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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran, Oman Set the Precedent of Peace & Progress in the Region

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The 2-day visit to Tehran of Sultan Haitham bin Tareq and his cordial talks with the Leader of the Islamic Revolution and the Iranian President, has brought into sharper focus the historical, geographical, commercial, cultural, and political ties that Oman shares with Iran.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei describing relations between the two countries that face each other across the strategic Strait of Hormuz due to Oman's control of the tiny Musandam Peninsula which juts into the gateway of the Persian Gulf, as "deep-rooted and beneficial to all sides", cautioned of the dangers posed to the region by the unwanted presence of the Zionists.

The Islamic Republic's policy of peace with all countries in the neighbourhood clearly states that regional security is the responsibility of the littoral states, as is very well known to Oman whose own policy of mediation removes mistrusts from the region and brings regional countries closer to each other, making them realize that the US is the common enemy with its devilish designs of fanning discord and even flames of wars amongst Muslim states.

This means the Americans should leave the entire region and if they are really sincere, they should return the assets they have illegally frozen with a vow not to meddle anywhere in West Asia/North Africa.

Then only permanent peace and progress will prevail, rather than any one-sided cosmetic accord which Washington easily breaks as part of its illegitimate extraterritorial hegemonic policies.

As for Usurper Israel, it has no right to exist in Palestine, which should be returned to the Palestinian people, and the Zionists kicked out from the Persian Gulf, where they have imposed themselves upon certain unsuspecting states.

All regional countries should pay attention to these vital issues. Diplomacy to remove distrusts is the only way as is evident from Oman's promotion of goodwill through mediation efforts, whether between Yemen and Saudi Arabia or the proposal of resumption of ties between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Egypt.

Tehran definitely welcomes relations with Cairo and promotion of cultural, economic, and of course, pilgrimage ties, which the Americans and the Zionists are trying to prevent through their poisonous propaganda in a bid to keep the two prime Muslim nations apart.

The evil divide and rule policy of the West is collapsing in the region and all over the world, and as Iran and Oman have shown brotherly cooperation among the Muslim countries is beneficial in both regional and global terms.

The four important agreements signed between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sultanate of Oman during Sultan Haitham's visit are thus not limited to the proposed \$5 billion worth of trade exchanges, but the blossoming of brotherly ties amongst the states of the region as harbinger of the cherished goal of a united Muslim World.

Terror Group Linked to Zionist Regime Dismantled



This file photo shows Iran's security forces during a drill.

TEHRAN -- A senior Iranian judicial official said Monday security forces have dismantled a terror group tied to the occupying regime of Israel, which was planning to conduct assassination operations in the country.

Ali Abdollahi, the head of the judiciary's intelligence department, said 14 members of the terror group were arrested by intelligence forces in Iran's West Azarbaijan province.

The terrorists, he said, were planning to identify certain individuals and assassinate them.

The Zionist regime has a long record of sabotage operations in Iran, mainly targeting its nuclear facilities.

The regime has the blood of several senior Iranian nuclear scientists on its hands.

Meanwhile, Iran's presidential office on Monday dismissed rumors

of a hacking attack against its website after it briefly went down.

In a statement, the presidency said its website, president.ir, was undergoing maintenance as a new overhauled version was unveiled.

"Last week, the new version of the website was unveiled, and today it was made temporarily unavailable by the technical team of the website as a security improvement project was being completed," it said.

Minister: Tensions Ease on Border With Afghanistan

TEHRAN -- Iran's interior minister said on Monday that tensions have eased on the eastern border with Afghanistan and the area is now secure, days after a deadly unprovoked attack by Taliban forces.

Ahmad Vahidi's remarks came two days after two Iranian border guards were killed as heavily-armed Taliban forces opened fire at a border post in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province in violation of international law.

"We do not have any problem at the moment. The border point is in peace and open to traffic," he said.

"There was a shooting by Af-

ghan border guards, and naturally, we delivered a due response," he added.

The interior minister also noted that the brief clashes ended and negotiations were held with the Taliban in this regard.

