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Viewpoint

Only US Lives Matter, Not Millions of Other Lives!

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

On Monday, an airstrike by the illegal Zionist entity on a suburb of Damascus, close to the sacred shrine of the granddaughter of the Prophet of Islam, led to the martyrdom of several unsuspecting Syrian civilians.

This wasn't the first instance of Israeli terrorism in Syria, the violation of its sovereignty, the killing of its citizens, the damage to public property or destruction of infrastructure of a UN member state, part of whose territory is under occupation of the illegal Zionist entity since 1967, despite at least two resolutions by the World Body's Security Council for return of the occupied southern Golan Heights.

The government of President Bashar al-Assad, which defeated a decade long disintegration war launched by the US through several proxies, including the macabrely murderous Takfiris, protested as usual, but neither the UN denounced Israel's latest cross-border act of terrorism in the midst of the genocide in Gaza, nor did the western media pay any attention to the mounting fatality toll of Muslims in various parts of West Asia.

Why? Because Syrian lives do not matter – as was evident from the almost half-a-million people killed by US proxies during the so-called civil war that had started in 2011.

Neither is it a matter of concern if Israel rains death and destruction on the people of Lebanon, along with the target-killing of Iranian scientists and defence officials with the assistance of the US, which has intruded into our region to openly kill the people of Iraq and Yemen for rallying to the defence of the long persecuted people of Palestine and exercising their legitimate right of targeting American military bases.

Of course, for the US media and the US politicians, it is a sadistic thrill to count every night and every morning the mounting casualty toll in Gaza and gleefully report that the fatality toll is now nearing 27,000 and urge the genocidal Zionists to massacre more and more people without the least regard to humanitarian values, since the lives of the 'sub-human' species called Palestinians do not matter – similar to the scant regard for black lives in the US.

What, if the Resistance Forces of the exploited countries whose peaceful demand for ceasefire in Gaza and the closure of US military bases in the region have fallen on deaf ears, were to resort to military measures that naturally results in injury and death of some American soldiers – as happened the other day on the strategic triangle where the borders of Iraq, Syria and Jordan meet!

Then all pandemonium breaks loose. The US media and politicians rave, rant, and thunder threats of retaliation at all and sundry, as if their military personnel (and that too in foreign lands thousands of km away from American borders) are innocent victims without complicity in the genocide in Gaza or the direct killing of Iraqi and Yemeni citizens.

It is time the US regime realizes that it is the main cause of conflicts around the world, and the death of millions of innocent human beings.

The only solution is to end all military and financial assistance to Usurper Israel and withdraw all its forces from throughout West Asia – not just Iraq and Syria where there is no permission to stay any longer.

If not, the casualty toll of its occupation troops, both at sea and on land, is bound to increase, especially if it resorts to any suicidal strike on any part of West Asia, which is all geared up to deliver the coup-de-grace to the unwanted Americans.

Pakistan, Iran Reach Convergence on All Issues of Interest



Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, front right, walks with his Pakistani counterpart Jilil Abbas Jilani, front left, upon his arrival for a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad, Jan. 29, 2024.

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) -- Pakistan and Iran on Monday said they respected each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity and would expand security cooperation, bidding to improve dialogue and swap liaison officers after tit-for-tat missile strikes at what they said were terrorist targets.

Foreign ministers of the two countries held talks here, with Pakistan's Jilil Abbas Jilani telling at a joint press conference with his Iranian counterpart Hussein Amir-Abdollahian that the neighbors had several strong channels of communication with each other.

"All these channels were operational and we were able to bring whatever issue or misunderstanding that had been created between our two countries, we were able to resolve it fairly quickly," he said.

The two countries agreed to fight terrorism in their respective areas and establish a system of consultations at the level of the foreign

ministers to oversee progress across sectors, Jilani said.

Amir-Abdollahian said the two countries had a good understanding, and that there have never been territorial differences or wars between Iran and Pakistan.

"We consider Pakistan's security, a brotherly, friendly and neighborly country of Iran, as the security of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the security of the whole region," Abdollahian said.

"Through joint cooperation between Tehran and Islamabad, we will not let terrorists endanger and threaten the security of the two nations," he said, adding that Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi would soon visit Pakistan.

Relations between the two countries had soured after the missile strikes, with Pakistan recalling its ambassador to Tehran and not allowing his counterpart to return to Islamabad, as well as cancelling all high-level diplomatic and trade en-

agements.

But efforts were swiftly made to lower the temperature, with the envoys asked to return to their posts and Amir-Abdollahian invited for talks.

Amir-Abdollahian said the spat could not be described as a "crisis" because relations had always been strong. "It was natural that we would manage to overcome this," he said.

Jilani said both sides had agreed to strengthen dialogue at all levels, and would speed up a plan to place liaison officers in each other's countries.

"We have managed to bring this situation back to normal in the shortest time," he said.

Both foreign ministers insisted that strong long-term relations and respect for each other's borders had ensured a swift outcome.

