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Viewpoint

The Futility of the US' **Self-Defeatist Sanctions**

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Biden's harebrained regime is so deeply immersed in the bloodbath it has unleashed in Gaza through the illegal Zionist entity that even as frustrated US army men in desperate attempts to distance themselves from the holocaust n Occupied Palestine are taking the extreme step of self-immolation, it continues its idiotic policies in distant lands where its destabilizing efforts have boomeranged upon American interests and American people.

In its latest act of stupidity the cowardly US policymakers have announced their so-called sanctions against a senior Iranian defence official, a Yemeni commander defending his country's sovereignty against the unprovoked aerial attacks, on some Hong Kong commercial firms, and on a couple of ships legally engaged in trade transactions between Iran and China.

The US then proudly said that these sanctions block access to US property and bank accounts and prevent the targeted people and companies from doing business with Americans – as if those particular Iranian and Yemeni citizens have accounts in American banks and are trading with the US.

It is a pity that the regimes, whether Democrats or Republican which take turns to march in and out of the White House, are nothing more than blockheaded but at the same time bloodthirsty buffoons as the whole world now knows in view of the string of their failed policies, especially the futile sanctions against the Islamic Republic.

Recently the US said that along with some West European regimes, a total of 500 sanctions have been imposed upon Russia after the failure of NATO's most lethal weapons and of the scores of billions of dollars, euros, and pounds, that have failed to stop Moscow from its campaign in Ukraine to liberate fellow

Cuba is under US sanctions for more than six decades, while Venezuela is also the frequent butt of these silly measures, which could be called economic, cultural, and political terror-

Meanwhile, Usurper Israel, the main recipient of the most sophisticated US weapons and hundreds of billions of dollars in cash over the past seven-and-a-half decades, desperately struggles to survive, and is now on life-support following the heroic Operation Al-Aqsa Storm of last October 7 by the Palestinian liberation movements of HAMAS and Islamic Jihad, which are also under US sanctions.

So, what success these sanctions have brought to the US and what damage have these inflicted on the sanctioned countries. The answer is clear: Nothing.

The Islamic Republic of Iran for its part has always viewed the US sanctions as challenges to surge ahead in various fields, including support for the oppressed people of the region and the world, by turning them into golden opportunities for defeating the Americans and their agents.

The spectacular progress of Iran in all fields over the past 45 years is a firm proof in this regard. Mosquito bites may cause a moment's irritation but thanks to the abundance of disinfectants malaria and related diseases will never be allowed to

In short, neither Iran's Mohammad Reza Falahzadeh nor Yemen's Ibrahim an-Nasiri are the least concerned about these

As a matter of fact, they and their colleagues are resolved to serve national, regional, international, and Islamic interests to ridding our part of the world of the illegal presence of US forces and the campaign to weed out the cancerous tumour called Israel, in blind support of whose crimes against humanity, the genocidal US regime is alienating itself from scores of millions of its own conscientious people calling for "Free Palestine form the River (Jordan) to the (Mediterranean) Sea."

As for China and other world countries, their commercial ties will continue to grow with Iran in all fields.

n IRGC: Polls Boost Iran's **National Power**



A large banner on Valiasr Square in Tehran reads, "Our vote builds Iran."

TEHRAN - The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) called on all Iranians to take part in the upcoming countrywide elections to contribute to the elevation of national power and security.

In a statement on Tuesday, the IRGC invited Iranian people of all social strata to vote in the parliamentary and Assembly of Experts elections on March 1

Elections would guarantee a boost to national security and power, raise social capital, strengthen the capacities and opportunities for the settlement of problems, pave the way for development, and stymie the plots of enemies, the statement said.

The IRGC described a maximum and enlightened turnout in the elections as a main element of religious democracy in Iran, saying the votes have always brought about power, might and credit for Iran in delicate junctures and have disappointed the

The fact that Iran has held 40 elections in the past 45 years indicates the popular nature of the establishment, the public trust in the ballot boxes, and the determination of people to prove their national unity in spite of different political leanings, it stated.

The parliamentary and Assembly of Experts elections in Iran will be held on coming Friday

There are currently 290 seats in the Iranian Parliament, known as Majlis, elected by direct vote of people in nationwide elections for The Assembly of Experts is a

high-ranking body that elects and oversees the activities of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution. Members of the assembly are di-

rectly elected to office by people for an eight-year term. It holds biannual meetings to appoint a new chairman.

