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In the Name of the Most High
Viewpoint

Time to End Israel, Not Just Its Terrorism

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

It seems terrorism is raising its ugly head these days in various parts of the world.

While Iran is the main victim of the US, whose various forms of terrorism ranging from economic and political to media and military, has continued for the past 44 years, the Palestinians have remained the perpetual target of Zionist terrorism for more than 75 years – even before the illegitimate birth of Israel.

With the approval of the godfather of all terrorism, the US, the child-killing monstrous regime of Israel is having free hand for the past few days in the target killing of Palestinian activists in Gaza.

So brutal is the tactics of the Zionist entity that schools are being bombed and the entire families of prominent Palestinian leaders, including their wives and children are bombed to death, as the world helplessly watches this ghastly spectacle.

As a matter of fact, the indifference of the UN and the so-called human rights bodies in the West has emboldened Israel to commit more sanguine crimes.

Except for verbal condemnation the Muslim world has failed to take any concrete measures to stop the Zionist crimes against humanity.

The few rockets fired by the defenders of besieged Gaza, although they have scared Israel and the illegal Jewish settlers from abroad, in the absence of more powerful projectiles from the rest of the Resistance Front, seem to be mere mosquito bites for the Zionist criminals.

How long the Palestinians as well as the Syrians and the Lebanese, should be victims of Israeli terrorism, nobody knows, but such a situation cannot persist indefinitely.

It is time for the conditions to change and that too at a rapid pace for the sake of saving humanity from the predators of terrorism.

Israel, along with its comrade-in-crimes, the US, is definitely weak and this fact requires the Muslim world to mobilize its resources for helping the Palestinians, not just in defending their homes and hearths, whether in Gaza or the West Bank, but also for the greater struggle to liberate their homeland from the occupation of the east European Jews.

Russia, Iran, Syria, Turkey Hold Four-Way Talks



Foreign ministers of Iran, Syria, Turkey and Russia meet in Moscow, on May 10, 2023

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – The foreign ministers of Turkey, Syria, Russia and Iran met in Moscow on Wednesday, in the highest-level negotiations so far on rebuilding ties between Ankara and Damascus after years of animosity during the war on Syria.

In his opening speech, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov expressed hope that the meeting would pave the way to drafting a road map for normalizing Turkish-Syrian relations. Lavrov said he sees Moscow's task as "not only in consolidating politically the progress that has been made, but also in determining general guidelines for further movement."

Syrian state media quoted Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad as saying during Wednesday's meeting that Syria and Turkey "share goals and common interests." He said that "despite all the negatives over the past years," Damascus saw the talks as an opportunity "for both governments to cooper-

ate with the help and support of our friends Russia and Iran."

Yet Mekdad added that the Syrian government's "main goal" was to end all "illegal" military presences in the country, including that of Turkish forces.

"We will continue to demand and insist on the subject of withdrawal," he was quoted as saying.

Following a deadly earthquake in February that killed tens of thousands of people in Syria and Turkey, regional normalization with Damascus began to accelerate. In April, Moscow hosted the defense ministers of Turkey, Syria and Iran for talks that it said focused on "practical steps to strengthen security in the Syrian Arab Republic and to normalize Syrian-Turkish relations."

In a tweet, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said he stressed during the meeting the need for "cooperation in the fight against terrorism and working together to establish the basis for the

return of Syrians."

Turkey is hosting more than 3.5 million refugees from neighboring Syria.

Cavusoglu also said "taking the political process in Syria forward and protection of Syria's territorial integrity," were the other issues discussed.

NATO member Turkey has backed political and armed opposition to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad during the 12-year war, and sent its own troops into the country's north.

Syria's northwest includes a sliver of territory held by rival militants, including hardline armed groups and takfiri factions backed by Turkey.

It was not immediately clear if the meeting produced any concrete outcomes.

Syrian and Turkish defense ministers had held talks in Moscow in December.

