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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Yemen's Unity Will Thwart US-Zionist Designs in the Region

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*With the spirit of reconciliation emerging amongst Muslim countries, coupled with the growing open hostility against Islam and its sanctities in some European states, the elusive goal of the Ummah's solidarity is becoming a reality.*

*Iran, which since the triumph of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, has considered Islamic unity as its principled goal, spares no efforts to confront the devilry of the US in creating political, ethnic, and sectarian differences in the Muslim world.*

*If not for Tehran's support for the oppressed peoples of Palestine and Lebanon as well as for the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of Syria and Iraq, the Zionists and their macabrely murderous Takfiri agents would have succeeded in their dream of 'Greater Israel'.*

*This US-Israeli plot was also fully evident in Yemen, where Saudi Arabia was duped into launching a destructive war until the reality dawned 8 years later in Riyadh of the futility of confronting the popular Ansarullah Movement which as part of the Axis of Resistance plays a prominent role in countering not just Zionist-American designs in the region but promotes Islamic unity against the European bid to desecrate the Holy Qur'an and fan flames of Islamophobia.*

*The resumption of Tehran-Riyadh diplomatic relations was a major step in the spirit of reconciliation that soon saw Syria's triumphant return to the Arab League and the re-opening of embassies of several Arab states in Damascus, much to the frustration of Washington.*

*Now reports are rife of Turkey coming to its senses and its eagerness to build bridges with Syria, which has made it clear that Ankara should withdraw its forces from the border areas. This matter is likely to be resolved despite the satanic US refusal to withdraw its occupation troops from parts of Syria and its stealing of Syrian oil.*

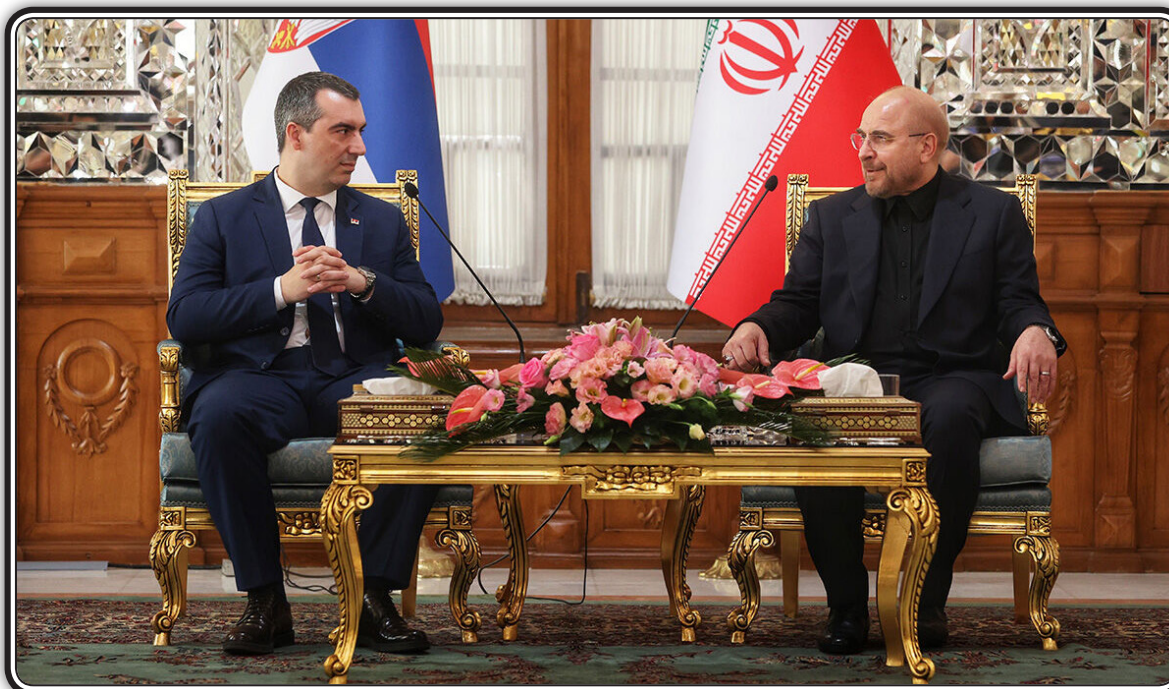
*Meanwhile, Egypt, through the mediation of Iraq, is sending feelers to Iran for resumption of diplomatic ties – a move welcomed by the Islamic Republic in the interest of the solidarity of the Ummah.*

