

## Pakistani Envoy: Time to Turn New Leaf With Iran

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) – Pakistani Ambassador to Iran Muhammad Mudassar Tipu, who left for Tehran on Friday to resume his diplomatic mission, said the time is ripe for turning a new leaf in bilateral relations. “In conformity with the sincere & good wishes of Pakistan’s leadership, I am en route to Tehran,” Mudassar Tipu wrote on his X account. “Ever more determined to work for a more robust, stronger & peace-loving Pakistan,” he added. “Strong Pakistan & Iran are critical for region & to promote historic people to people ties. Time to turn a new leaf.” Earlier on Thursday, Pakistani Foreign Minister Jaitil Abbas Jilani said that the upcoming visit by his Iranian counterpart Hussein Amir-Abdollahian to Islamabad is a step toward consolidating mutual anti-terrorism cooperation.



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## Saudi Scholar, Iranian Envoy Call for Muslim Unity

RIYADH (Dispatches) – Iran’s Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ali-Reza Enayati said Friday unity among the Muslims and the solidarity among the Islamic countries will lead to growing the capabilities of the Islamic World. Islamic centers and scholars of Islam can play a leading role in strengthening the position of Islam in the global equations, he said during a meeting here with Secretary General of Muslim World League Muhammad al-Issa. For his part, Al-Issa stressed the importance of fostering solidarity despite the variety of religions.

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## In Remembrance of an Immortal Lady

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

*“Whoever cries on the sufferings of this girl is like the one cried for (the sufferings of)] her two brothers, Hasan and Husain –peace upon them.”*

These words were expressed by Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) on the birth of his granddaughter, Zainab (SA), whose martyrdom anniversary we commemorate every year on the 15th of Rajab. It is said that after naming her, he took her in his arms, pressed his cheek to her cheek and cried incessantly until his beard was soaked with tears. Asked by his daughter, Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), the reason for his grief, he said: *“Gabriel has just informed me that after you, she will suffer from great afflictions.”*

Hazrat Zahra (SA) cried as well, along with her husband, Imam Ali (peace upon him), and had inquired her father about the divine reward for those who would shed tears for her daughter’s sufferings. The Heroine of Karbala needs no introduction. Her saga is eternal. Till the end of the world, wherever the heartrending tragedy of Karbala is commemorated, and whenever the name of Imam Husain (AS) is mentioned, his sister’s name will be there as well. It was Zainab SA), who with patience carried the battle to the enemy’s camp, and through her eloquent sermons in the courts of the tyrants in Kufa and Damascus, shook the foundations of the Omayyad regime. By holding the life-inspiring mourning ceremonies she universalized and immortalized the message of the Martyr of Karbala. She was a paragon of patience, who endured the most tragic events in the history of mankind with dignity and firm faith in the Lord Most High. The phrase that the Lord of the Age, the Prophet’s 12th and Last Heir, Imam Mahdi (may God hasten his reappearance) has used in the famous *“Ziyarat-e Nahiya”* for Imam Husain (AS) could also be applied for Hazrat Zainab (SA). It reads: *“Indeed, the angels of heaven wonder at your patience.”*

Hazrat Zainab (SA) was undoubtedly the paragon of patience and never for a moment did she ever show emotion or other negative traits. In accordance with the benefits of patience as mentioned in the Holy Qur’an (over 70 ayahs) she exercised self-control in the midst of most menacing calamities. On the Day of Ashura in Karbala, she gave permission to her two young sons, Aun and Mohammad, to march to the battlefield and when after a brave fight the two achieved martyrdom, the aggrieved mother prostrated in thanks to God for accepting her sacrifice.

Hazrat Zainab (SA), like a true scion of the progeny of the Prophets Abraham and Ishmael, demonstrated to the world the practical meaning of patience throughout all those heart-rending scenes at Karbala when her dear brother Imam Husain (AS) achieved martyrdom; when almost all male members of the household were gruesomely killed in front of her eyes; when the heads of martyrs were inhumanly mounted on lances; when the encampment was burned by enemy soldiers; when the orphans were mercilessly thrashed for crying; when her bed-ridden nephew Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS) was flogged by the seemingly victorious hordes, and last but not the least; when the captives were deliberately taken past the unburied corpses of their dear ones lying without shrouds under the hot and burning sun. Never for instance did her feet falter.

