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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

People's Power, the Backbone of Islamic Iran

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The power, prestige, and progress of a country stems from the prudence of its people, since without the strength of the masses and their support no system of government can be considered truly independent and capable of playing positive roles on the national, regional, and international scenes.

The Islamic Republic of Iran presents the finest example in this regard, as is fully evident by the Iranian people's firm faith in God, gratitude for His Favours, pride in their culture, love for the homeland, ingenuity in overcoming hurdles, awareness of world affairs, acumen in differentiating good from evil, confidence in confronting the enemies, creativeness in science and technology, and above all devotion to the leadership.

Time and again, the Iranian people through their huge presence on the scenes – the latest being last week's multimillion-strong nationwide rallies on the 45th anniversary of the victory of the Islamic Revolution – have shown to the world their resolve in guaranteeing the stability of the country and its ever-increasing influence on the region and beyond.

This has been the main factor in the continued defeat of the devilish plots of the US and its comrades-in crimes against humanity to try to re-impose upon the Iranian people some sort of foreign hegemony through traitors and mercenaries being nurtured in Washington, London, Paris, and Berlin.

Gone are the days, when imperial Britain held the Qajarid kings in ransom and removed the last of them (Ahmad Shah) while he was visiting Europe on one of his pleasure trips by simply ordering him not to return to Tehran, where London had decided to install on the Peacock Throne one of its servants, an illiterate soldier of dubious descent, named Reza Khan.

Soon in 1941, after fifteen destructive years in power, this slavish 'Pahlavi' king was ordered by the British embassy in Tehran to pack up and leave Iran within a week, and when without the least protest he meekly requested a month's time, he was bluntly told that no ruler of any client regime can question London's commandments.

In 1953, when the next Pahlavi potentate fled Iran from the people's uprising, which in those days lacked any firm leadership, he was restored to the throne in Tehran through a joint Anglo-American coup carried out by a mercenary general.

For the next quarter century this rootless, repressive, and foreign-imposed ruler whole-heartedly served the interests of the US, the UK, and the newly planted illegally Zionist entity in Palestine called Israel.

With the rise on the political scene of an astute scholar, the charismatic Imam Khomeini (RA), who solidified the masses, domestic despotism and foreign hegemony ended, and in February 1979 Iran, with people's support, emerged as a truly independent Islamic country – neither aligned to the communist east nor to the capitalist west.

Such an aware and conscientious people who have transformed Iran into the paramount power of the region, and have positively influenced the neighbourhood by infusing the indomitable spirit to confront global arrogance and mobilize all resources for wiping out the cobweb called Israel, can never be deceived or defeated by the devilish enemies.

IRGC Chief: Iran Able to Fight Wars From Afar



Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) test-fires a long-range ballistic missile from a military vessel on February 13, 2024.

TEHRAN -- The chief commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) on Wednesday underscored the force's sophisticated capabilities in maritime wars and says the IRGC never leaves unanswered any aggression on Iranian soil.

Major General Hussein Salami made the remarks in a ceremony showcasing the IRGC's speed-boats and naval technologies in the southern port city of Bushehr.

Gen. Salami pointed to Iran's high-tech maritime capabilities and said building a navy capable of neutralizing the enemy's threats is the "most important component" of a country's deterrence power, stressing that a strong naval power must "have something to say" in the face of the world's naval powers.

Expressing the IRGC's full preparedness for maritime wars, the top commander said, "We are 100% ready and have achieved capabilities to 'fight wars from afar.'" Salami said the IRGC has made

remarkable headway in maritime war technologies and naval navigation, adding that no aggression will be left unanswered.

"Naval navigation in naval warfare must be completely strong and distinct. In naval warfare, it is a battle of technologies; where we are attacked, we have not left any aggression without a response and, henceforth, we will not leave any unanswered."

The IRGC Navy and the IRGC Aerospace Force on Monday for the first time test-fired a Zolfagar-class ballistic missile from one of its warships, which successfully struck its designated target in the Kavir Desert in central Iran.

The missile, with a range of 750 kilometers, was fired from Shahid Mahdavi aircraft carrier, which is a multipurpose vessel for long-range operations and is furnished with missiles, air defense systems, and radars.

Gen. Salami said the new achievement had extended the IR-

GC's range of influence and naval power up to any desired spot in the world. "Our oceangoing warships can be present in every location across the world, and when we can fire missiles from them, there is accordingly no safe spot for anyone intending to create insecurity for us."

Iranian military experts and engineers have in recent years made remarkable breakthroughs in manufacturing a broad range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient.

Iranian officials say the Islamic Republic will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, including its missile power, which are entirely meant for defense.

