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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Nakba Anniversary Heralds the Imminent End of Israel

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Today, the 75th anniversary of the "Nakba" or a "Great Catastrophe" that saw the expulsion of some million Palestinians from their homes and hearts, a day after Britain gave birth to the illegitimate Zionist entity, has brought into sharper focus the fast approaching end of Israel.

May 15 is the black day in history which depicts the story of a nation deprived of its homeland on which the occupiers who came from across the seas, set up a spurious state in 1948 and have since subjected the sons of the soil to all sorts of atrocities.

The five-day unprovoked aerial attacks on Gaza that the usurper regime was forced to end on Saturday midnight because of the barrage of missiles of the defenders piercing the so-called iron dome and causing panic among the illegal settlers, once again busted the myth of Israel's military superiority.

It also exposed as lies the remarks of certain European backers of the Zionists that Israel has made the desert bloom, and the Palestinians lacked the capability, knowledge or desire to develop agriculture in the region.

This is indeed a preposterous lie and a convenient disguise by the Israeli regime to degrade and destroy Palestine's natural resources, and a means of obfuscating one of the worst occupations in modern history by wrapping it in the cloak of Zionist mythology.

Facts speak otherwise. Historical documents prove that prior to 1948 Palestinian farms were very productive and the local Arabs, both Muslims and Christians, were successful farmers.

For example, a UN report on agriculture in Palestine between 1945 and 1946 records that Palestinian-grown crops accounted for nearly 80 percent of Palestine's total agricultural yield that season, with Palestinian farms producing over 244,000 tons of vegetables, 73,000 tons of fruit, and 78,000 tons of olives.

Two years later in 1948 when the majority of Palestinians were forced to flee from their homeland during the "Nakba", the farms and orchards tended by them were left abandoned, as their owners fled under the threat of death at the hands of Zionist militias.

The Zionists actually began harvesting the crops that had ripened in the abandoned fields and picking the citrus fruit in Arab groves in what could be called "land theft" and proves the lie of the so-called agricultural expertise of Zionist occupiers.

The current Zionist policy, especially the construction of illegal Jewish settlements on Palestinian land, is the continuation of this effort to erase Palestine's history.

The result has been the current horrendous drought, the worst the region has faced in over 900 years, and is among the reasons of the continuing protests by hundreds of thousands of illegal Jewish settlers who have begun to realize that they were deceived.

This means, Israel has not improved the land by making "the desert bloom" as alleged, but instead degraded the land, where its native inhabitants – the Palestinians – were better caretakers.

Thanks, however, to the resolve and resistance of the Palestinian defenders of Gaza who over the past few days offered martyrs and shattered the myth of military might of the Zionists, the end of Israel is nigh, and in the near future the spurious terrorist/racist state will cease to exist, no matter what military and monetary help the Americans and the Europeans provide.

Naval Flotilla Docks in Omani Port After Record Voyage



Makran is the first and only forward base ship of the Islamic Republic of Iran Navy, in service with its Southern Fleet since 2021.

TEHRAN – The Iranian Navy's 86th flotilla has docked at a port in Oman after a long voyage around the globe with the objective of expanding Iran's naval presence in international waters.

After traveling 63,000 kilometers, the flotilla of warships has now docked at the Salalah port on the 236th day of its voyage.

The 86th flotilla, also known as the 360th flotilla, set sail from Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas on September 20 last year and has sailed in the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

The flotilla has crossed the equator four times and will reach Bandar Abbas after traveling an additional 2,000 kilometers.

It is comprised of Dena, a warship equipped with anti-ship cruise missiles, torpedoes and naval cannons, and Makran, an afloat military base that can carry five helicopters and is employed for providing logistical support for combat warships.

Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani said the U.S. once failed to prevent the Iranian Navy's 86th flotilla of warships from sailing through the Panama Canal.

In February, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) identified Dena and Makran warships as Iranian property for sanctions related to a wider effort to target the country's drone industry.

"They could not even prevent the flotilla from sailing into the Panama Canal ... This was another slap on the face of the Great Satan," he told Fars news agency.

The flotilla had also a run-in with French forces which claimed the Iranian warships had entered their waters. "Unfortunately, they were not aware of their own regulations and caused disturbances for us, to which we responded in the language of law," he Irani said.

Last year, the 75th flotilla, including the Sahand and Makran war-

ships, set a record of navigation for 45,000 kilometers after a trip to Saint Petersburg in Russia.

The 86th flotilla set sail from south of Iran in early autumn with the purpose of circumnavigating the world. The two vessels of the flotilla berthed at Brazil's southeastern port city of Rio de Janeiro in February.

