

President Raisi Arrives in Uganda

TEHRAN -- Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi arrived in Uganda later Wednesday as part of his three-nation tour of Africa and following the conclusion of his visit to Kenya.

Upon an official invitation from President Yoweri Museveni, President Raisi touched down at Uganda's Entebbe International Airport, where he was warmly received by the Ugandan minister of foreign affairs. The two presidents were to hold bilateral talks accompanied with their respective official delegations to further solidify the relations between the two nations.

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'Chinese Hackers Accessed U.S. Government Emails'

WASHINGTON/LONDON (Reuters) -- Chinese state-linked hackers since May have secretly accessed email accounts at around 25 organizations, including U.S. government accounts, in a stealthy cyberespionage campaign, Microsoft and U.S. officials said on Wednesday. The United States detected a breach of federal government accounts "fairly rapidly" and managed to prevent further breaches, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in an interview with ABC's "Good Morning America" program.

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Dynamic Mubahela Ensured Leadership of Islam

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"Say (O Prophet): 'O People of the Book! Come to a word common between us and you: that we will worship no one but Allah, and that we will not ascribe any partner to Him, and that we will not take each other as lords besides Allah.' But if they turn away, say, 'Be witnesses that we are Muslims.'" (Holy Qur'an 3:64)

The words of God Almighty are crystal clear. He has decreed Islam, which means peace, healthy way of life, and submission to none but God, as the religion of all mankind. Thus, all people irrespective of their ethnicity, language, colour of skin, and social status, are called "Muslims" for obeying the commandments of the One and Only Creator without ascribing partners to Him. Islam, which was the theme of the message of all prophets in every land since the creation of Adam, became the proper name for the universal mission entrusted by the Lord Most High to His Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). No prophet would come after him nor would any heavenly scripture revealed after the Holy Qur'an. The chain of Divinely-designated guidance (not self-assumed pseudo religious authority), however, will continue till doomsday. As the Mercy unto the whole creation, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) preached his message in the most rational manner by presenting facts, purifying souls, cleansing consciences, awakening minds, and instilling love, affection, and compassion in hearts.

The pagan Arabs, who were devoid of any humanitarian values and whose hearts were as harsh as the barren and burning landscape of the Arabian Desert, persecuted the Prophet in Mecca and the early Muslims. By the command of Creator, the Prophet migrated to the oasis town of Yathreb, which became known as "Medinat-an-Nabi" (City of the Prophet) or simply Medina, whose people living in a congenial climate with abundance of palm groves and orchards of pomegranates and other fruits, welcomed him and those that had migrated with him, with open arms that facilitated establishment of the first-ever Islamic State.

For the first time the world was witnessing a system of administration based on justice, compassion and other humanitarian values that certainly appealed to people of reason, but for the polytheists of Mecca and other pagan Arabs, as well as the ever-scheming Israelites, Islam and Muslims meant end of their free-wheeling devilish ways of life. The Arabs and the Israelites thus ganged up together to try to kill the Prophet of Peace and to wipe out the system of life called Islam, but to their utter dismay and to the frustration of their accomplices (the hypocrites amongst the Muslims), whatever battles they imposed upon him, were decisively defeated by his valiant cousin - later son-in-law, and finally Divinely-designated vicegerent - Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), despite their cannibalistic cruelty in tearing apart the limbs of their victims and carving out the liver of the Prophet's uncle, Hamza.

These rapacious beasts in human form, finding no other option to continue their polytheist ways would soon pretend to be Muslims - not in sincerity and obedience to God but with mouths watering for the riches of other lands through unnecessary wars and bloodshed. It is an irony of history that centuries later these elements would be hailed as "Salaf" [progenitors] by simpletons or by like-minded persons craving for violence, vandalism, and massacre of all those who object to their misinterpretation and misuse of Islam.

No wonder, till this day the hearts of these Takfiri terrorists in whatever land they dwell under various names, are full of hatred for the Prophet's peaceful legacy and for followers of his Ahl al-Bayt, especially Imam Ali (AS), because he was the person who had volunteered to sleep on the Prophet's bed on the crucial Night of Hijra to thwart the murderous designs of their forbears, and who after migration to Medina decisively defeated battles imposed by them. As a matter of fact, when no one was a Muslim or claimed to be a "Sahabi" (companion), the 10-year old cousin of the Prophet was present on Mount Noor when Archangel Gabriel formally entrusted the universal mission of Islam to the Messenger of Mercy.

He consequently became the first person to testify the prophethood of his cousin with the immortal phrase: "Ash-hado anna Muhammadan Rasool-Allah" (I bear witness Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah), and in turn was declared by the Prophet as "my 'Vizier' (Assistant), 'Wasi' (Testamentary Legatee), and 'Khalifa' (Vicegerent) - a designation that was formalized at the historic event of Ghadee-Khom in 10 AH, with the immortal words "For whoever I am Master Ali is the Master".

God Almighty thus ensured immortality for genuine Islam and those whom He had decreed as its Guardians ("Awliya", plural of "Wali") by vouching the pristine purity of the Ahl al-Bayt (Holy Qur'an 33:33), specifying their characteristics of giving alms while in genuflection in the state of prayer (Holy Qur'an 5:55), and their accompanying the Prophet to the field of Mubahela with the Christians of Najran to invoke Divine Wrath on the liars (Holy Qur'an 3:61), after three days of an unconvincing dialogue with the Christian priests of Najran on the nature of Prophet Jesus (AS) - whether he was godson or human.

(Takfiri terrorists take note: The Prophet held the dialogue with the Christians in the Masjid an-Nabi and allotted a corner of it to them to pray in peace and security as per the tenets of their own religion, while you destroy churches, mosques, and tombs of saints).

