

# Condolences on the Prophet's (SAWA) Departure and Martyrdom of Imam Hasan (AS) & Imam Reza (AS)

## 'U.S. Clears Way for Release of \$6bn in Frozen Iran Funds'

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – A U.S. report says President Joe Biden's administration has issued a blanket waiver for international banks to transfer six billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets from South Korea to Qatar with no concern about Washington's sanctions. The report released early Tuesday said the Biden administration has also agreed to release five Iranian citizens held in the United States. It added that Secretary of State Antony Blinken signed off on the sanctions waivers late last week, a month after US and Iranian officials said an agreement in principle was in place on the issue. The waiver means that European, Middle Eastern and Asian banks will not be in violation of U.S. sanctions in converting Iran's money, which was frozen in South Korea, and transferring it to Qatar's central bank, where it will be held for Tehran to be used for the purchase of non-sanctioned goods.

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## President Raisi Offers Aid to Flood-Hit Libya

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi on Tuesday voiced Iran's readiness to send relief aid and provide medical assistance and supplies to Libya over the deadly flood in the North African country. "The government of the Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its readiness to send relief aid and dispatch medical assistance and supplies to flood-stricken areas," Raisi wrote in a message addressed to Libyan Prime Minister Abdulhamid Dbeibah. The storm and devastating flooding in vast parts of the country, which left a number of people dead, injured or missing, has been deeply touching and saddening, Raisi said.

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## Points to Ponder on the Prophet's Departure

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

*"The Almighty has informed me that I am about to depart. I am leaving behind among you the Thaqalayn (Two Invaluables), the Book of God (Holy Qur'an) and my progeny the Ahl al-Bayt. Hold fast to them and you will never go astray, for you will be questioned about your behaviour towards them after me. The two never part with each other, even when they return to me at the Fountain (on the Day of Judgment)."*

We are on the threshold of the anniversary of the departure from the mortal world of the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger to all mankind with the universal mission of Islam. The All-Wise Creator Who made Adam and Eve the progenitors of the human race and in every generation and geographical area of Planet Earth raised guides from their progeny, will entrust no one with prophethood following the end of the 23-year mission of the "Seal of Messengers" and will not reveal any heavenly scripture after having bestowed upon him the Eternal Miracle (the Holy Qur'an).

The reason is obvious. There is no further need for a prophet after the "Most Excellent Exemplar" has successfully accomplished his mission in the full limelight of history through transforming into Muslims most of the polytheist Arabs as well as many Jews, Christians, Zoroastrians, Hindus, and atheists through practical promulgation of the Divine Commandments; hence the need does not arise for further revelation since the timeless wisdom of the Holy Qur'an and its flawless eloquence, which none will ever be able to match, are sufficient for the guidance of the human race in every age and part of the world.

The question might arise: True, the contents of the Holy Qur'an have been fully memorized and thus there is no question of interpolation in its recitation like the fate suffered by the heavenly scriptures revealed to the prophets of the past, such as the Torah of Moses and the Evangel of Jesus, but how could the Ayahs of the Holy Qur'an be properly expounded in the subsequent generations as the human mind explores new vistas of knowledge, and moreover, who would preserve the Prophet of Islam's pristine Sunnah & Seerah (practice & behaviour)?

The answer was provided by the "Mercy unto the creation" himself during the last days of his mission. This is evident by the Hadith Thaqalayn mentioned at the beginning of this column. It is indeed a dynamic statement which he repeated on several occasions, beginning with his memorable sermon on the Plain of Arafah as part of his Farewell Hajj Pilgrimage and stressed with more vigour later on, particularly at the famous gathering of Ghadeer-Khom where on the 18th of Zil-Hijjah 10 AH, after taking pledge from the 120,000 pilgrims of his God-bestowed superiority over all others, he lifted the hand of his dearest cousin (whom he had raised as ward long before he acquired any companions on the public declaration of prophethood) to proclaim that immortal phrase on God's express commandment through revelation of Ayah 67 of Surah Mai'dah:

**"For whomever I am Master (Mowla), this Ali is his Master (Mowla)."**

The faithful amongst his companions (Sahaba), such as Salman al-Farsi, Abu Dhar Gheffari, and Meqdad bin Aswad (to mention a few), did follow the path of Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), regarding whose unrivalled merits the Words of God Almighty bear testimony in the Holy Qur'an (3:61, 5:55, etc.) and who was hailed by Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) as criterion to discern truth from falsehood.

Muslim history (not Islamic) is sad reading, as is evident by the tragic events that followed the passing away of the Prophet of Peace on the 28th of Safar.