*Iraq, which has a popularly elected government, has now offered its services for reconciliation in unnecessarily divided Yemen between the national government in Sana'a and the secessionists in the south, where Israel is trying to set up bases through the UAE which has unwittingly allowed the Zionists to intrude into the region.*

*In his press conference in Baghdad, Foreign Minister Fouad Hussein told an official of the Aden-based South Yemen break-away regime, Ahmed bin Mubarak: "Iraq is ready to help in this matter. We have good relations with all parties. We can use our influence for stability and security in Yemen, and we can act on a regional level."*

*Let us hope, Yemen will safeguard its unity and through talks between the various Yemeni tribes and political parties, strengthen the national government in Sana'a, which has made it clear that the ports in the south that are currently under control of the UAE and Saudi Arabia should be evacuated and returned to direct Yemeni control.*

## Iran Eyes Better Balkan Ties as Serbian Speaker Visits



Speaker of the Iranian parliament Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf, right, holds talks with his Serbian counterpart Vladimir Orlic in Tehran Sunday.

TEHRAN – Speaker of the Iranian parliament Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf said here Sunday that Iran and Serbia can help establish peace, security, and stability in the Balkans and the Middle East regions through boosting their bilateral ties.

Qalibaf made the remarks after a meeting with the visiting Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia Vladimir Orlic.

Describing Serbia and Iran as

two powerful countries in those regions, Qalibaf said improvement in economic cooperation between the two countries will boost security and stability in the Balkans and in the Middle East.

The Iranian parliament speaker referred to the oil industry and petrochemicals as the sectors in which Iran and Serbia can expand their bilateral relations.

Orlic, for his part, said Belgrade appreciates the Islamic Repub-

lic fundamental and sustainable stance on Serbia's territorial integrity.

He said the fact that the Islamic Republic has not recognized Kosovo indicates that the country is after justice.

The Serbian speaker arrived in the Iranian capital earlier on Sunday at the head of a delegation.

He was expected to meet other senior Iranian officials during his stay in Tehran.

### Official Calls for Boycott of Swedish, Danish Products

TEHRAN -- A senior Iranian official says Muslim countries should move to boycott products manufactured or sold by Sweden and Denmark after the two Nordic countries allowed desecration of the Holy Qur'an on their soil.

Mohsen Rezaei, who serves as secretary of a top advisory economic body for the Iranian government, said boycotting Swedish and Danish products should be included in the coordinated measures being adopted by Islamic governments to condemn the acts of insults against the Holy Qur'an in the Sweden and Denmark.

"What is happening in some European countries, including in

Sweden and Denmark, against Islamic sanctities and the Quran, is barbarism rather than freedom," said Rezaei in a post on social media.

"To prevent a repetition of such heinous and inhumane acts, the Muslim countries have a duty to boycott their commodities, expel their ambassadors and follow up on the prosecution of the abusive people and their backers," he said.

Anger has grown across the Islamic countries since earlier this week when a second act of insult against the holy Quran happened in Sweden with apparent consent from political and police authorities in the country.

Another case of Qur'an dese-

cration happened in Denmark on Friday when a man set fire to a copy of the holy book on a square across from the Iraqi embassy in Copenhagen.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry said the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) plans to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the recurring acts of the desecration of the Holy Qur'an in Europe.

The ministry said in a statement that the ministerial OIC meeting is set to be convened following the recent incidents involving the desecration of the holy Muslim book in Sweden and Denmark.

