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Viewpoint

France Ought to Stop Being US Agent against Iran

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Saturday's abortive terrorist assault on the entrance of the Iranian embassy in Paris by a group of criminals, who have fled justice from the Islamic Republic, would not have occurred without the knowledge of, and in all probability a nod from the French regime.

Of course, the administration of President Emanuel Macron, which blatantly meddles in Lebanon's internal affairs, brazenly supports terrorists in Syria, and plunders the rich natural resources of West Africa, will deny any involvement by saying that French policemen (belatedly) prevented further damage by dousing the burning tyres and keeping away the assailants from barging into the embassy premises.

Such claims do not exonerate France from hostility towards Iran in view of the undeniable fact of its sheltering of hundreds of Iranian terrorists and traitors, and using them to indulge in propaganda against the Islamic Republic – even fanning street riots.

The regime in Paris very well knows that steaming water doesn't burn buildings and over the past 44 years of blind animosity towards Iran at the behest of the US it has utterly failed in stopping the spectacular progress of the Iranian people in all fields, in spite of violating commitments and sabotaging legally signed techno-industrial agreements.

Yet, like its predecessor regimes in the Elyse Palace which could barely hide their complicity in the terrorist bomb blasts that martyred some senior officials in Tehran during the 8-year imposed war of the 1980s when aggressor Saddam was supplied lethal French armaments for targeting cities and merchant shipping, it continues its policy of harming the interests of the Iranian people.

In addition, Paris pursues an active policy of Islamophobia to hurt sentiments of Muslims worldwide by supporting blasphemous caricaturists, and infringing upon the freedom of Hijab of the law-abiding morally upright women and girls in schools, colleges, and offices, when Christianity also frowns upon scantily clad and morally-loose women and licentious men for corrupting the society.

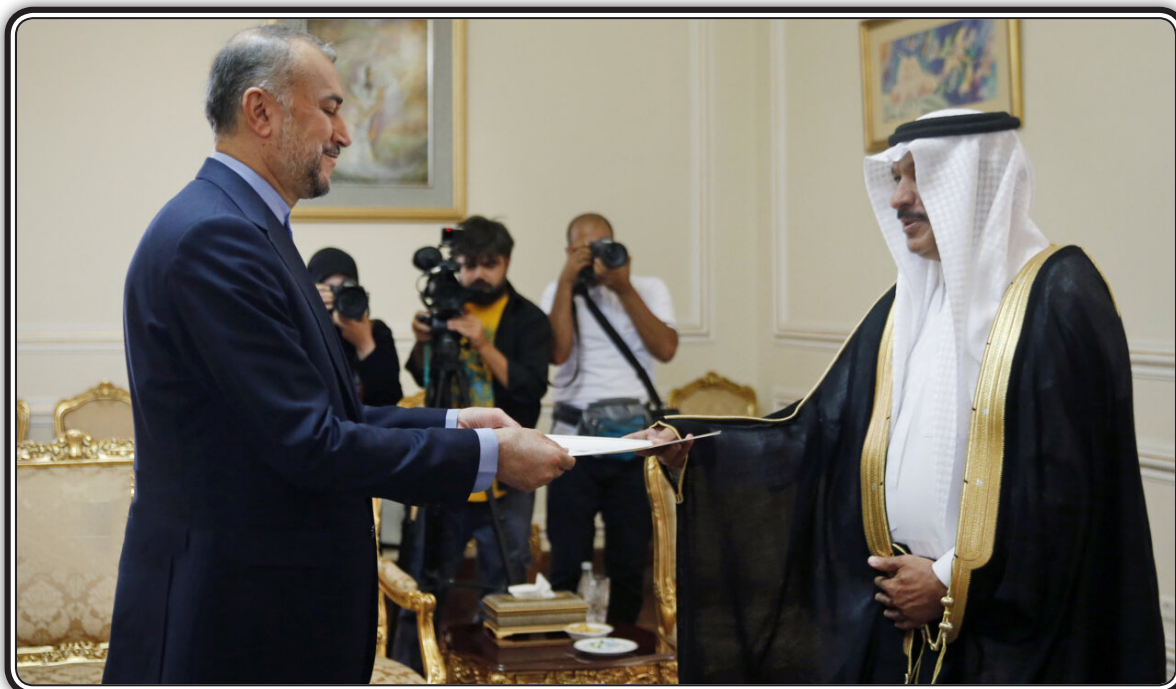
This is while, Iran has never tried to cause inconvenience to the French people. In contrast to Paris's harbouring of the terroristic MKO hypocrites, Tehran has never granted asylum to any member of the outlawed militant groups of France such as "Action Directe" and "Armed Nuclei for Popular Autonomy".