A group of his rebellious companions, who had denied him paper and quill in his last days by blasphemously saying he was delirious and who had refused to obey his orders to leave Medina under command of Osama bin Zayd for defence of the frontier against Roman incursions, usurped the political power of the realm while Imam Ali (AS) and the Hashemites were busy with the Prophet's last rites.

No sooner was the Prophet laid to rest by his grieving household, the first act of terrorism occurred in Medina, when a roguish group of his companions stormed the house of his Immaculate Daughter, and flung the burning door upon her, thereby fracturing her ribs.

As a result, Fatema az-Zahra (SA) – the Noblest Lady of all times – had a miscarriage (Mohsin, the first martyr of the Ahl al-Bayt) and eventually attained martyrdom, but not before delivering her famous sermon to the coup leaders to expound the egalitarianism of Islam and expose the regime in its Jahiliyya colours.

Time and space do not allow me to dwell in detail on the 25-year silence of the victor of many a decisive battle, Imam Ali (AS), for the sake of Islamic unity, since if he had asserted his right of political leadership, the majority of the neo Muslims would have openly turned away from Islam back to the sinful ways of Jahiliyya.

I also have to leave the four-and-a-half year temporal rule and establishment of the only instance of social justice in history by Imam Ali (AS) who was martyred in the prayer niche of the Mosque of Kufa in 40 AH after defeating the plots of the enemies of the Ahl al-Bayt, including the rogue Mu'awiyah ibn Abu Sufyan, the rebellious governor of Syria.

Since the 28th of Safar also happens to be the martyrdom anniversary of the Prophet's elder grandson and the 2nd Divinely-designated Heir, Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS), whose masterful stroke of a peace treaty unmasked the hypocrisy of terrorists disguised as Muslims, it will suffice to say: How did a hardcore heathen like Mu'awiyah usurped power of the Islamic realm, and why did the Muslims – except for the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt and their loyal companions – obeyed the Godless rule of the Omayyads?

Only proper answers to these questions, through reflection on the Prophet's sayings in praise of Imam Hasan (AS) and of Imam Husain (AS) – the Leaders of the Youths of Paradise – will help materialize the perpetual peace that the message of Islam preaches for all humanity, in contrast to the violence and terrorism of those who call themselves Salafis or followers of the fratricidal heathens of Arabia that had paid lip service to Islam without faith entering their hearts.

In 50 AH on the 39th anniversary of the Prophet's departure from the mortal world when volleys of arrows, shot at the instigation of a seditious woman by a future self-styled caliph (the infidel Marwan) and his forces, riddled the coffin and corpse of his elder grandson in Medina, it became clear to many Muslims that the Holy Qur'an and the Ahl al-Bayt are indeed inseparable, while it is their enemies who are against the letter and spirit of the Book of God, which they shamelessly hoist on spear points and distort its contents even while claiming to be its reciters and memorizers – just as the ever-rebellious Israelites used to do.

For the sake of Islamic unity these doleful days offer an opportunity to clear the mist of the past, especially since the last day of Safar, which we mark as the end of the two-month mourning period for the heartrending martyrdom of Imam Husain (AS) at Karbala in 61 AH, happens to be the martyrdom in 203 AH in Khorasan, of another of the Prophet's Infallible Heirs (Imam Reza – AS), who was a victim through a fatal dose of poison of another imposter masquerading as caliph (Mamoun the Abbasid tyrant).

Today, when we see a record 23 million Muslims assembling in Karbala on the Day of Arba'een and millions of others converging on Mashhad in Iran to pay homage to the 8th Infallible Imam of the Ahl al-Bayt, we realize that it is the Divinely-designated Heirs of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) who have kept alive his morals and memory for the guidance of mankind.

# Countdown to Israeli Civil War



An aerial view shows people taking part in a demonstration in Occupied Al-Quds, September 11, 2023.

OCCUPIED AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Israel's supreme court has begun hearing petitions against a key part of the rightwing regime's judicial overhaul limiting the court's powers, a development that could trigger an unprecedented constitutional crisis.

For the first time, a panel of all 15 judges convened on Tuesday to discuss eight filings aimed at striking down the "reasonableness" clause, passed by the Knesset in July, which abolished the supreme court's ability to overrule the Zionist regime's decisions.

The regime has indicated it will not comply if the court strikes down the law, which would mark the first time it had overturned a semi-constitutional "basic law". Such a move would plunge the occupying regime of Israel into uncharted political and legal waters; the figurehead president, Isaac Herzog, has repeatedly warned of civil war.

Protesters gathered outside the court building in Al-Quds as the hearing began, banging drums, blowing whistles and chanting.

