They ask you to hasten on

the chastisement, and most surely hell encompasses the

The Holy Qur'an (29.54)

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**UK-Linked** 

**Gambling Ring** 

**Dismantled** 

TEHRAN -- Iran's Intelligence

Ministry has unveiled the take-

down of the largest online gam-

bling and betting network with

direct ties to the UK, marking a

significant crackdown on finan-

cial sabotage and internet-based

Directed by elements based

in the UK, the network orches-

trated an elaborate scheme in-

volving thousands of bank ac-

counts and payment gateways,

ultimately leading to the arrest

of its key operators. The inci-

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#### In the Name of the Most High

#### **Viewpoint**

### Palestinian Heroism Versus Zionist-US Terrorism

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

What is happening in Gaza is not a war, as is the case in Ukraine where two full-fledged armies with unlimited access to funds and weapons are fighting each other on land, at sea, and in the air.

In the barely 365 square km enclave called Gaza (only 41 km long and 6 to 12 km wide), it is cowardly terrorism of its worst kind by an organized military with non-stop supplies of the most lethal armaments against the heroism of a lightly-armed liberation movement, denied access to international borders, devoid of monetary resources, and deprived of much needed means of defence.

In other words, it is a holocaust, which over the past five months has resulted in the brutal bombing to death of over 31,000 civilians (mostly women and children), and severe injuries to more than 70,000 thousand others (many maimed for life).

It is manliness versus unmanliness. On one side are the virtually defenceless two million odd indigenous Palestinian people, whose indomitable resistance is based on jihad or striving in the way of God with readiness for martyrdom, for the cherished goal of the past 75 years for the liberation of their homeland.

On the other side are the dastardly Zionist occupiers of Palestine, fully backed in the genocide they have unleashed on the sons of the soil, by the world's super terrorist, the US, which sadistically continues to kill all ceasefire resolutions at the UN Security Council, even as the fasting month of Ramadhan has approached, and has sent its navy to block delivery of any kind arms for the Gazans.

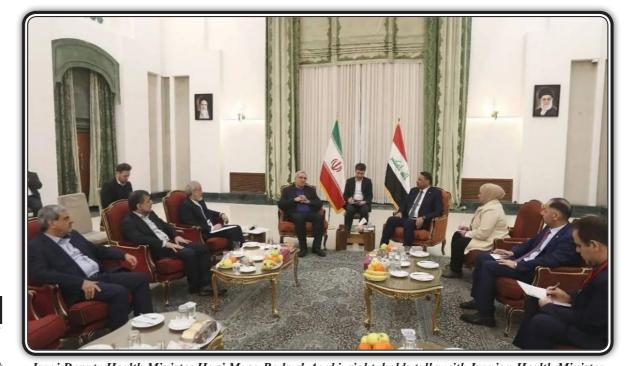
It is the height of hypocrisy and of course, cowardice on the part of the US. While it provides scores of billions of dollars in cash and weapons to the Zionist entity to intensify the mass massacre of the people of Gaza, it tells other countries to prevent even paltry sums of money trickling to the Palestinians, whether Muslim or Christian, even though they are being indiscriminately killed and starved to death.

Reports from Beirut said a top US Treasury official was in Lebanon last Friday to tell that country's authorities to prevent funds from being funneled to the Palestinian liberation movements, such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well as to Lebanon's legendry anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah.

Jesse Baker, Deputy Assistant secretary of the Treasury for Asia and the Middle East, tried to pressure Lebanese officials of the financial sector in this regard, but whether he likes it or not, there will always be ways for flow of money and arms to the combatants.

The most glaring example of cowardly American terrorism is the unprovoked targeting with missiles and aerial bombing of Yemen's cities and people, because of their legitimate blocking of vessels bound for Israel through the Red Sea, until the end of the carnage in Gaza, which Washington wants to worsen as is clear by its latest decision to build a temporary port on the Mediterranean coast of the besieged enclave on the pretext of providing relief aid, but actually to facilitate further supply of weapons to the Zionist entity.

# Iraq to Use Iran's Model to Rebuild Healthcare Sector



Iraqi Deputy Health Minister Hani Musa Badr al-Aqabi, right, holds talks with Iranian Health Minister Bahram Einollahi in Baghdad.

TEHRAN -- Iraq and Iran join forces to advance healthcare, marking a significant step in regional cooperation for better health outcomes and national development.

Amidst an era where healthcare stands as a pivotal axis for national development, Iraq has taken significant strides, aligning with Iran, to augment its healthcare facilities.

