And thus will your Lord choose you and teach you the interpretation of say-

ings and make His favor

complete to you and to the children of Yaqoub, as He

made it complete before to

your fathers, Ibrahim and

Ishaq; surely your Lord is

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PRAYER TIMINGS

19:32

04:52

03:10

The Holy Qur'an (12.6)

Knowing, Wise.

Noon (Zohr)

Evening(Maghreb)

Sunrise "Tomorrow"

Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

Holy Our'an

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Viewpoint

Terrorists & Traitors from Iran Roam Free in Europe

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Imagine a small and insignificant European mini state with no historical roots, bearing its tiny fangs at Iran!

It was magnanimity on the part of the Islamic Republic to release a convicted spy without subjecting him to the 74-lashes punishment as a humanitarian gesture following Belgium's realization of its folly in violating the diplomatic immunity of Assadollah Assadi and subjecting him to three years in prison (preceded by 2 years imprisonment in Germany) on the orders of the US and the illegal Zionist entity.

Belgian Olivier Vandecasteele who disguised as an aid worker conducted espionage activities in Iran, should be thankful to the mercy shown by the Islamic Republic's judicial system in releasing him after only 455 days in detention of a 40-year sentence for passing to the US and Israel sensitive information.

Hope he has learned his lesson and should be extra careful in being used again by the Americans and the Zionists to spy on other countries. Such criminals are often liable for capital punishment.

Anyway, our innocent diplomat is back home after his illegal imprisonment and five torturous years in the prisons of Germany and Belgium on being framed up by the kangaroo courts of Berlin and Brussels on the disinformation given by terrorists and fugitives from justice in Iran sponsored by the West.

Assadi, who was posted at the Iranian embassy in Austria, and enjoyed fully diplomatic immunity, was stopped on his way back to his office in Vienna while crossing through a third country in Germany, where he was arrested on false charges.

It was gross violation of international law and despite protests by Iran his case was dragged on by Germany on pretext of the so-called investigation process for two years, and on 15 July 2020, handed over to a court in Belgium.

It is unfortunate that most West European countries have become a safe haven for terrorists and traitors fleeing their homeland from justice, especially from Iran.

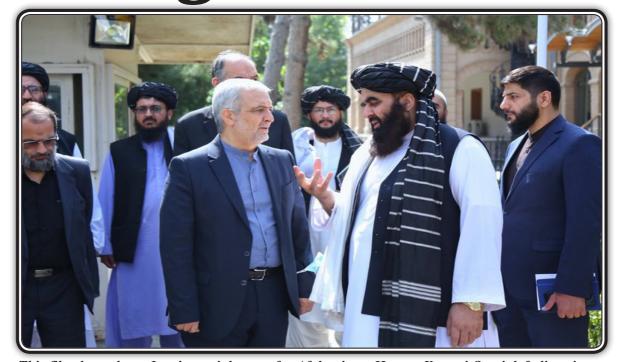
These pro-Zionist European regimes, as part of their blind hostility towards Iran since 1979, give a free hand to hypocrites and convicts from the Islamic Republic, and have a track record of harassing innocent Iranian citizens visiting the West as well as diplomats.

Recently, these regimes lauded and encouraged thugs in Iran to murder citizens and security forces, and when some of these killers were caught and given due punishment, the Europeans carried on an intense propaganda campaign to try to tarnish the image of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Currently, the most prominent Iranian languishing in a European dungeon for no fault is former judicial official, Hamid Nouri, who was detained in Sweden while on a tourist visa, and has been given a life sentence on completely false extraterritorial charges brought against him by the MKO terrorists.

Iran has served ultimatum to Sweden to free Nouri, and if his imprisonment drags on Tehran has no other choice but to teach Stockholm an unforgettable lesson.

Kayhan FM: Iran Does Not Recognize Taliban



This file photo shows Iran's special envoy for Afghanistan Hassan Kazemi Qomi, left, listening to Taliban foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in Kabul.

TEHRAN -- Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian on Thursday reiterated the necessity of establishing an inclusive government in Afghanistan while clarifying that Tehran does not recognize the ruling faction in

"We insist on the formation of an inclusive government in Afghanistan because the Taliban are just part of and the entire reality in Afghanistan," he told Iranian diplomats at the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini during an event held to renew allegiance to the late founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The minister also expressed Tehran's displeasure over the Taliban's move to deprive Afghan women and girls from pursuing studies and getting education.

"We regard such measures as contrary to the teachings of Islam's prophet," Amir-Abdollahian said.

The top diplomat further pointed to Iran's water rights from Afghanistan's part of the Hirmand River according to the 1973 bilateral accord between the neighboring countries and underlined the need to abide by legal path of the agree-

"We have mentioned to Afghan officials that the issues relating to water rights will not be resolved through political statements and that they must be followed through via a legal framework," Amir-Abdollahian added.

Iran and Afghanistan have been locked in a long-running dispute over their shared water resources. At the heart of the dispute is the Hirmand River, which flows 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) south before flowing into Hamoun wetlands, located in Sistan and Baluchestan province.

