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In the Name of the Most High
Viewpoint

The Enlightening Message of the Holy Qur'an

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Whether it is called "freedom of expression" by its agnostic advocates, or "desecration of sanctity" by the world's two billion Muslims, or still "spread of hatred amongst religions" by politicians more concerned with security of the place they rule rather than any respect for the spiritual values of mankind, the burning of copies of the Holy Qur'an in Sweden, Denmark, and some other countries, have exposed the satanic nature of the blasphemers.

The sacrilege, which is part of the Zionist-sponsored plot of Islamophobia, has failed to create enmity between Muslims and the followers of other religions, especially Christianity, in which the Qur'an-burners were born, although these Godless elements have long renounced the creed of the Virgin-born Messiah.

This brainless bid to tarnish the image of Islam has opened new ways of cooperation between followers of different schools of Islamic jurisprudence as well as between Christian priests and Muslim ulema.

For instance, prominent Ayatollahs of the Qom Seminary have contacted and received positive response from the Sheikh of Egypt's al-Azhar University, while Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Sistani of the Najaf Seminary has written a letter in this regard to Pope Francis II of the Vatican.

The gist of these messages is clear. The countries allowing the burning of religious texts should immediately end this sacrilegious policy and punish the blasphemous burners of scriptures.

Wonder what action the regimes in Sweden, Denmark, and other countries will now take to end their barely disguised Zionist sponsored Islamophobia campaign – Judeo-Christian Phobia as well, since the Holy Qur'an is replete with reverential references to the Prophets Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Solomon, and Jesus, along with his immaculate mother, Mary (peace upon them all).

At the same time, it is interesting to see what trade and political actions Muslim countries will take if the offending countries persist in their anti-Islamic policies.

As for those enemies of humanity who seem to be thrilled at the desecration of the Holy Qur'an they should scratch their brains and go through the text which Muslims believe to be the universal Heavenly Scripture whose challenge to all mankind to bring a semblance to its timeless wisdom remains unanswered.

"And if you are in doubt concerning what We have sent down to Our servant (the Prophet of Islam), then bring a Surah (chapter) like it." (2:23).

It is obvious they cannot, as admitted by conscientious non-Muslim scholars of Arabic, including Jews and Christians.

The miserable book burners and their backers have no rational answer, and seem to be blind to the facts and realities all over the globe where more and more people are gradually embracing the truth of the Holy Qur'an.

Whether the Zionists, the Swedes, the Danes, and the French admit it or not, the Revealed Words of God can never be obliterated, and on the contrary will one day prevail all over Planet Earth.

"He it is who has sent His Prophet with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may make it prevail over all religions, though the polytheists should be averse." (9:33)

Foreign Minister Ali Sabry in Tehran Sri Lanka, Iran Agree to Boost Trade, Tourism Ties



Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian welcomes his Sri Lankan counterpart Ali Sabry at the foreign ministry premises in downtown Tehran, Saturday.

TEHRAN -- Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said Saturday Iran and Sri Lanka have consensus on the significance of boosting relations in trade and tourism fields and cooperation in international organizations.

Speaking in a joint press conference with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ali Sabry here, Amir-Abdollahian said the two Asian countries also believe they should improve scientific and cultural cooperation and making use of the capacities of knowledge-based firms.

Iran and Sri Lanka are capable of removing obstacles in the way of strengthening bilateral cooperation, he said.

Pointing to the Iranian administration's "Look Asia" policy, Amir-Abdollahian called on Asian countries to serve their national interests through dialogue and interaction

given high capacities in the continent.

The top Iranian diplomat emphasized that Sri Lanka's upcoming chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) provides an opportunity for Iran's enhanced cooperation with Sri Lanka and other members of the organization.

Established on March 7, 1997, the IORA is an inter-governmental organization with 23 Member States and 11 Dialogue Partners, with an ever-growing momentum for mutually beneficial regional cooperation through a consensus-based, evolutionary and non-intrusive approach.

The top Iranian diplomat further said Tehran and Colombo also agreed to free the two sides' prisoners based on the existing agreements and a humanitarian approach, adding that the joint consular committee of the two countries would

be set up in this regard.

Amir-Abdollahian said Iranian firms active in the field of the export of technical and engineering services can construct oil refineries and power plants in Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan foreign minister, for his part, commended the Iranian nation's power and resilience despite numerous acts of hostility and provocation.