Qur'an

They have taken a small

that they do. The Holy Qur'an (9.9)

price for the communications of Allah, so they turn away from His way; surely evil is it

PRAYER TIMINGS

12:17

05:13

Noon (Zohr)

18:16 Evening(Maghreb)

06:36 Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

Sunrise "Tomorrow"

Iranian Embassy in Sweden Dismisses

Security Service Allegations

TEHRAN - Iranian embassy in Sweden has dismissed an annual report issued by Swedish (SAPO) in which Iran has been introduced as a threat against the Nordic country.

"This move is irresponsible and is against the expected context in diplomatic relations," said the embassy in a statement on Tuesday.

It emphasized that Iran will continue its efforts to expand relations with Sweden while respecting all the obligations and necessities existing in bilateral ties.

The statement called on the Swedish government to avoid publishing incorrect information and provocative remarks about the Islamic Republic of Iran and instead help set Sweden-Iran ties on its right path.

Iran Urges Formation of Fact-Finding Committee on Gaza Massacre

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Adollahian took a swipe at the self-proclaimed advocates of human rights for obstructing the establishment of a fact-finding committee to investigate the heinous Zionist atrocities in Gaza and politicizing the issue of human rights.

In a meeting with his Finnish counterpart on the sidelines of the 55th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Amir-Adollahian decried the killing of more than 30,000 Palestinians in Gaza by the Zionist regime.

Deploring the politicization of the issue of human rights, he said a number of countries that claim to

be defenders of human rights have not allowed a fact-finding committee to be formed to probe into the horrible atrocities in Gaza.

He then pointed to plans to improve Iran's relations with Finland, saying Tehran is ready to develop a joint road map for this purpose.

He also welcomed any effort to expand parliamentary cooperation between the two countries and proposed the holding of political consultations at the level of political directors of the foreign ministries.

For her part, Elina Valtonen welcomed the continuation of dialogue with Iran in the areas of mu-

She then described the alarming humanitarian situation in Gaza as a common concern for both countries and said that Finland believes efforts must continue to prevent a human tragedy.

Also on Tuesday, the foreign ministers of Iran and Venezuela explored ways to implement a 20year cooperation agreement the two states signed in 2022

Amir-Adollahian and his Venezuelan counterpart Yvan Gil Pinto stressed the need for joint efforts to carry out the long-term cooperation agreement between their

Iranian diplomat denounced the ism as well as culture.

U.S.' interference in the internal affairs of Venezuela.

He also highlighted the opportunities for economic cooperation between Iran and Venezuela, specifically in the energy industry.

During Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's official visit to Tehran in June 2022, Iran and Venezuela signed a 20-year partnership agreement to develop bilateral ties despite the U.S. and Western pressure.

The partnership agreement includes cooperation in the fields of science, technology, agriculture, oil and gas, petrochemicals, tour-

Minister Stresses Bolstering Cooperation Among Countries Waiting to Join WTO

TEHRAN - Iranian Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade Abbas Aliabadi says Tehran welcomes the expansion of economic, commercountries.

cial and industrial cooperation with Aliabadi made the call during separate meetings with his counterparts and officials from different countries, including Serbia, China, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Oman and

Lebanon, on the sidelines of the

World Trade Organization's

(WTO's) 13th ministerial conference (MC13) held in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab

In a meeting with the Chinese minister of commence, Aliabadi hailed China as Iran's largest trade partner, and emphasized the imrelations in the economic sector.

portance of further expansion of The Chinese minister, for his part, welcomed promotion of economi+c ties with Iran and said

Beijing has always supported and

will continue to support Tehran's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

Iran has an observer status at the World Trade Organization (WTO). The country has officially submitted an application to join the international organization.

In the meeting with his Serbian counterpart, Aliabadi said as the chairman of the joint committee

of Iran-Serbia cooperation, he is

ready to play a role in the continu-

ation of mutual cooperation.

The Serbian minister, for his part, invited Aliabadi to travel to his country to hold further talks about enhanced cooperation.

The WTO's 13th Ministerial Conference started in Abu Dhabi on Monday, with the participation of ministers from different countries across the world.

The participants are scheduled to review the functioning of the multilateral trading system and take action on the future work of the WTO.