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In the Name of the Most High
Viewpoint

Has the Arab World Finally Recognized its Common Enemy?

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

His surname is Arabic for lion, and the way the Syrian President strode into the conference hall of the Arab League Summit in Jeddah to deliver a speech on the necessity of unity and cognizance of the common enemies, after the standing ovation he received from host Saudi Arabia and heads of participating countries, is still sending shivers down the spines of the cowardly hyenas in the US and Israel – predators that prey on the rich resources of the weaklings.

It is wrong to say Dr. Bashar al-Assad was isolated for the past dozen years and his country suspended from the Arab League, and now he and Damascus have been readmitted because of the new spirit of reconciliation.

As a matter of fact, it were the pro US regimes of the Arab world that isolated themselves from the progressive developments in the region by being duped by the West to fund the bid of a few traitors in Syria to conspire with terrorists created by the Americans and the Zionists, to overthrow the government of the principal frontline state for the Palestinian cause by boycotting a leading founding member of the League in violation of the clauses of its own charter.

From the outset it was clear the macabrely murderous Takfiris whose western weaponry, including chemical gasses, killed over 300,000 Syrian people, displaced hundreds of thousands from their homes, and drove into exile many others, will never succeed – because of the support the Alawite President enjoys from his overwhelmingly Sunni Muslim army and citizens.

They even failed to understand the defence of Prophet Abraham's legacy in Syria by Islamic Iran (and also by Christian Russia) vis-à-vis the 'Nimrod' accord Washington and Tel Aviv were imposing on the Arabs to trap them into a huge Zionist blaze.

Assad the lion, however, triumphed over the terroristic jackals whom Turkey also unwittingly reared and now rues its historic blunder, with Tayyeb Rajab Erdogan struggling to retain the presidency of a traditionally pro-Palestinian Muslim country in the elections which are now headed for the second round.

It is against this backdrop that the pro-West Arab states seem to have finally woken up from their decade-long slumber and summoned up the courage to ignore the US by resuming relations with Syria and its legitimate leadership which held two general elections during the eleven-year conflict, to win the public vote.

Thus, better late than never, and now not just photo sessions with President Assad but concrete efforts are required to restore to the Arab world its unity after the squandering of hundreds of billions of dollars for purchase of US weaponry that despite the destruction caused in Syria, Yemen, and Iraq, has utterly failed to dampen the indomitable spirit of the Resistance Forces.

Perhaps, this is the reason for the reconciliation of Saudi Arabia and its allied states, first with Iraq, then with the Islamic Republic of Iran, and now with Syria, with prospects of peace in Yemen through recognition of the legitimate government in Sana'a led by the Popular Ansarullah Movement.

Complete reconciliation, however, is not possible even if a single US soldier remains on Arab soil and if the entire region is not mobilized for liberation of Al-Aqsa Mosque through solid support for Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and all other Palestinian freedom fighters.

This is possible, not just through closure of all Zionist trade and diplomatic missions in Arab countries, but taking of the most courageous step by removing the US imposed 'terrorist' tag from Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, since without the devotion, dedication, discipline, and defensive means of Hezbollah, Arab solidarity will remain a distant dream.

So, let us hope the rich Arab countries will now compensate their expensive errors by contributing to the reconstruction of Syria by realizing that their common enemy is not any Arab or non-Arab Muslim country, but the US, which over the past decades has sowed seeds of dissension and posed as a friend in order to permanently put them under the yoke of a spurious entity.

Iranian Flotilla to Go to Antarctic for First Time



The 86th Navy group, consisting of the destroyer Dena and the Makran ship, entered the 1st Naval Area of the Navy in Bandar Abbas before noon on Saturday and was received by Navy chief Admiral Shahram Irani and the families of the sailors.

TEHRAN -- The Iranian Navy says it will deploy one of its flotilla of warships to the Antarctic for the first time ever "in the near future."

The deployment of Iranian warships to the Antarctic was apparently one of the main goals of a recent mission by the 86th flotilla, which returned to the country a few days ago after a round-the-world voyage, Iran's Tasnim news agency said.

The naval fleet, comprised of domestically-manufactured Dena destroyer and Makran forward base ship, entered the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Wednesday, after sailing 63,000 kilometers of sea routes over eight months and a circumnavigation of the globe in 360 degrees.

The 86th flotilla broke the record for the distance an Iranian flotilla has ever sailed in international waters and crossed the Strait of Ma-

gellan — the nearest region to the South Pole — during its mission, a main purpose of which was to test the strength of the steel hull of the Dena destroyer in cold waters.

Antarctica is one of the most important strategic regions in the world, with 30 countries having 70 active research centers there.

"Presence in Antarctica is important from various scientific, legal and political, geostrategic, economic aspects, and this region in the future will be a major issue on the international arena," Tasnim quoted Abolfazl Saleh, head of the Marine Science Research Institute of Iran's National Institute for Oceanography, as saying.

The news agency added that the establishment of a permanent base by the Islamic Republic of Iran in the South Pole in order to increase the strategic depth of the country has received a lot of attention over

the past years.

The 86th naval fleet set sail on a mission around the world from Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas on September 20, 2022.

At one point, the naval fleet passed the coasts of Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, finally anchoring in the port of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, which coincided with the 120th anniversary of the establishment of relations between Iran and Brazil.