Sabry said his country was keen to bolster cordial relations with Iran, saying his current visit to Tehran can open a new chapter in good ties between the two countries.

Describing his country as the gateway to East Asia, he invited the Iranian companies to make investment in Sri Lanka.

The top Sri Lankan diplomat also praised Iran's great technological progress despite sanctions and restrictions.

Data: 35.5bn Worth of Goods Traded in Q1

TEHRAN – Iran traded \$35.5 billion worth of goods in the first four months of the Persian year which began on March 21, figures released by the Islamic Republic of Iran's Customs Administration (IRICA) showed.

Iran exported some 45.75 million tonnes of goods in the

period, up 28.5% year-on-year.

Some 11.84 million tonnes of goods worth \$19.53 billion were also imported which showed a 6.18% and 10.8% percent rise in terms of volume and value, respectively.

China, Iraq, Turkiye, the UAE and India were the top

five destinations for Iranian products accounting for 75% in terms of value and 76% in weight in the period.

The UAE, China, Turkiye, India and Germany were also the top five importers of goods to Iran in the period under review.

Helicopters Used to Douse Wildfires in Marivan

TEHRAN -- Some 300 hectares of forests in the western Iranian town of Marivan are still engulfed by wildfires as helicopters keep flying over the area to douse the flames.

A top environment official says the fire definitely had a human cause, saying an investigation is underway to find out whether it was 'deliberate or unintentional.

"Fires in four out of five spots engulfed by flames have been extinguished, and two more choppers have been sent to the Darevaran area, which is still burning," said Reza Akbari, the commander of the State Watershed and Natural Resources Protection Unit.

He said blazes in Darevaran had been put out, but were reignited due to high winds and heat.

"We hope to be able to extinguish the fire by the end of today (Saturday, Aug. 5)."

The wildfires in Marivan, in the western Iranian province of Kurdistan, two weeks ago, had left several people injured.

Meanwhile, an Iranian member of parliament warned that the situation of ultraviolet (UV) radiation in Tehran has become critical and has hit the grave milestone of 12.

MP Somayyeh Rafiee urged citizens to seriously avoid exposure to direct sunlight from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the capital.

The head of the environmental faction of the Iranian parliament added that the citizens also need to use protective equipment such as sunscreen, appropriate clothing and glasses particularly at swimming pools.

Rafiee said from the beginning of the summer to Thursday, Tehran witnessed an average of 0.9 degrees increase in temperature compared to the past 30 years in Tehran province.

She noted that all figures show the issue of climate change and global warming has affected Iran and the whole region faster than imagined, adding that unless effective action is taken as soon as possible, everyone will suffer.

The Holy Qur'an

Their apostles said to them: We are nothing but mortals like yourselves, but Allah bestows (His) favors on whom He pleases of His servants, and it is not for us that we should bring you an authority except by Allah's permission.

The Holy Qur'an (14:11)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:10
Evening (Maghreb)	19:24
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:15
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:40

FM Amir-Abdollahian Hails 'Fruitful' Visit to Pakistan

TEHRAN -- The Iranian foreign minister has concluded his three-day visit to neighboring Pakistan, describing talks with the Pakistani officials as fruitful.

In a tweet, Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, said, "At the end of my trip to the brotherly and friendly country of Pakistan, I am back in Tehran."

The top diplomat said his trip aimed to speed up the process of implementing past agreements, focusing on economic and trade cooperation, planning for future development, following up on cooperation agreements and discussing the joint political and security concerns of both countries.

"In the first ceremony and before the beginning of the talks with my brother Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, we planted a sapling as a sign of friendship between the two countries and we prayed to God for the success and dignity of the nations of Iran and Pakistan."

He also called for the increase of trade volume between the two states to five billion euros annually.

Amir-Abdollahian said, "To increase and expand cooperation, at the end of the meeting between the high-ranking economic delegations of Iran and Pakistan, presided over by Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Diplomacy Mahdi Safari, we signed the document of the five-year strategic plan for trade cooperation between Iran and Pakistan together with the Pakistani foreign minister."

He also described his meeting with Shahbaz Sharif, Pakistan's Prime Minister, as valuable during which he received an official invitation for Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi from the Pakistani government to visit Pakistan.

"Also, in Islamabad, I had fruitful meetings with the speakers of Pakistan's national assembly and senate and the top commander of the Pakistani army," he wrote.

"On Friday, I laid a wreath on the grave of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, while respecting the

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