However, it did not specify the exact time and venue of the OIC's emergency meeting.

### Iranian FM Tells UAE Counterpart: Regional Countries Can Ensure Persian Gulf Security

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian says the security of the Persian Gulf region can be ensured without the interference of extra-regional countries.

During a phone call with his Emirati counterpart Sheikh Abdallah bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Saturday evening, Amir-Abdollahian stated that Iran attaches great importance to the security of the Persian Gulf region.

"The countries of the region can ensure the security of this region without foreign interference," he said.

Amir-Abdollahian also denounced the recent acts of desecration of the Holy Qur'an in Europe, reiterating Tehran's call for an emergency meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states to address the issue.

The Iranian foreign minister said the insults to the holy book had hurt the feelings of all Muslims across the world, stressing the need to confront those responsible for the blasphemy.

During the phone call, Amir-Abdollahian also pointed to his recent trip to the UAE and his "very good and constructive" meetings with the country's high-ranking

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### Air Force Launches Large-Scale Drills

TEHRAN) – The Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force (IRIAF) launched large-scale drills in the country's central regions on Sunday night with the participation of a whole range of military aircraft.

The war game, codenamed Fadaeeyan-e Harime Velayat 11 (Devotees of Velayat Airspace 11), is held in the central Isfahan province to send a message of "friendship, peace, calm and security" to the region, Air Force Commander Brigadier General Hamid Vahedi said.

The commander said his forces employ 92 aircraft in the military exercise, including various fighter jets, interceptor aircraft, bombers, and unmanned aerial vehicles.

The Air Force units are carrying out a broad range of operations in the war game, such as reconnaissance and aerial imaging, detonation of air and ground targets, electronic warfare, civil defense tactics, and testing of new modern systems.

The commander noted that the Air Force units also exercise diverse combat tactics and standoff attack operations with drones to destroy targets with pinpoint accuracy.

"The main axis of the war game is ensuring sustainable security, promoting and strengthening regional relations, good neighborliness and defending the country's air borders," the general stated.

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The Holy Qur'an

This is a sufficient exposition for the people and that they may be warned thereby, and that they may know that He is One God and that those possessed of understanding may mind.

The Holy Qur'an (14:52)

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:11
Evening (Maghreb)	19:35
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:06
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:26

### Raisi: Sweden's Mere Condemnation Not Enough

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi has strongly slammed the Swedish government's approach to the desecration of the Holy Qur'an on its soil, saying Stockholm's mere condemnation of the sacrilegious act is far from enough.

"Issuing a statement to condemn the insult against the Holy Qur'an by the Swedish government is by no means sufficient and this government must bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice," the president said.

Noting that the tenures of the current Iranian and Swedish ambassadors have come to an end, the president said he has ordered the foreign ministry not to go ahead with the exchange of new ambassadors between the two countries.

Raisi also referred to remarks by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, who called for the "severest punishment" for the perpetrator of the desecration of the Holy Qur'an in Sweden.

Ayatollah Khamenei warned the Swedish government that by supporting a criminal, it has attracted the hatred and enmity of the Muslim nations and many of their governments.

"As the Leader of the Islamic Revolution pointed out, this incident is a conspiratorial and dangerous development and the support of the Swedish government for this criminal act is equivalent to taking battle array against the Muslim world," the president said.

Iran has also written a letter to Secretary General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres, urging the world body to take a hard line on such acts of sacrilege and require its member states to prevent their repetition.

Also on Saturday, the chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Muslims will soon take revenge on all those involved in and responsible for the acts of sacrilege against the Holy Qur'an.

"We will not allow those who insult the Qur'an to be secure," Major General Hussein Salami said.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian and his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan strongly condemned the recent blasphemous acts against the Holy Qur'an in Sweden and Denmark.

In a phone conversation, Amir-Abdollahian hailed Turkey's stance in condemnation of the

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