Iran has also never attempted to interfere with the mass protests being staged throughout France by the Yellow Vest Movement or the pensioners demonstrating for better payments and improved facilities.

If Macron or the one who succeeds him as president – a third term is ruled out by the French constitution – have any desire to rectify their misconstrued policies against the Islamic Republic and the Iranian people, they should extradite to Tehran the hypocrites and the terrorists, in view of the lawsuits being formally prepared against them for their crimes against humanity.

Then only Iranian diplomats and missions will be safe from the mischief of the miscreants and Tehran and Paris can resume sound and healthy diplomatic and other relations, with a commitment from France not to act as an American agent against the Islamic Republic and its regional and international interests.

Saudi Ambassador Submits Credentials to Iranian FM



New Saudi Ambassador Abdullah bin Saud al-Anzi submits a copy of his credentials to Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian in Tehran on Sunday.

TEHRAN -- Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Tehran Abdullah bin Saud al-Anzi on Sunday submitted a copy of his credentials to Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, cementing a restoration of ties between the two countries after a seven-year rupture in ties.

Saudi Arabia's first ambassador to Iran since the resumption of diplomatic relations arrived in Tehran on Tuesday.

A Saudi Foreign Ministry statement quoted Anzi as saying that the country's leadership recognizes the "importance of strengthening ties, increasing engagement... and taking the (relationship) to broader horizons."

Iran's new Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Alireza Enayati arrived in Riyadh on Tuesday to start his highly-anticipated diplomatic mission. He was welcomed by the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia and his colleagues at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Back in March, Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed to a Chinese-brokered deal to revive relations after the ties were severed in 2016.

Iran officially reopened its embassy in Riyadh in June, followed by its consulate in Jeddah and its representative office with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The Saudi embassy in Tehran and its consulate in Mashhad have also resumed operations.

Last month, Amir-Abdollahian visited Saudi Arabia, where he held "frank and fruitful" talks with Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman.

Meanwhile, a delegation representing Saudi Arabia is to take part in the International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms, which is being held in the Iranian capital.

The announcement was made by Iran's embassy in Saudi Arabia through a Saturday post on X social media platform, formerly known as Twitter.

"Following normalization of rela-

tions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, a Saudi delegation set off for Tehran today, Saturday," September 9, "to take part in the International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms," the embassy said.

It added that an Iranian delegation from the country's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts will also travel to Riyadh on Sunday to take part in the 45th meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s World Heritage Committee.

The International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms was inaugurated in Tehran on Saturday and will wrap up on Sunday.

Addressing the conference earlier on Saturday, Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi expressed hope that the event will provide the necessary ground "for common thinking and common planning on the important issue of environmental protection."

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President Raisi: Iraq-Based Provocations Won't be Tolerated

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi says any act of provocation by terrorist and separatist groups undermines regional security and will not be tolerated.

In a phone conversation with Prime Minister Muhammad Shia al-Sudani of Iraq, Raisi said Tehran and Baghdad have been strengthening relations of security cooperation for sustainable peace.

He lauded great efforts by the Iraqi government and nation to facilitate the Arba'een mourning

ceremony, the largest annual religious gathering in the world, and to kindly host Iranian pilgrims. He said the ceremonies were a manifestation of unity and resistance of Muslims.