Jilani said good relations between Pakistan and Islamabad were

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Iran Says Has No Role in Decisions of Resistance Groups

TEHRAN -- Regional resistance groups do not take orders from Iran, nor does the Islamic Republic have a role in their decisions to carry out retaliatory operations in defense of the Palestinian people, Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said on Monday.

"Iran is not involved in the resistance groups' decisions about how to support the Palestinian people or defend themselves and the people of their countries in the face of any aggression and occupation," he told a weekly news briefing.

He made the remarks after U.S. President Joe Biden and UK Foreign Secretary David Cameron claimed that "Iranian-backed groups" mainly based in Iraq were accountable for a drone attack on the border of Jordan and Syria on Sunday, which killed at least three American forces and wounded 34 others.

Kanaani cautioned that leveling baseless accusations against Iran is a projection and a conspiracy by those who see their interests in dragging the U.S. feet into a new conflict in the region to cover up their own problems.

The spokesman said since the beginning of Israel's onslaught on Gaza in early October, Iran has repeatedly warned against the danger of the expansion of the scope of conflict in the region due to the Zionist regime's continued attacks against the Palestinian people

and the U.S.'s full support for the Israeli genocide of Palestinians in the besieged strip and the occupied West Bank.

He emphasized that the U.S.'s insistence and continuous violation of the national sovereignty of Iraq and Syria and bombing attacks against the groups and people of Iraq, Syria and Yemen have intensified the instability in the region.

The diplomat further stressed the importance of maintaining peace, stability and security in the region.

Iran believes that war in Gaza is not a solution and putting an end to Israel's attacks on Gaza and establishing an immediate ceasefire can prepare the ground for the restoration of peace to the region, Kanaani said.

"Iran monitors the developments in the region with readiness and vigilance and the responsibility for the consequences of provocative accusations against Iran rests with the perpetrators of such baseless claims," he added.

In a statement published late on Sunday, Iran's mission to the United Nations also said Tehran has no links to attacks on American forces in the region as they are related to conflict between resistance groups and the U.S. military.

"There is a conflict between U.S. forces and resistance groups in the region, which reciprocate retaliatory attacks."

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an umbrella group of anti-terror fighters, claimed attacks on three bases, including one on the Jordan-Syria border.

Since the beginning of Israel's war against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip on October 7, there have been around 160 attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq and Syria. Most of those have been claimed by regional resistance forces.

Iran has frequently said resistance groups act on their own in response to Israeli crimes in Gaza.

Amir-Abdollahian dismissed a report that China had asked Iran to rein in Yemeni armed forces in the Red Sea.

He said both Iran and China support convergence and that they have expressed their commitment to establish justice, resolve conflicts, and counter tensions in the region.

"We have always held joint consultations... The developments in the Red Sea are the spillover of the overt oppression that we are witnessing in Gaza, this is China's position," he said.

In solidarity with the Palestinians in Gaza, Yemeni forces have targeted ships in the southern Red Sea, the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, the Gulf of Aden, and even in the Arabian Sea with owners linked to Israel or those going to and from ports in the occupied territories.

The Holy Qur'an

Go forth light and heavy, and strive hard in Allah's way with your property and your persons; this is better for you, if you know.

The Holy Qur'an (9.41)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	17:49
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:06
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:40

Four Mossad-Linked Terrorists Given Their Due

TEHRAN -- Iranian Judiciary authorities on Monday executed four people convicted of working for Israel's Mossad spy agency and plotting a bomb attack against a defense ministry factory in the country's central province of Isfahan.

Mizan news agency, affiliated with the Iranian Judiciary, identified the four convicts as Muhammad Faramarzi, Mohsen Mazloun, Vafa Azarbar, and Pejman Fatehi.

They had illegally entered Iran from the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region of Iraq to carry out the bombing and other subversive acts.

They planned to carry out a bombing operation against an installation in Najafabad city, which is manufacturing military equipment and missile components for the defense ministry, on July 23, 2022. However, they were identified and captured by the Iranian intelligence forces before they could carry out the attack.

The report said the four were convicted of intelligence cooperation with the occupying regime of Israel and sentenced to death by an Islamic Revolution Court on September 18, 2023.

Mizan said the terrorists had been recruited by a high-profile member of the anti-Iran Komala separatist and terrorist group, which is based in Iraq's Kurdistan region and joined Mossad nearly a year and a half before their terrorist operation in Iran.

They had undergone training at military bases in several African countries and even held meetings with Mossad director David Barnea.

Back on December 29 last year, four main members of a sabotage team affiliated with Mossad were executed in the northwestern Iranian province of West Azarbaijan after being convicted of acting against the country's security.

Mizan reported at the time that they were members of a ten-strong Mossad-linked sabotage team, whose primary task was to identify Iranian intelligence agents engaged in thwarting anti-Iran Israeli plots.

They were all tracked down and subsequently arrested following complicated intelligence operations and close surveillance.

The convicts, including three men and a woman, were hanged on charges of "corruption on Earth" and "waging war against God" (moharebeh) through intelligence cooperation with Israel with the intent to undermine Iran's security.