Moscow is Assad's main ally and

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Envoy: Iran to Hold U.S. Accountable for Any Zionist Aggression

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) – Iran's permanent ambassador to the UN has reiterated Tehran's right to respond to any act of aggression by the occupying regime of Israel against its nuclear program, warning that the Islamic Republic would hold the U.S. to account for explicitly supporting such terrorist acts.

Amir Saeid Irvani made the remarks in a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the head of the Security Council, days after U.S. national security advisor Jake Sullivan said Washington would do whatever was necessary

to prevent Iran from acquiring a "nuclear weapon,... including by recognizing Israel's freedom of action."

"Without a doubt, this irresponsible, provocative, and belligerent statement violates international law and the United Nations Charter, particularly Article 2(4), as it threatens to use force against the peaceful nuclear facilities of a Member State of the United Nations," Irvani said.

"Such a statement not only implies the United States' potential complicity in any future acts of

terrorism or aggression carried out by the Israeli regime against Iran, including against its peaceful nuclear facilities, but it also serves as an admission of responsibility by the US for its role in assisting, facilitating, and supporting Israel's terrorist and sabotage operations against Iranian officials, scientists, civilians, and peaceful nuclear facilities, thus requiring the United States to bear the consequences of such internationally wrongful acts."

The envoy said the assertion that

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'U.S. Should Rather Stop Systematic Rights Violations'

TEHRAN -- Iran on Wednesday urged the United States to focus on its own systematic violation of minority rights rather than interfering in other countries' affairs and judge their level of free speech.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani made the remarks via Twitter on Wednesday, one day after U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken claimed that Iranian women have "demanded their basic freedoms be respected."

Kanaani wrote, "Backing coups against popular governments, the [U.S.] regime has

always supported non-democratic establishments and non-elected governments, including the former regime of Iran, and has sacrificed freedom and fundamental rights of nations for its own illegitimate interests."

"Instead of judging other nations' freedom of expression and fundamental rights, it should better feel responsible for its international obligations as well as the systematic violation of human rights inside the U.S., especially those of minorities and people of color. It must also refrain from inter-

fering in the internal affairs of countries in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter."

Blinken made the anti-Iran comments in an address to the Freedom House 2023 Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday.

The United States claims to honor freedom of speech and accuses other countries of violating such an inalienable right. Analysts, however, say the regime does not tolerate dissent and discriminates against ethnic minorities, including those of African descent.

The Holy Qur'an



O you who believe! What have you that when it is said to you: Go forth in Allah's way, you should incline heavily to earth; are you contented with this world's life instead of the hereafter? But the provision of this world's life compared with the hereafter is but little.

The Holy Qur'an (9.38)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:01
Evening (Maghreb)	19:19
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:03
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:26

Raisi: No Time Should be Wasted in Assassination Probe

TEHRAN – President Ebrahim Raisi has called for an expeditious pursuance of Washington's 2020 assassination of senior anti-terror commanders, Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

In a meeting with head of the Supreme Judicial Council in Iraq Faeq Zaidan here, Raisi said no time should be wasted in consigning the perpetrators of the atrocity to justice.

"Pursuing the case to the end will show that Iran and Iraq stop at nothing in their bid to enable administration of justice" towards those behind the assassinations, the president said.

Raisi said Iraq's resolve to address the Americans' "appalling" foul play and its efforts to consign those who had ordered, advised, and committed the atrocity, was clear to the Islamic Republic.

General Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the second-in-command of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), and their companions were assassinated in a US drone strike authorized by former U.S. President Donald Trump near Baghdad International Airport on January 3, 2020.

Both commanders were highly revered across the Middle East because of their key role in fighting the Daesh terrorist group in the region, particularly in Iraq and Syria.

For his part, the Iraqi official said the endeavor towards trial of those, who had partaken in the "terrorist crime," was one of the most important examples of Tehran and Baghdad's judicial cooperation.