Dena is a Mowj-class destroyer that joined the Iranian Navy in June 2021. The military vessel is equipped with anti-ship cruise missiles, torpedoes and naval cannons.

Makran is a forward base ship weighing 121,000 tons. The warship can carry five helicopters and is employed for providing logistical support for the combat warships.

Nouri's Solitary Confinement in Sweden Sets World Record

TEHRAN -- Lawyers of Iranian national Hamid Nouri, who has been illegally detained in Sweden for more than three years, have criticized his trial process and the way he is being treated in jail, saying the 62-year-old's solitary confinement is too long and regarded as a "world record."

Mizan news agency, affiliated with the Iranian Judiciary, cited Nouri's lawyer Hanna Larsson as saying at the tenth session of an appeals court hearing that her client has now spent 3.5 years in solitary confinement in Swedish detention centers, describing the long period as a "record" in the world and the way he is treated by jailers as "very

heinous."

Larsson said Nouri's family members have been prevented from visiting him, blaming the Swedish prison authorities for refusing to arrange meetings despite having "enough time to do so."

"He is entitled to have in-person and virtual meetings, but no meeting is held," she said, adding that the prison authorities have also deprived Nouri of having access to his laptop and iPad over the past weeks.

Larsson also rebuked the Swedish authorities for preventing Nouri's access to crucial documents required for defending him at the

court, dismissing as "not true" the prosecutor's claim that the documents had been handed over to her client.

"These documents were of great value to our client and now we cannot defend him as we should and be ready for defense," Nouri's lawyer underlined.

Larsson also brought up the issue of Nouri's failing eyesight, saying her client had for several times called for arranging an appointment with an ophthalmologist but the prison authorities turned down the plea.

Thomas Bodström, another Nouri's (Continued on Page 7)

'Desecration of Al-Aqsa Reaction to Recent Defeat'

TEHRAN -- Iran strongly has condemned Israeli settlers' latest violation of the sanctity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque's compound in the occupied city of Al-Quds, calling it a reaction to the Zionist regime's recent defeat in the face of the Palestinian resistance in Gaza.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani denounced "Zionists' repeated desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque and shouting of racist slogans against Palestinians and Muslims."

The remarks came a day after hundreds of Israeli settlers stormed the compound -- which is Islam's third-holiest site -- in Al-Quds' Old City amid heavy protection provided for them

by thousands of Zionist troops.

The violation took place ahead of the so-called "flag march" by Israelis, which marks the regime's 1967 occupation of the Palestinian territory of the West Bank, including East Al-Quds -- which Palestinian want as the capital of their future state.

Kanaani called the settlers' infringement on the compound "a reaction to the [Zionist regime's] disastrous defeat in the face of Gaza's heroic resistance."

The Tel Aviv regime launched a campaign of deadly bombings against the Gaza Strip on May 9, prompting the Islamic Jihad, a resistance group based in the coastal sliver, to fire over 1,000 rockets toward the occupied ter-

ritories.

The conflict marked the worst episode of fighting between Gaza's resistance factions and the Israeli regime since a 10-day war imposed by Tel Aviv on the blockaded territory in 2021.

After five days of fighting, the two sides agreed to an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire that took effect on Saturday night.

"Is the international community still in any doubt concerning the apartheid nature of the Zionist regime," Kanaani said, referring to the deeply discriminatory dual legal and political system, which the regime has been practicing in favor of Israeli settlers and against Palestinians in the West Bank for decades.

The Holy Qur'an

They only ask leave of you who do not believe in Allah and the latter day and their hearts are in doubt, so in their doubt do they waver.

The Holy Qur'an (9.45)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:00
Evening (Maghreb)	19:27
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:55
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:15

U.S. Sanctions Logistics Network Between Iran and Russia

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The United States has issued new sanctions targeting what it calls the "logistics network" between Iran and Russia as the two countries move to enhance their relations.

The U.S. State Department added two Iranian shipping companies, a port operator and a marine service provider to its new sanctions list, continuing its unjust campaign against the Iranian nation.

The department said they were part of the "logistics network" between Moscow and Tehran.

The targets included Khazar Sea Shipping Line, and Nasim Bahr Kish, two Iranian shipping companies, and Grand Sea LLC, a maritime service provider in Makhachkala, Russia.

The sanctions also include the entities related to the recent agreement between Iran and Russia to build a railway section of the North-South Corridor.

The Iran-Russia relations have angered the U.S. That includes a recent agreement between Iran and Russia on the construction of a railroad section that connects southern Asia to northern Europe.

The U.S. said it's deeply concerned by any move to go around the sanctions.

Tehran has slammed Washington's sanctions, saying that the Rasht-Astara railway project is part of its neighbor-oriented strategy, which is based on co-operation for security, development, and common prosperity.

Iran and Russia this week signed an agreement on the construction of the Rasht-Astara railway, a strategic transport corridor that connects the existing railways of the two countries and Azerbaijan.

The 162-kilometer railway will connect the Iranian city of Rasht, near the Caspian Sea, to Astara on the border with Azerbaijan.

The project, which is aimed at integrating the transport and information routes of Russia, Azerbaijan, Iran, and India, is carried out within the framework of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).

The Iranian foreign ministry has dismissed "unjustified and invalid" concerns voiced by the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden over Tehran's expansion of trade cooperation with other states, saying the latest agreements with Russia and Pakistan are in line with Iran's emphasis on the policy of good neighborliness.