Dena is a Mowj-class warship that joined the Iranian Navy in June 2021. The military vessel is equipped with anti-ship cruise missiles, torpedoes and naval cannons. The other vessel of the flotilla is Makran, a forward base ship weighing 121,000 tons.

The oil-tanker-turned-warship can carry five helicopters and is employed for providing logistical support for the combat warships.

The Iranian Navy has set up three ocean commands supervising naval missions to the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean.

MP: Iraq Hosting Iran-Egypt Rapprochement Talks

TEHRAN -- Iraq is hosting negotiations between Iran and Egypt to resume full diplomatic relations, with preparations underway for a meeting between Presidents Ebrahim Raisi and Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, an Iranian lawmaker says.

"Negotiations between Iran and Egypt are ongoing in Iraq, and we will witness the re-establishment of Iranian-Egyptian relations in the near future. We anticipate the opening of embassies between the two countries, and following this step, preparations will be made for a

meeting between the Iranian President and the Egyptian President," Fadahusein Maleki, a member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, said.

Maleki emphasized that "rebuilding relations between Iran and Egypt is of utmost importance because Egypt is one of the oldest and most civilized countries in the region and the world. Therefore, Egypt holds great significance and is highly valued compared to other nations."

The negotiations come following

Iran's broader push to re-establish relations with Arab states, most notably Saudi Arabia.

Iran and Saudi Arabia reached a deal brokered in Beijing by Chinese leader Xi Jinping in March of this year to resume relations after decades of hostility.

Only three days after announcing a deal to re-establish diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia, Iran stated it wanted to improve ties with Egypt, Abu Dhabi-based daily the National reported.

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Ministry Summons Iraqi Ambassador

TEHRAN – The Iranian foreign ministry has summoned Iraq's ambassador in Tehran in protest at anti-Iran activities underway in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region.

The protest was over an invitation to members of separatist groups to take part in an official meeting in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and continued activities of terrorist groups in the region.

At the meeting, the Iraqi ambassador was informed of Iran's strong protest at the recent developments.

The director of the first department of the Persian Gulf at the Iranian foreign ministry reminded the Iraqi ambassador that

the anti-Iran meeting in the KRG and the activities of terrorists in that region run counter to a recent security agreement between Tehran and Baghdad.

Iran and Iraq signed the bilateral agreement on security cooperation in March.

The agreement commits Iran and Iraq to safeguarding the principles of good neighborliness and protecting the common border. The deal is also aimed at ending the illegal presence of anti-Iranian armed groups and the elements affiliated with the Zionist regime in the Iraqi areas adjacent to Iran's northwestern border regions.

Iran's Senior Rights Official: U.S. Atrocities Have Directly Targeted Civilians

TEHRAN -- A senior Iranian rights official on Sunday drew attention to atrocities committed by the United States against nations, saying the American regime has directly targeted civilians.

Kazem Gharibabadi, secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights, underlined the need to increase Iranian public awareness about U.S. crimes and take international measures in this regard.

"In the domestic arena, people should know what crimes the U.S. has committed against us. This is because the U.S. atrocities have directly targeted the people," he said.

"The U.S. has committed two major crimes against the Iranian people in the fields of terrorism and sanctions. We have 17,000 victims of terror, among them those killed in the cowardly assassination of Qassem Soleimani and his companions."

Iran regards itself a major victim of terrorism as it has lost over 17,000 people in acts of terror since the 1979 victory of the Islamic Revolution.

Iran's legendary anti-terror commander General Soleimani was assassinated

The Holy Qur'an

Go forth light and heavy, and strive hard in Allah's way with your property and your persons; this is better for you, if you know.

The Holy Qur'an (9.41)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:0
Evening (Maghreb)	19:23
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:59
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:21

FM: Iran Critical of Grossi's Political Approach

TEHRAN -- Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said Sunday the course of Iran's cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) within technical frameworks will soon witness great progress.

He stressed that Tehran is exchanging messages with Washington through various channels on the revival of the 2015 nuclear deal and the removal of sanctions.

"A good development has taken place in the course of cooperation" between the Islamic Republic and the UN nuclear agency, Amir-Abdollahian said, noting that Iran has always been critical of IAEA chief Rafael Grossi's politically-charged approach towards the country and that he has even brought up the issue in a face-to-face meeting with him.

President Ebrahim Raisi has declared transparently that Iran is serious about cooperation with the IAEA, and expects the UN nuclear agency to fulfill its duties within the technical frameworks and stay away from political issues, the minister said.

"The more the IAEA distances itself from a political approach and moves towards technical cooperation, the more the path for our agreements opens up," the Iranian foreign minister pointed out.

Iran is determined to settle disputes and resolve differences with the International Atomic Energy within a framework of constructive and mutual interaction and technical cooperation, Amir-Abdollahian said.

The Strategic Action Plan to

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