Every year the 24th Dhu'l-Hijjah refreshes our thoughts regarding the peaceful nature of Islam and the dynamism of the Prophet and his Immaculate Ahl al-Bayt.

"Indeed the case of Jesus with God is like the case of Adam: He created him from dust then said to him, 'Be', and he was.

"This is the truth from your Lord so do not be among the doubters.

"Should anyone argue with you concerning him after the knowledge that has come to you, say: Come let us call our sons and your sons, our women and your women, our souls and your souls, then let us invoke and call down Allah's curse upon the liars." (Holy Qur'an 3:59-61)

Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) calmly and confidently strode to the rendezvous, and to the surprise of the Christians of Najran who were present with their women and children, none of his companions were with him, nor were any of the nine spouses he had taken in the last ten years of his life out of social necessity and to break the customs of Jahiliyya, following the passing away of his loyal wife of 25 long years of marital bliss, Hazrat Khadija (SA).

The only persons accompanying the Prophet were four in number, of which two were mere children, and of the two grownups there was only one male in the prime of manhood, while the other was a fully veiled lady.

These Fabulous Four were his Immaculate Daughter Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), his Infallible Son-in-law Imam Ali (AS), and his Impeccable Grandsons Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS).

Mubahela is thus another firm proof of the Ahl al-Bayt's leadership and the prime position of Imam Ali (AS) as the Prophet's "Nafs" (soul) without whom Islam is meaningless.

Leader: Our Struggle Today is Civilizational, Global

Iran, Kenya Sign 5 MoUs as President Raisi Visits Nairobi 'New Beginning' in Ties With Africa



This combination of pictures shows President Raisi being welcomed in Nairobi, besides his meetings with President Ruto and signing of agreements.

NAIROBI (Dispatches) - Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi held talks with his Kenyan counterpart William Ruto on Wednesday as he kicked off the first Africa tour by an Iranian president in 11 years.

Raisi received a red carpet welcome from president Ruto as he began a three-country tour of Africa that Tehran has touted as a "new beginning" in relations with the continent.

The visit comes as the Islamic Republic shoring up diplomatic support in the face of Western sanctions, with Raisi also due to travel to Uganda and Zimbabwe this week.

At a press briefing after meeting Ruto, Raisi said he wanted to boost commercial ties with African countries. Africa is a "continent of opportunities" and a great platform for Iranian products, he said. "None of us is satisfied with the current volume of trade."

Iran's foreign ministry said on Saturday that it expects trade with African countries to increase to more than \$2 billion this year from about \$1.2 billion in recent years.

Raisi highlighted the existing capacities to boost ties with Kenya, insisting that both countries are aiming to materialize a 10-

fold surge in their economic cooperation.

President Raisi specifically mentioned Africa's mineral resources and Iran's petrochemical experience.

The two presidents oversaw the signing of five memoranda of understanding, addressing information, communication and technology; fisheries; animal health and livestock production and investment promotion.

President Ruto called Iran a "critical strategic partner" and "global innovation powerhouse."

Ruto said he had sought Raisi's

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah

Seyyed Ali Khamenei here Wednesday said Iran is in the midst of a

"civilizational and global" fight against "lying" arrogant powers

Iran Summons Russian Ambassador

TEHRAN - Iran's foreign ministry has summoned the Russian ambassador to Tehran over Moscow's support for the United Arab Emirates' claim over three Iranian islands in a joint statement with the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Tehran protested the challenging of its ownership over the Iranian islands and asked Russia to "correct its position" on the issue, the foreign ministry said on Wednesday.

The ministry said the Russian envoy emphasized Russia's respect for Iran's territorial integrity and promised to relay the message of protest to Moscow.

On Tuesday, foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani rejected

the statement over the islands, saying: "These islands perennially belong to Iran and issuing these kinds of statements is in contradiction to Iran's friendly relations with its neighbors."

In the statement, issued by Russia and the GCC after a joint strategic dialogue meeting on Monday in Moscow, Iran's ownership of the Greater Tumb, Lesser Tumb and Abu Musa are challenged.

Speaking following a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Muhammad Dehghan, the Iranian president's deputy for legal affairs, also dismissed the UAE's claims, saying all past documents indicate Iran's indisputable ownership of the islands.

"Some regional rulers are trying to forge documents and bribe a number of international legal experts, which is void of legal value. Old documents on the issue are clear, and because the basis of our movement is legal, then we have no doubts on this," he told reporters.

Iran's foreign minister also rejected the joint statement, saying Tehran will not soften its stance over its territorial integrity.

"We do not pull any punches with any side over the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran," Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said in a Persian-language tweet on Wednesday.

Iran had recently called in the

hiding behind the labels of liberalism and democracy.

In a meeting with religious scholars and students of the Islamic seminaries, the Leader called the front that opposes the Islamic system, which calls itself a liberal democracy, a front of deceit and lies.

"The side that is confronting the Iranian nation is opposed to freedom-seeking, against free thinking, and opposed to any kind of democracy independent of the arrogant powers. And the resistance and battle of the Iranian nation and Islamic system against this front is a battle affecting civilization and the world."

The Leader said the current state of the poor, helpless Ukrainian nation shows that the colonialism and predatory motives of the West are continuing.

"The people of Ukraine are being killed because the interests of the companies that produce and sell arms in the West lie in the continuation of the war in Ukraine."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the West is more vulnerable today than ever.

"The U.S., which Imam [Khomeini] called the Great Satan, is a collection of Satanic traits and villainy in various fields such as in politics, confronting other nations, treatment of the American nation, racism, sexual ethics, crime, and cruelty."

The Leader said, "We should not limit ourselves to being in a defensive position. Rather, the foundation of the opposing front

should be the target of a propagation attack by seeing the real truth of the world and correctly narrating it."

Having a spirit of jihad, Ayatollah

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