Iran has made it clear that its defense capabilities are not subject to negotiation.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has frequently called for efforts to maintain and boost Iran's defense capabilities.

Defense Minister: U.S. Support Could Lead to Major Crisis

TEHRAN -- Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Muhammad-Reza Ashtiani has warned that the United States' support for Israel in its genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip could lead to a "major crisis" in West Asia.

Ashtiani made the remarks during a meeting with Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Iran Abdullah bin Saud al-Anzi here, as concerns grow about a spillover of Israel's U.S.-backed Gaza war, which has dragged on for more than four

months.

"Today's conditions in the region are sensitive and complex," he said. "The U.S. and Westerners' intervention and support can complicate the security conditions in the region and cause a major regional crisis."

The defense minister further condemned the Israeli genocide and war crimes in Gaza, stressing that the Zionist regime has not achieved and will not achieve any of its declared objectives in the besieged

Palestinian territory.

"Palestine is the prime issue of the Islamic world and the entire globe. It is necessary for the Muslim countries, especially the important regional states, to act decisively and take a more coordinated stance in this regard to fulfill their religious and humanitarian duty."

Additionally in his remarks, Ashtiani said that Iran and Saudi Arabia, as two Muslim countries and important actors, play an effective

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Network Stable After Terrorist Attack on Gas Pipelines

TEHRAN -- Iranian Minister of Petroleum Javad Owji said Wednesday a "terrorist sabotage" attack has targeted two main gas transmission pipelines in the country's southwestern province of Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari as well as the southern province of Fars, causing a massive explosion and a subsequent fire.

Speaking on the sidelines of a cabinet session here, Owji said that groups of saboteurs blew up the transmission lines in several locations at around 1 a.m. local time on Wednesday (2130 GMT Tuesday).

He went on to note that the National Iranian Gas Company

(NIGC) has well managed to bring the situation under control since early hours of the day.

"Personnel at oil and gas installations had already been put on high alert. We knew that enemies would attempt to create challenges for the [Iranian] nation in the wake of recent regional developments and mass turnout of people in rallies marking the 45th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution," Owji said.

The Iranian oil minister said repair work on the affected pipelines is underway, and hopefully the flow on the pipelines will resume in less than 12-14 hours.

The terrorist attack on Iran's major gas transmission lines comes as anti-Iran media outlets had been suggesting assaults on the Iranian energy sector over the past few months, and some U.S. Senators had even called for the bombing of Iran's oil and gas infrastructure.

Last year, U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, suggested the U.S. should threaten Iranian oil infrastructure if the conflict between the occupying regime of Israel and Palestinian resistance group Hamas continues to escalate.

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The Holy Qur'an

And thus will your Lord choose you and teach you the interpretation of sayings and make His favor complete to you and to the children of Yaqoub, as He made it complete before to your fathers, Ibrahim and Ishaq.

The Holy Qur'an (12.6)

PRAYER TIMINGS

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|------------------------|-------|
| Noon (Zohr) | 12:18 |
| Evening (Maghreb) | 18:04 |
| Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow" | 06:52 |
| Sunrise "Tomorrow" | 05:27 |

Destroying Zionist F-35 Hangars Simulated

TEHRAN -- Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has simulated using ballistic missiles to destroy hangars housing the Israeli regime's United States-purchased F-35 warplanes.

The simulation took place during an exercise that was carried out by the Corps on Tuesday on the occasion of the National Guards Day, Iran's Tasnim news agency reported.

The drill saw the IRGC firing enhanced versions of its Emad and Qadr ballistic missiles against the F-35 hangars located inside a mock-up of the occupying regime's Palmachim Airbase.

The ballistic missiles used during the drill boasted enhanced explosive nosecones as well as increased range and precision.

According to Tasnim, the enhanced version of the Emad liquid-fuel missiles struck the targets lying 1,700 kilometers (1056 miles) away with a margin of error of less than four meters.

Located 12 kilometers (seven miles) south of the city of Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean coast, Palmachim Airbase serves as the main facility housing the regime's much-vaunted F-35 aircraft.

Speaking at the same airbase last month, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu allegedly threatened the Islamic Republic with military action.

The Islamic Republic has repeatedly warned that it would never initiate a military action against another party, but would respond decisively and with its utmost power in case it came under attack.

Earlier this month, a senior IRGC commander warned the Israeli regime that endangering the Islamic Republic's interests anywhere in the world would not go unanswered.

Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan, the IRGC's deputy commander for operations, said, "This fake regime knows very well that it has received the answer to its evils daily. Whenever we decide, we will not hesitate to protect our interests and the Islamic Revolution, respond to Israeli acts of mischief with great force, and preserve the blood of our martyrs."