It was thus the sister’s patience that made the message of the brother resound with glory in the courts of the perpetrators of history’s greatest tragedy and ensured that as long as the martyrdom of Imam Husain (AS) is commemorated around the world, the name of Hazrat Zainab (SA) will also shine with radiance. Although, the Prophet, his daughter and the Infallible Imams of his blessed Household were pictures of paramount patience and endured the greatest of hardships for the sake of God, the patience of Imam Husain (AS) and Hazrat Zainab (SA) was rather unique.

Never can history present an example of such a peerless pair of brother and sister whose patience made Islam triumphant forever. It could be said that if the patience of the brother ended in Karbala with his tragic martyrdom on the afternoon of Ashura, the patience of the sister was put to more grueling tests and had to pass through the ordeal of captivity including dungeons, mockery by the captors, presentations at the courts of tyrants in a humiliating manner and moreover the sight of the severed heads of the martyrs mounted on lances and paraded before the bereaved household.

So vast was her knowledge that her nephew hailed her as *“al-Alematu ghayr al-mu’allema”* which means “a scholar that had not been taught by anyone”. Her wisdom earned her from her clan, the Bani Hashem, the epithet of *“Aqeelatuna”* or “Our Wise Lady”. Her piety brought her the appellation of *“az-Zaheda”* (the Devout). Her appearance, gait and even her rejection of a comfortable life in order to safeguard faith, resembled that of her maternal grandfather, Hazrat Khadija (SA) the Omm al-Momineen (the Mother of all True Believers).

Her dedication to the cause of Islam and to confront the enemy in his own camp was reminiscent of her noble mother, Hazrat Fatema az-Zahra (SA), whose famous sermon to mask hypocrisy she had witnessed as a 5-year girl in the Mosque of Medina to the usurpers of the right of political leadership of her father, Imam Ali (AS). Her own eloquent sermons while in captivity, evoked memories of her father. Here is a passage from one of her famous sermons in Damascus:

*“O Yazid, do you feel that you have made our life miserable and existence impossible? And you think that God has disgraced us and that you have been honoured and elevated? This apparent success of yours is the result of grandeur of your might and lofty status for which you are proud.... You feel that you have conquered the whole world and your affairs are organised and that our domain is now under your control...*

*“Wait! Wait! Let not your ignorance make you so elated for have you not heard God’s words: “Let not those who disbelieve think that our giving them respite is good for them. We only give respite to them so that they may increase in sins and for them is a disgraceful punishment.” (Holy Qur’an 3:177)*

Soon Yazid and the Omayyads were cast into the dustbin of history. As for Zainab (SA) and the Prophet’s Household, her sprawling shrine in Damascus and the pilgrims that throng it day and night, is proof indeed of the righteousness of Imam Husain’s (AS) cause.

Finally, a few years after Karbala, the sister also achieved martyrdom. It is said that during the rule of Abdul-Malik ibn Marwan, because of famine in the Hijaz, Hazrat Zainab (SA) and her husband Abdullah ibn Ja’far at-Tayyar came to Syria where in a place called Rawiyah on the outskirts of Damascus the latter owned an orchard – said to be the property of her and her husband’s paternal grandfather Abu Taleb who had bought it during his frequent trade trips to Syria before the advent of Islam). It proved to be the last rendezvous of Hazrat Zainab (SA) who left the world on the 15th of Rajab, 65 AH and was laid to rest in this place, where now stands her magnificent shrine, revered by all as Seyyedah Zainab (SA).

According to an account, it was the same orchard where she and the other captives had been interned for a while in the aftermath of Karbala before being taken to the Omayyad court, and where the severed head of Imam Husain (AS) had hung from a tree by the accused soldiers of Yazid. She sat under the tree lamenting in remembrance of the gruesome spectacle. A worker at the orchard, who was an avowed enemy of the Prophet’s Ahl al-Bayt, on learning of her identity, struck her head with a pickaxe. The blow proved fatal and the noble lady collapsed with her soul flying to the ethereal heavens. Peace unto Hazrat Zainab (SA), whose golden-domed mausoleum rallied the seekers of freedom and truth from all over the world to defeat the dastardly plot of the Takfiri terrorists to desecrate its sacred precincts.