"We are already in a consti-

tutional crisis: ministers have made no secret of their intentions to remove gatekeepers such as the attorney general and instead nominate people who will protect them," said Noa Sattath, the executive director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, which filed an amicus brief to the supreme court along with 37 other human rights organizations.

"The supreme court says it will only strike down a basic law in exceptional circumstances. Our argument to the justices is that they need to look at the full pic-

ture here, not just a case by case basis."

A ruling could be passed down at any time within the next four months, but the opening session of the hearing was watched closely for initial clues about which way the justices will lean. It comprises both liberal and conservative judges.

At the behest of his new extremist coalition partners, prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu introduced a package of sweeping judicial changes when he returned to office in December. The legislation is aimed at curbing the influence of the supreme court, which the Israeli right has long alleged is biased and too powerful for an unelected body.

The planned changes, including limiting the court's ability to overturn laws and giving politicians more control over judicial appointments, have been denounced by critics as a transparent power grab that will aid Netanyahu's fight against corruption charges.

The "reasonableness" clause was the first element of the judicial overhaul to pass into law, despite eight months of sustained opposition from the biggest protest movement in Israel's history.

The proposals have split the occupying entity along lines of religion, ethnicity and class, thrown the military into chaos, damaged

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## Palestinian Resistance Holds Drill Across Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY (Dispatches) -- Palestinian resistance groups on Tuesday launched military exercises across the besieged Gaza Strip amid threats by the extremist Israeli regime to assassinate their high-profile leaders.

The drills, codenamed Al-Rukn al-Shadid 4 (Mighty Pillar 4), kicked off at 7.00 a.m. local time (0400 GMT) in various neighborhoods of the coastal enclave and involved various units. They were scheduled to wrap up at 11 a.m.

Palestinian fighters annihilated designated targets in the sea by firing homemade missiles and rockets during the exercise, which marked the 18th anniversary of the Israeli military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Gaza's interior ministry announced in a statement that field operations would be carried out as part of the drills, and security forces would be deployed in conjunction.

The ministry said the exercises would include assaults on the hypothetical enemy's positions in

addition to extensive movements of resistance units, armored vehicles, ambulances and paramedic teams.

The Joint Operations Room of the Palestinian Resistance Factions confirmed on Sunday that it had conducted a reconnaissance and inspection tour of military sites and surveillance points along the separation barrier between the Gaza Strip and the 1948 occupied territories.

It stressed that the tour was undertaken to ensure Palestinian resistance fighters' preparedness to confront any military confrontation with Israeli forces in the highly strategic Gaza Strip.

The joint operations room praised the vigilance and dedication of Palestinian fighters and called on them to raise their readiness level.

Last December, Palestinian resistance forces staged Rukn al-Shadid 3 drills in the northern Gaza Strip. The exercises featured elite fighters and involved

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## At Least 10,000 People Missing in Libya Floods

DERNA, Libya (Reuters) -- More than 1,000 people were killed and at least 10,000 were missing in Libya in floods caused by a huge Mediterranean storm that burst dams, swept away buildings and wiped out as much as a quarter of the eastern coastal city of Derna.

Officials expected the death toll to rise much higher after Storm Daniel barreled across the Mediterranean into a country divided and crumbling after more than a decade of conflict.

In Derna, a city of around 125,000 inhabitants, Reuters journalists saw wrecked neighborhoods, their buildings washed out and cars flipped on their roofs in streets covered in mud and rubble left by a wide torrent after dams burst.

More than 1,000 bodies have already been recovered in Derna alone. Bodies were lined up on the street outside a crowded hospital, with residents looking under the shrouds covering them in search of loved ones.

Similar devastation reigned on the way into Derna, with vehicles overturned on the edges of roads, trees

knocked down and houses inundated and abandoned.

"Bodies are lying everywhere - in the sea, in the valleys, under the buildings," Hichem Abu Chkiouat, minister of civil aviation in the administration that controls the east, told Reuters by phone shortly after visiting Derna.

"The number of bodies recovered in Derna is more 1,000," he said. "I am not exaggerating when I say that 25% of the city has disappeared. Many, many buildings have collapsed."

Abu Chkiouat later told Al Jazeera that he expected the total number of dead across the country to reach more than 2,500, as the number of missing people was rising.

Other eastern cities including Libya's second biggest city Benghazi, were also hit by the storm, and Tamer Ramadan, head

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### Holiday Notice

We offer condolences on the anniversary of the passing of Prophet of Islam (Peace be upon Him) and martyrdom of Imam Hassan (AS) and Imam Reza (AS). Our next issue will be published on Sunday, