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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Forever Persian Gulf

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As usual, yesterday on April 30 the Islamic Republic marked the National Persian Gulf Day preceded by a week of celebrations on the significance of this vital waterway accompanied by messages of peace and friendship from Iranian officials of the importance of cooperation among all littoral states which benefit from its rich natural resources.

As a matter of fact, the identity of Iran and the seven Arab countries with shorelines on its southern rim depends on the Persian Gulf and its abundance of hydrocarbon reserves.

Thus, convergence amongst littoral states is necessary for ensuring the safety and security of the Persian Gulf from predators as well as from environmental disasters in view of the massive supply of crude oil and petrochemical products to world countries through the narrow passage of the Hormuz Strait of Hormuz that connects this waterway to the high seas.

This means, the Persian Gulf and the adjoining lands do not need the presence of any outside military forces, especially the buccaneering Americans who have set up bases in and around it in order to destabilize the region and create differences amongst the littoral states.

In other words, the US should be asked to withdraw its CENTCOM terrorists from the region, if it doesn't want to be kicked out violently from the Persian Gulf as was the case of the Portuguese predators four centuries ago in 1622 on April 30.

This is the date of the final victory of Safavid Iran in the crucial "Battle of Ormuz" when the Hormuz Strait was cleared for good from the occupation of the Portuguese, who earlier in 1615 were expelled from Bandar Abbas and before that were driven out from Bahrain by Iran's famous statesman and general, Imam Qoli Khan.

The Yankees should study history and also learn from Britain's eventual exit last century from the Persian Gulf after years of causing dissension and looting its resources.

Hope there are still some saner minds left in Washington which should stop its suicidal threats to Iran and end its seditious instigations to some ignorant elements in Arab countries who are trying to tamper with the millennia old geographical term "Persian Gulf".

As our southern neighbours are well aware, since time immemorial their fathers, forefathers, ancestors, and progenitors have called the waterway separating the two geographical landmasses of the Iranian Plateau and the Arabian Peninsula "Persian Gulf".

As books and documents testify, historians from the time of the Greek Herodotus, geographers from the era of Egypt's Ptolemy, and famous seafarers such as the Spanish Arab al-Idrisi have used the term "Persian Gulf" or "Khalij al-Farsi".

It were these undeniable facts that made WIPO, the intellectual property agency of the UN, to issue a statement in October 2018, certifying that as per international law based on the Lisbon Agreement, no country, government, or organization can use any other name, except "Persian" for the famous pearls harvested anywhere in the coastal waters of the Persian Gulf.

Iranians Mark Persian Gulf Day



Iranians hoisted banners and placards in front of the and British embassies in Tehran on Sunday to protest their use of fake names for the Persian Gulf.

TEHRAN -- Iranians on Sunday held nationwide ceremonies to celebrate the National Persian Gulf Day, which represents a symbol of the unwavering anti-hegemonic stance of the country as well as dismissal of futile attempts by certain regional countries to rename the strategic body of water.

'Tangible Change' in U.S. Public Opinion Toward Zionist Regime

TEHRAN -- Iran on Sunday touched on a "tangible change" in the American public opinion toward the apartheid nature of Israel, citing a recent U.S. poll that showed declining support for the entity in the United States.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani posted a series of tweets, days after a University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll found that 44 percent of Democrats and 20 percent of Republicans believe Israel is a "state with segregation similar to apartheid."

"A look at public opinions in the U.S. – the godfather of the fake Israeli regime – and the latest comments and opinion polls indicate a tangible change in attitudes towards the apartheid nature of this regime," he said.

In the survey, conducted from 27 March to 5 April 2023 among

1,203 respondents, 41 percent of Democrats said they support the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

The BDS movement seeks to challenge Israel's decades-long occupation and abuses of Palestinian human rights through boycotts similar to the successful boycott campaigns of apartheid South Africa.

"Certainly, there will be more surprising results about the nature and existence of the fake Israeli regime in the case of expanded free speech against the Zionists, the United States' freedom from the grip of the Zionist lobby, and further extensive and independent surveys of the American people," Kanaani said.

"The U.S. public and the elite have the right to seek an answer to the question why the U.S. administrations sacrifice the inter-

ests of their people and those of the so-called 'allied' countries and nations for the sake of the usurping, apartheid, undemocratic and decaying Zionist regime."

The survey comes amid heightened tensions between the far-right Israeli cabinet led by prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the government of U.S. President Joe Biden.

"It is clear that public attitudes about Israel are shifting. The term 'apartheid' appears to have become a common term among many Americans, especially Democrats," said Shibley Telhami, director of the Critical Issues Poll at the University of Maryland.

