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Viewpoint

## Iranian, Syrian Presidents' Victory Lap in Damascus

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*It is celebration of victory over the devilish forces of dissension, destruction, and destabilization.*

*The Iranian president's historic trip to Damascus and the red carpet welcome accorded to him by his Syrian counterpart is actually a victory lap for the triumph of the Resistance Front over not just the most macabrely murderous terrorists, but also their most satanic supporters, especially the US and the illegal Zionist entity.*

*The keen political vision of Dr. Bashar al-Assad, a qualified Ophthalmology by training, while gradually being admitted through much belated statements from fellow Arab leaders who are now making a beeline for restoration of ties after a decade of being duped by their common enemy, the US, to try to ostracize and if possible overthrow him, was formally confirmed by Hojjat al-Islam Dr. Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi, the representative of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, whose guidelines were instrumental in salvaging the territorial integrity, national sovereignty, and Islamic-Arab identity of Syria.*

*Wednesday's historic meeting in Damascus between honoured guest Raisi and courteous host Assad, who again expressed his deepest gratitude for Iran's vital role in protecting the prestige and power of Syria, was, however, marked by the conspicuous absence of the main architect of the victory.*

*Yes, the two presidents and their delegations rather felt sad in missing General Qassem Soleimani, a deft diplomat and a brilliant military strategist who was martyred in the most cowardly manner in January 2020 by the vanquished foe, the US, whose economic power, military might, sadistic savagery, and satanic sedition miserably failed to bring Syria to its knees.*

*Anyway, so firmly did Soleimani's humanitarian efforts in laying foundations of regional stability (Lebanon, Syria, and other threatened countries included) have proved that today Tehran and Damascus, as backbones of the Resistance Front which is fully confident of ending once and for all the Zionist threat, have jointly embarked upon solidifying not just political cooperation and economic-industrial construction, but defence potential for the liberation of Palestine.*

*As many as 15 agreements of cooperation in various fields have already been signed on the first day of the visit of President Raisi, who as thanksgiving will pay his humble respects in Damascus at the holy shrines of Hazrat Zainab (SA) and Hazrat Ruqayya (SA) – Prophet Muhammad's (SAWA) granddaughter and great-granddaughter respectively – in whose defence, along with the native Syrians, many Iranian, Iraqi, Afghan, and Pakistani Muslims achieved immortal martyrdom.*

*President Raisi hailing Iran-Syria relations as "rich, fruitful, and full of experiences," said the mutual ties of the brotherly two countries "are tied to the blood of our beloved martyrs, especially General Qassem Soleimani, and this is a key to the stability and strength of the relations between Tehran and Damascus.*

*The two countries have also minced no words in calling for the end of US occupation of some parts of Syria and withdrawal of all American forces from the region.*

*Hopefully, decisively defeated Washing will heed this advice before it is too late, or else there will be no other choice for the Resistance Front other than send the uninvited soldiers back to their country in body bags.*

*Israel your days are numbered as well, as is evident by the Iranian president's interview on Tuesday with Lebanon's al-Mayadeen TV: "The Islamic Republic's power is not a secret to anyone. The Zionist regime's first [potential] act of folly [against Iran] would also be its last."*

## Iran: Zionist Regime Weaker Than Spider's Web



Protesters scuffle with military forces in Tel Aviv during a rally against the occupying regime's controversial judicial overhaul bill.

TEHRAN – Iran's foreign ministry spokesman on Monday cited an article published by an Israeli center about the erosion of the Zionist regime's deterrence capabilities, saying Israel is weaker than a spider's web.

In a post on his Twitter account, Nasser Kanaani made a reference to an article published by the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), a research center affiliated with Tel Aviv University, which has confessed that the Israeli regime's deterrence in the face of its enemies is eroding.

"The Zionist regime is weaker than a spider's web," the spokesman added.

In the article published on May 1, the INSS said, "The recent events indicate that Israel's deterrence vis-a-vis Hezbollah and its partners in the axis of resistance is eroding.

"These operations against Israel, coupled with a series of prior incidents, have combined to erode Israel's deterrence capabilities vis-a-vis Hezbollah, which is working tirelessly to improve the rules of the game within the framework

of the deterrence equation that has evolved in the aftermath of the Second Lebanon War," it noted.

The article said the attack at Megiddo Junction in mid-March 2023 by a Palestinian who crossed the border from Lebanon, the rockets fired by Hamas from southern Lebanon into the occupied territories during the month of Ramadan, and the internal crisis in the occupying regime expose Israel's vulnerability and allows it to argue that Israel has been deterred by Hezbollah's military strength.

## President Raisi Hails Iran-Saudi Rapprochement

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi has hailed ongoing rapprochement aimed at restoring relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia, which agreed to resume their diplomatic relations under China's auspices back in March.

The countries, Raisi said, enjoy influential regional positions and their relations stand to benefit the region.