Arba'een marks the end of a 40-day mourning period for the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (peace be upon him), the third Shia Imam, and his 72 companions in the Battle of Karbala in southern Iraq in 680 AD. It brings together millions of people from across the world,

who undertake an 80-kilometer walk between the holy Iraqi cities of Najaf and Karbala.

The Iranian president also hailed the start of construction work on a railway project linking Iraq's Basra with the Iranian border town of Shalamcheh.

Raisi appreciated the Iraqi government's efforts to implement the cross-border railway project which would facilitate and boost commercial exchanges and improve

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Report: Iran's Funds to be Wired to Qatari Banks This Week

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- When \$6 billion of unfrozen Iranian funds are wired to banks in Qatar as early as this week, it will trigger a carefully choreographed sequence that will see as many as five detained Americans leave Iran and a similar number of Iranian prisoners held in the U.S. fly home, according to Reuters.

As a first step, Iran on August 10 released four U.S. citizens from Tehran's Evin prison into house arrest, where they joined a fifth, who was already under house arrest. Later that day U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken called the move the first step of a process that would lead to their return home.

They include Siamak Nama-

zi, 51, and Emad Sharqi, 59, as well as Morad Tahbaz, 67, who also holds British nationality, the U.S. administration has said.

The identities of the fourth and fifth Americans, one of whom according to Reuters is a woman, have not been disclosed.

Doha will implement a financial arrangement under which it will pay banking fees, and the prisoners will transit Qatar when they are swapped, according to the news agency which quoted what it called eight anonymous Iranian and other sources allegedly familiar with the negotiations.

A State Department spokesperson said the U.S. was not ready to announce the exact timing of the prisoner release. The Depart-

ment also declined to discuss the details of what the spokesperson termed "an ongoing and highly sensitive negotiation."

The U.S. administration has not commented on the timing of the funds transfer. However, on September 5, South Korean foreign minister Park Jin said efforts were under way to transfer Iran's funds.

Washington consented to the movement of Iranian funds from South Korea to restricted accounts held by financial institutions in Qatar, the spokesperson added.

Ties between the U.S. and Iran have been at boiling point since Donald Trump quit a nuclear deal with Iran as U.S. president in

The Holy Qur'an

Verily the transposing is an addition to Unbelief: the Unbelievers are led to wrong thereby: for they make it lawful one year, and forbidden another year, in order to adjust the number of months forbidden by Allah and make such forbidden ones lawful. The evil of their course seems pleasing to them. But Allah guideth not those who reject Faith.

The Holy Qur'an (9:37)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:01
Evening (Maghreb)	18:36
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:43
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:18

Iranian Embassy in Paris Functioning Normally After Attack

TEHRAN -- The Iranian embassy in Paris is functioning normally without any problems following an attack on its building by a group of counter-revolutionary elements.

The announcement was made by a spokesperson for the embassy after members of anti-Iranian counterrevolutionary groups attacked the building's consular section on Saturday.

They assailants burnt tires in front of the entrance to the building's consular section, inflicting some minor damage on its door.

"The fire was put out after a few minutes following the presence of the police and fire brigade," said the spokesperson who was not named.

The spokesperson added, "Necessary steps have been taken with the French Foreign Ministry as well as police officials to launch a judicial probe into the incident and identify those behind this criminal act."

According to the spokesperson, all those who embarked on "the cowardly attack" on Iran's diplomatic building in the French capital will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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The State Department spokesperson also said there had been no change in Washington's overall approach to Iran, "which continues to be focused on deterrence, pressure and diplomacy."

The Qatari-led mediation gained momentum in June 2023, said the source briefed on the discussions, adding at least eight rounds of talks had been held since March 2022, with earlier rounds devoted mainly to the nuclear issue and later ones to prisoners.

"They all realized that nuclear (negotiation) is a dead end and shifted focus to prisoners. Prisoners is more simple. It's easy to get and you can build trust," he said.

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