**10 Documents Signed as President Raisi Visits Ankara**

## ‘New Chapter’ in Relations With Turkey



**President Reisi (L) and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan oversee the signing of documents for cooperation in Ankara on Jan. 24, 2024.**

TEHRAN -- Iran’s foreign minister said Thursday the official visit by President Ebrahim Raisi to Turkey and its results will mark “the beginning of a new chapter” in bilateral and regional cooperation between the two powerful neighbors.

Raisi and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday oversaw here the signing of 10 joint cooperation documents in various fields including culture, media and communication, rail and air trans-

portation, electricity, energy, economic and free trade zones.

“Bilateral agreements are within the framework of neighborhood and diversification policy on all dimensions of relations, including trade, investment, economic, customs, industry, expansion of border markets and free zones, cultural, tourism, border security and fighting terrorism,” Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian wrote on X Thursday.

President Raisi announced on Wednesday that Iran and Turkey

have set a goal to boost their bilateral trade to \$30 billion annually and expressed confidence in achieving this target, citing the capacities of both nations.

The Iranian president, who had been invited by Erdogan, emphasized Turkey’s role as a key economic partner for Iran.

In a joint news conference, Raisi said Iran and Turkey are two regional heavyweights which can work to settle regional and even international issues.

He said the two countries agreed

## Zionist Crimes Continue During Court Ruling ICJ Fails to Stop Gaza Genocide

THE HAGUE (Dispatches) -- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Friday delivered an interim ruling calling on the occupying regime of Israel to refrain from impeding the delivery of aid into Gaza and improve the humanitarian situation.

It also ordered the Zionist regime to take all measures within its power to prevent acts of genocide in the besieged enclave and to punish incitement to genocide.

However, it did not order Israel to halt military operations in Gaza, one of South Africa’s key demands in the case it brought to The Hague earlier this month.

“The court recalls that its orders on provisional measures have binding effect and thus create international legal obligations for any party to whom the provisional measures are addressed,” the court said, adding that Israel would be obliged to report to the court within a month on what it was doing to uphold the measures.

While the court is not expected

for some time to rule on whether Israel is committing genocide in its war on the besieged enclave, it ruled on Friday on several of the nine interim measures South Africa requested.

The nine interim measures requested by South Africa included an immediate cessation of military operations in Gaza, preventing forcible displacement of Palestinians, ceasing any restrictions on humanitarian aid entering the enclave, refraining from committing genocide and inciting it and preventing the destruction of evidence of crimes in Gaza.

Friday’s ruling by the ICJ is legally binding, however there is little the Hague-based court can do to enforce compliance.

States could potentially call on the UN Security Council to implement separate sanctions on the Zionist regime if it failed to comply with the ICJ’s orders.

The occupying regime of Israel has previously said that not even

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## Al-Houthi: U.S. to Pay ‘Heavy Price’ for Attacking Yemen

SANAA (Dispatches) -- Yemen’s Ansarullah leader Abdel-Malik al-Houthi said Thursday the targeting of ships linked to Israel will continue until aid reaches the Palestinian people in Gaza.

In a televised speech, al-Houthi said the main reason for the continuation of Zionist crimes is America’s position.

“America insists that Gaza remain under complete siege and the Rafah crossing stays closed. America insists that the aid and supplies needed by the Palestinian people do not enter Gaza,” he said.

“America sends its officers to the region to manage Zionist crimes. America is directly involved in the starvation of the Palestinian people. Not only are they starting them, but they are giving bombs to Israel to kill them.”

The U.S. not only does not allow food and medicine to enter Gaza, but it has also escalated tension with Yemen which has

cost it dearly.

“America’s escalation against our country has a heavy price for them from an economic point of view, and it will also have negative results in the expansion of the scope of the war,” al-Houthi said.

The U.S., he said, does not care about endangering shipping and turning the Red Sea into a battlefield, nor does it have any problem with expanding the scope of the war and intensifying the situation in the region.

The U.S. is trying to project its aggression against Yemen and its actions to protect the Zionist regime as a step toward guaranteeing international shipping.

“It is the actions of the United States and the United Kingdom that are a danger to navigation and a violation of the sovereignty of the countries of the Red Sea region,” he said.

Since the beginning of Yemen’s operations in the Red Sea, 4,874

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