"And even the BDS movement, which has faced considerable obstacles in the American mainstream, seems to have sizable support among Democrats who expressed their opinion."

and orchestrating a series of terrorist acts against the Islamic Republic.

Sharmahd, a U.S. resident, was the ringleader of the Tondar (Thunder) terrorist outfit. He was accused of planning a series of attacks, including a 2008 attack against a religious congregation center in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz, Fars Province, which killed 14 people and wounded hundreds.

Sharmahd and his Tondar group were also behind a 2010 terrorist bombing at Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's mausoleum in the Iranian capital, which left several people injured.

The 67-year-old was also accused of working with U.S. intelligence and spying on Iran's ballistic missile program.

Rights Official Slams Borrell's 'Meddlesome' Remarks

TEHRAN -- Iran's top human rights official has rebuked EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell for his meddlesome comments over a death sentence handed to the ringleader of a U.S.-based terrorist group.

Kazem Gharibabadi, secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights and the Judiciary chief's deputy for international affairs, said in a tweet that Borrell's comments exposed the true face of Europe as opposed to its ostensible support for human rights.

The remarks came a day after Borrell said the bloc "strongly condemns" the death penalty given to jailed German-Iranian citizen Jamshid Sharmahd.

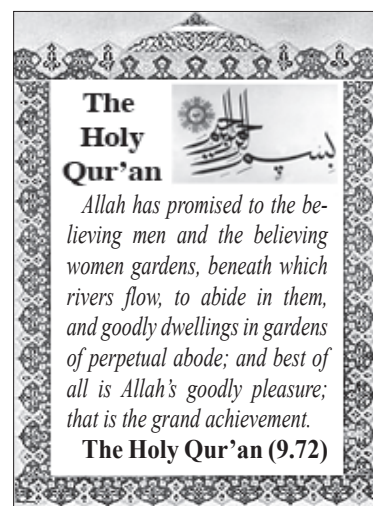
The EU foreign policy chief also called on Tehran to "refrain from executing the death penalty"

and repeal Sharmahd's sentence.

"They provided safe haven and supported an Iranian terrorist in Europe and the United States. Now that he has fallen in the clutches of justice, instead of condemning his terrorist actions and distancing themselves from terrorism, they are still defending the terrorist and the rights of the victims have no place with them!" Gharibabadi wrote, referring to Western countries.

Iran's Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the death penalty for Sharmahd after the top court had found "no reason or evidence" to reverse the ruling for the terrorist ringleader.

In February, the Iranian Judiciary sentenced the German-Iranian citizen to death on charges of "corruption on earth" by planning



PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:01
Evening (Maghreb)	19:10
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:13
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:40

Intel Minister Hails Iran's Actions Against Zionist Regime

TEHRAN -- Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib on Sunday praised Iran's success in taking action against Israel inside and outside the occupied territories.

"By God's grace, the Islamic Republic of Iran has achieved major success in counteracting the Zionist regime's domestic and foreign measures and operations," the intelligence minister stated.

Khatib said Iran's success in thwarting Israeli plots results from the cooperation and synergy among the Iranian intelligence and security organizations.

In remarks on April 22, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei urged the Muslim world to seize the great opportunity provided by the acceleration of the decline of the Zionist regime which has begun since a couple of years ago.

"Several decades ago, (David) Ben-Gurion, one of the founders of the fake regime, said 'We will be destroyed whenever our deterrent power ends.' The world is currently witnessing this reality and if nothing happens, the end of the usurping regime is close. This too is one of the blessings that has risen from the sacrifices of the devoted Palestinian youth in the West Bank and other occupied areas," the Leader said in a meeting with a group of Iranian officials and ambassadors from the Islamic countries here.

Senior Police Officer Martyred in Terrorist Attack

TEHRAN -- A senior Iranian police officer has been martyred in a terrorist attack in the country's southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan during an ambush by unidentified assailants.

Colonel Alireza Shahraki, chief of the Iranian Police Criminal Investigation (CID) Department in Saravan County, was fatally shot after gunmen sprayed bullets on his car in an early morning ambush at a crossroad, Iran's Nour News reported on Sunday.

Governor of Saravan, Saeed Tajlili, said Shahraki's wife was also seriously wounded in the incident and was transferred to the hospital to receive medical treatment. Authorities later said she had succumbed to her injuries.

The gunmen fled the scene in a car after the driving-by shooting.

A thorough investigation is underway to look into the circumstances surrounding the deadly attack and capture the perpetrators.

Sistan and Baluchestan province, which borders Pakistan, has witnessed several terror attacks targeting both civilians and security forces over the past years.