Following more than a century of rifts over Hirmand's water supply, Iran and Afghanistan signed a treaty in 1973 to establish a means of regulating each country's use of the river.

Iran should receive an annual share of 820 million cubic meters

from Hirmand under the accord, which Afghanistan has grossly violated in letter and spirit, endangering the lives of many Iranians who rely on Hamoun wetlands for drinking water, agriculture, and

Afghanistan has also built dams on the Hirmand which have constricted the water flow into Iran.

Amir-Abdollahian further expressed concerns over sporadic border clashes in the past months along Afghanistan's long border with Iran but reiterated the significance of a secure and stable Afghanistan for the Islamic Republic and stressed that there is no way to resolve existing issues other than through "interactions between the two nations."

The foreign minister expressed Tehran's desire to help Afghan authorities establish peace and security across Afghanistan.

"We don't want the repeat of the bitter incident in Mazar-i-Sharif," (Continued on Page 7)

Oman's **Sultan Due** in Tehran Sunday to **Boost Ties**

TEHRAN - An upcoming visit by Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said to Tehran will further strengthen cooperation between the two countries, the Iranian ambassador to Muscat says.

Speaking to the official Oman News Agency (ONA), Ali Najafi said Iran and Oman have enjoyed brotherly and continuous coordination and consultation regarding bilateral, regional and international relations.

"In addition to the historical, cultural and religious ties and commonalities, there is a broad prospect for promoting political, economic, international and regional cooperation between the two countries," he added.

"Sultan Haitham's trip to Tehran and his meeting with our high-ranking officials will further enhance the partnership and cooperation between Iran and Oman."

Referring to growing Iran-Oman economic relations, the envoy said the volume of trade exchange between the two countries has tripled over the past two years and reached \$2 billion.

He said there are great opportunities (Continued on Page 7)

Iraqi, Iranian

FMs Hold

Phone Talks

TEHRAN -- The foreign minis-

ters of Iran and Iraq have discussed

ways to implement the security deals

The agreements mainly deal with

countering anti-Iran terror groups

based in the Iraqi Kurdistan re-

Iranian Minister of Foreign Af-

fairs Hussein Amir-Abdollahian,

during the phone conversation

with his Iraqi counterpart Fuad

Hussein on Thursday, also talked

about the latest situation of bilat-

signed between the two countries.

Pakistan Says Will Not Let Saboteurs Harm Iran Ties

ISLAMABAD Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal

Bhutto Zardari says Tehran and Islamabad will not allow saboteurs to harm bilateral relations between the two neighboring countries.

In an exclusive interview with IRNA in reference to a Saturday terrorist killing of five Iranian border guards at the joint border with Pakistan, Zardari vehemently condemned the terrorist incident. He said that Iran and Pakistan are determined not to allow such plots to

(IRNA) – overshadow the bilateral relations of the two countries.

> Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs had earlier issued a statement to slam the terrorist attack. Islamabad, it said, is committed to cooperate with Tehran in the fight against terrorism.

The border guards were martyred in Saravan late Saturday after terrorists raided a border security checkpoint in the region and retreated to areas in the territory of

On Friday, the committee of foreign affairs of Pakistan's senate called for bolstering ties with Iran, saying Islamabad should not neglect Tehran's important position in the region and the world.

The call came during a meeting of the committed, attended by Foreign Minister Bhutto-Zardari and Senator Farooq H. Naek.

Bhutto-Zardari appreciated the role of China in bringing Iran and Saudi Arabia closer, saying improved (Continued on Page 7)

March to restore diplomatic ties,

and soon afterwards announced plans to open their respective em-

bassies under the China-brokered

On Tuesday, Iran appointed its

new ambassador to Saudi Arabia,

following a similar move by the

The Russian intelligence chief

accused the U.S. of training

Saudi kingdom.

Russian Intel Chief: U.S., UK **Should Leave Iran Alone**

MOSCOW (Dispatches) -- The head of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) says the U.S. and the UK should leave Iran alone and mind their own business. Sergei Naryshkin was quoted by

RT as saying that he would advise the "Anglo-Saxons to take care of their own internal civil conflicts. Or better yet, go to their old pal - the devil."

He made the remarks commenting on the U.S. and UK's policies towards Iran at a security forum outside Moscow attended by for-

eign security officials. Naryshkin said Washington and London are dismayed by the suc-

cess of China in reconciling

Iran and Saudi Arabia, and view the normalization in a strictly negative light.

The official said the two allies are wary that Beijing's diplomatic activities in the region could undermine their long-term strategy to weaken the Islamic Republic.

He said American and British government agencies have been tasked with derailing China's diplomatic efforts and discrediting

its role as a mediator.

"in the new geopolitical reality."

Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed in

Citing to this effect in Western media, he said the U.S. and the UK are unlikely to succeed with their supposed smear campaign

Daesh members for acts of sabotage in Russia in its Al-Tanf military base located in Syria near the Arab country's borders with Jordan and Iraq. "According to our information, the U.S.' al-Tanf military base

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eral relations.

The two sides stressed the need to follow up on the implementation of the security agreement inked between the two countries.

The ministers also held talks on the need to promote the gas pipeline (Continued on Page 7)