"Our enemies, including the Zionist regime, are outraged by restoration of these relations since they are trying to sow division among us," told Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen television in an interview.

Raisi said the reconciliation process between the two sides took off the ground after Beijing informed Tehran about Riyadh's inclination towards the détente.

Raisi expressed support on the part of the Islamic Republic for Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity, asserting that U.S. forces have to leave Syrian soil "immediately."

Iran, he added, is prepared to cooperate with Syria in the efforts that were aimed at the country's reconstruction.

Raeisi went on to reiterate the Islamic Republic's opposition to the United States' unilateralism.

"We believe that the world is not limited to three or four countries, which consider themselves to be rulers of the world."

Iran, he added, had managed to call the Americans' bluff on fighting terrorism in order for the world to realize that "it is the Americans, themselves, who manage terrorism."

Raisi pointed to the 2020 assassination of Iran's top anti-terror commander, Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, by the U.S. saying the atrocity, unlike what Washington had hoped for, failed

to end his legacy, noting how the commander's saga had turned into a model for the youths of the resistance across the region.

The president further said the Zionist regime's first potential act of aggression against Iran would also be its last such mistake since the regime would not be capable of surviving the Islamic Republic's counterstrike.

"The Zionist regime's threats amount to futile rhetoric, which no one in the world believes in. If the Zionist enemy took the slightest of actions against us, our first action would equal its destruction," he

said.

"The Islamic Republic's power is not a secret to anyone in the region. The Zionist regime's first act of folly would also be its last," Raisi asserted.

"The Zionist regime would not be able to survive the initial moments of Iran's response," he noted, saying the Zionist regime, itself, knows well that it is incapable of confronting the Islamic Republic.

Iran, the president said, has reached the stage of self-sufficiency in the military sphere, describing the Islamic Republic as a

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## Tehran Urges France to Listen to Protesters

TEHRAN -- The Iranian foreign ministry spokesman has admonished French police for using violence against protesters in the international Labor Day rallies, calling on President Emmanuel Macron's government to listen to dissident voices.

Nasser Kanaani made the remarks on his Twitter account after riot police in France fired tear gas to disperse protesters in the capital Paris and other major cities on the first day of May as public anger rages over Macron's unpopular pension reform.

Media reports said police had detained a total of 291 people nationwide during massive French Labor Day demonstrations on Monday, 111 of whom were arrested in Paris.

"The violent treatment by French police of the protesting citizens and workers of the country on International Labor Day is deeply regrettable,"

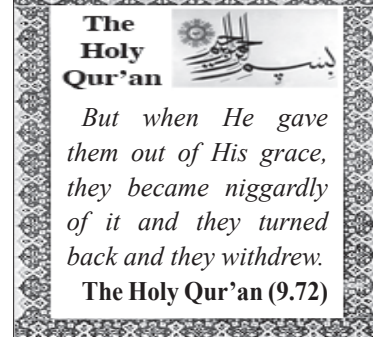
Kanaani tweeted. "We still advise the French government to listen to the voices of its protesting citizens and avoid resorting to violence against them."

The western city of Nantes and the central city of Lyon were also the scene of police violence on Monday as protesting workers and social activists, backed by labor unions, thronged the streets in their thousands to mark the first day of May.

The protesters pelted stones and projectiles at the riot police, smashed shop windows and damaged bus stops in response to the police firing teargas canisters.

In the northern city of Calais and the southern city of Toulouse, environmental activists and other groups fighting for economic justice were in the streets amid growing discontent with Macron's policies.

According to France's Interior Ministry, some 782,000 people protested across France on Monday for May Day in a new



### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:0
Evening (Maghreb)	19:13
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:09
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:35

## Two IRGC Martyred During Ammo Transportation

TEHRAN -- An incident during the transport of ammunition at an Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) center in northern Iran left two IRGC staffers martyred and three others injured, the public relations department of the IRGC in Damghan said Wednesday.

An explosion took place at a logistic support center of the IRGC on the outskirts of the city on Tuesday afternoon during the transportation of ammunition, it said in a statement.

According to the statement, the explosion happened in the process of segregating and sorting waste ammunition, resulting in the martyrdom of two staffers of the center, named Jamal Shabestani and Ali Alihusseini.

Three other staffers have also been injured and admitted to the hospital, it added.

Located in the province of Semnan, Damghan is 350 km east of the capital Tehran.

show of anger against Macron's contentious pension reform, including 112,000 in Paris alone.

The CGT union, however, said it counted 2.3 million protesters across France, including 550,000 in the capital. The turnout was massively higher than May Day last year.

French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin told reporters that at least 108 police were wounded across France as violence erupted amid simmering anger at Macron's pension reform, which raises the retirement age from 62 to 64.

Apart from the retirement age raise, the legislation also requires people to work 43 years to receive a full pension, among other changes to the system.

After France's highest court approved the law, Macron ignored calls to delay its enactment by signing it, in a move that fueled public anger and unleashed the country's biggest protests in years.