During a visit to Sistan and Baluchestan on Sunday, commander of the Iranian Army's Ground Force Brigadier General Kioumars Heidari warned that the Islamic Republic will change its approach if Afghanistan fails to respect international regulations and the principles of good neighborliness.

He further said that the border areas with Afghanistan are under complete control of the

Iranian Army's Ground Forces.

In August 2021, the Taliban managed to seize power after making sweeping advances across Afghanistan in the midst of a messy withdrawal of U.S.-led foreign forces as well as the rapid collapse of the country's security forces.

Iran says it does not recognize the ruling administration in Kabul, underlining the need for the formation of an inclusive Afghan government.

Recently, a long-lasting water dispute has resurfaced between Iran and Afghanistan. Afghanistan's non-compliance with the 1973 water-sharing treaty and denying Iran its water rights under the pact have heightened tensions between Tehran and Kabul.

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Iran Ready to Provide Mali With Military Equipment

TEHRAN -- Defense Minister Brigadier General Muhammad Reza Ashtiani on Monday announced Iran's readiness to provide Mali with military equipment and experience in the fight against terrorism.

In a meeting with his Malian counterpart Colonel Sadio Camara here, Ashtiani said Iran is prepared to share its equipment, experiences and capabilities in training with Mali in the war against terrorism.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will spare no effort to strengthen Mali's defense power against the threats posed by terrorist groups," he added.

Gen. Ashtiani warned that the presence of certain Western governments in Africa is in line with their past colonial ambitions, and political ob-

jectives, aiming to create tension and instability.

"Although the Westerners claim hypocritically to be seeking to establish security in Africa, history shows that they spread terrorism in order to justify their presence in the region and interfere in the internal affairs of independent states, such as Mali," Ashtiani added.

The Iranian minister also lauded the Malian government's support for Palestine and its people as a stellar example of backing the oppressed.

For his part, Camara said Mali is interested in taking advantage of Iran's experiences in the fight against terrorism and its initiative for the engagement of people and voluntary forces in ensuring security.

The Holy Qur'an

So go about in the land for four months and know that you cannot weaken Allah and that Allah will bring disgrace to the unbelievers.

The Holy Qur'an (9.2)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:02
Evening (Maghreb)	19:32
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:51
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:07

IRGC to Unveil Hypersonic Missile Soon

TEHRAN -- A top commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Monday Iran will unveil a homegrown hypersonic ballistic missile in the near future.

"The hypersonic missile has passed its tests and will be unveiled soon," Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh, the commander of the IRGC's Aerospace Division, said.

The new missile, he said, is capable of bypassing all air defense missile systems and targeting the enemy's anti-missile systems.

The IRGC commander described the development of the missile as a "great leap in the field of missiles."

"The hypersonic missile has a high speed (around 12-13 Mach) and can maneuver both in and out of the Earth's atmosphere," Hajizadeh said.

Hypersonic missiles can fly at speeds at least five times faster than the speed of sound, making them virtually impossible to intercept.

Back in November, Hajizadeh for the first time announced that Iran had developed

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Swedish Jailors Subject Nouri to New Torture

TEHRAN -- Iranian national Hamid Nouri, illegally incarcerated by the Swedish government for over three years, has recently been subjected to new torture methods.

According to IRNA, Swedish prison authorities have recently transferred a citizen of Eritrea, suffering from severe mental disorders, to Nouri's cell.

Nouri has told his lawyers that the prison authorities usually transfer a person to his cell just before his trial sessions as a pretext to confiscate his belongings, including his notes that are needed for the court.

Meanwhile, interpreters use vulgar language, curse at him, and insult his beliefs, instead of conveying messages from his family to him.

Nouri, a former Iranian judiciary official, was detained upon arrival at Stockholm Airport in November 2019. He was put on trial on trumped-up charges made by the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO), which has been designated by Iran and many other countries as a terrorist group.

A Swedish court sentenced Nouri to life imprisonment on charges of acting as a jail guard while MKO members were in prison.

His case is in the appeal stage, and the twelfth appeal session was to be held on Monday.