Hani Musa Badr al-Aqabi, the Iraqi deputy health minister, during a meeting with his Iranian counterpart in Baghdad, shed light on Iraq's aspirations to emulate Iran's healthcare advancements.

This collaboration, discussed on the sidelines of the International Family Health Congress, underscores a burgeoning partnership between the two nations aimed at bolstering public and family health services.

In an ambitious move to improve healthcare delivery, Iraq has expressed a keen interest in leveraging Iran's experience in public health and family care.

The discussions between al-Aqabi and Iranian Health Minister Bahram Einollahi have paved the way for a series of memorandums of understanding focusing on pharmaceutical production, health tourism, and technology transfer.

The initiative not only aims to enhance the quality of medical services available to Iraqi citizens but also signals a deeper commitment to joint efforts in addressing healthcare challenges

The familiarity of Iraqi doctors and patients with Iranian medications further facilitates this collaborative venture,

promising a seamless integration of shared knowledge and resources.

The healthcare collaboration extends beyond mere agreements, envisioning a robust exchange of expertise and resources. Iran's readiness to share its healthcare advancements, including public health coverage, with Iraq reflects a broader strategy of mutual support and cooperation.

The partnership is further exemplified by the planned dispatch of the first health attaché to Iraq, marking a milestone in the two countries' health diplomacy.

The implications of this cooperation are vast, potentially setting a precedent for regional health-care collaboration, where knowledge and resources transcend

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# d disttaché one in diplodent throws a stark light on the intricate web of international financial crime and the challenges of policing online gambling activities that cross national boundaries.

After 14 months of diligent intelligence work, Iranian authorities have dismantled an extensive online gambling operation. This network, notable for its size and sophistication, utilized 35,006 bank accounts and 1,200 payment gateways, alongside operating 54 major

gambling websites.

It's reported that the network engaged in substantial financial manipulation, funneling large sums of money out of Iran and into the UK, under the guise of gambling gains. This revelation has sparked controversy and highlighted potential complacency within the UK government regarding the network's money laundering activities, in exchange for significant tax revenues.

The crackdown culminated in the arrest of five individuals who managed the 'Nitro bet' network and the 'Pardakht. me' payment gateway, facing charges of economic sabotage and illegal gambling operations.

The arrests underscore the Iranian government's firm stance against online gambling, which is prohibited under Islamic law. Furthermore, the Intelligence Ministry accused the UK government of indirectly facilitating these criminal activities by turning a blind eye to the network's money laundering operations, in lieu of taxing their substantial gains.

## Red Crescent Steps Up Relief Efforts in Flood-Hit Baluchestan

TEHRAN -- The Iranian Red Crescent Society has intensified its relief efforts in the flood-stricken regions in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan. According to information from

the Red Crescent, relief efforts have reached 59,000 people in 30 villages ravaged by the floods.

The crisis in Sistan and Baluchistan escalated early in March as torrential rains inundated the southern regions of the province. Since then, the Red Crescent's rescue teams have been tirelessly working to assist those impacted by the flooding.

Statistics from the Red Crescent

reveal the extent of the devastation, with 13,951 households and 59,287 individuals affected by the floods.

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Among them, 1,325 families, totaling 5,299 people, have been provided with emergency shelter, while 102 individuals have been rescued from perilous situations.

### Regional Parleys With Qatari, Armenian Diplomats

TEHRAN -- The foreign ministers of Iran and Qatar have discussed political efforts to settle the Gaza crisis and stop the Israeli genocidal crimes in Palestine.

In a telephone conversation

on Saturday evening, Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian and his Qatari counterpart Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdul Rahman Al Thani discussed the latest bilateral issues as well as the regional developments, including the crisis in Gaza.

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The two top diplomats underlined the need for the continuation of the growing trend of relations and implementation of the bilateral

agreements.

They also talked about the latest developments in Gaza and the initiatives that have been put forth for the purpose of stopping the genocide in the enclave.

They further stressed the need for increased efforts and political diligence to that end.

The Iranian foreign minister separately said the expansion of all-out relations with Armenia will serve the two countries' interests and be beneficial to peace, stability and sustainable security in the region.

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In a meeting with Armenian Deputy Foreign Minis-

ter Vahan Kostanyan, the top Iranian diplomat stressed the need to continue joint efforts to promote cooperation in various political, economic, trade, scientific and cultural fields.

The Armenian diplomat, for his part, said his country attaches special significance to the improvement of ties with Iran which is beneficial to regional stability and security.

Kostanyan added that

he held fruitful talks with his Iranian counterpart Ali Bagheri Kani and noted that the two sides agreed to continue consultations at different levels.

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