned the U.S. move to confiscate a Boeing 747 cargo plane belonging to Venezuela's Emtrasur airline.

In a statement, Kanaani blasted the U.S. "illegal" seizure and transfer of the Venezuelan Boeing 747 cargo plane.

Denouncing the "unjust appropriation" of the plane, the spokesman said it amounts to a hijack, a result of the U.S. unilateral coercive measures, and a violation of

the UN Charter and the basic principles of international law.

He also expressed Iran's decisive support for Venezuela's legal and diplomatic efforts and measures to reclaim the plane and have access to its properties.

The U.S. government has seized a Boeing 747 cargo plane that officials allege was previously sold by a sanctioned Iranian airline to Venezuela in violation of American export control laws.

The Justice Department said on Monday that the American-built

plane had arrived in Florida and would be disposed of.

The plane had earlier been transferred from Iranian airline Mahan Air to Emtrasur, a Venezuelan cargo airline and subsidiary of a state-owned firm that had previously been sanctioned by the U.S., according to the AP.

American officials claim that the sale, done without U.S. government authorization, violated export control laws. Mahan Air of Iran has for years been subject to U.S. government sanctions.

Iran's Judiciary Chief Visits Iraq

TEHRAN - The head of Iran's Judiciary Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei has traveled to neighboring Iraq for talks on judicial cooperation.

Mohseni-Ejei departed for Iraq on Tuesday in response to the official invitation of the chairman of the Iraqi Supreme Judicial Council Faiq Zidane.

Iran's chief of justice's visit also is aimed at bolstering

legal and judicial relations between Iran and Iraq.

Before departure, Ejei told reporters that Iran and Iraq have high-level relations in the field of legal and judicial issues.

"The chairman of the Iraqi Supreme Judicial Council Faiq Zidane invited me to visit his country so that the consultations and communication

between the two countries regarding bilateral legal and judicial issues, as well as regional and global issues in this area, will continue and further expand," he said.

"Clearly, one of the issues to be followed up during the trip to Iraq is the issue of terrorism, for which a joint committee between Iran and Iraq has been formed," he added.

The Holy Qur'an

Surely We have revealed it-- an Arabic Quran-- that you may understand. We narrate to you the best of narratives, by Our revealing to you this Quran, though before this you were certainly one of those who did not know.

The Holy Qur'an (12.2)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	18:03
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:53
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:28

IRGC Warns of Harsh Retaliatory Naval Blow to Enemies

TEHRAN - The commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hussein Salami on Tuesday said that Iran has the upper hand in all arenas of confrontation with the enemy, and cautioned the adversaries that they will receive a major setback if they take any action against Iranian vessels.

In a meeting with the retired and incumbent IRGC commanders and officials, held in Tehran, Major General Salami said the IRGC and Basij forces of Iran have checkmated the enemies in all arenas.

The IRGC has gained such great power that it emerges victorious in every battlefield, either the military war theater or the cyberwar against the enemy, he added.

"If a war of ships erupts and they hit our vessels, we will definitely hit the same number, or even more, of theirs," the general warned.

He also noted that the IRGC is capable of "forming power externally" and defeating the enemy in the exterior battlefields.

Highlighting Iran's success in foiling the "international sedition" that emerged amid the riots of autumn 2022, Major General Salami said the IRGC has even disappointed the enemy's plans for poverty in Iran and has engaged in schemes to address underdevelopment.

In remarks in August 2023, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei described the IRGC as the biggest anti-terrorism organization in the world, saying the efficient and independent entity can carry out missions many armies of the world are incapable of doing.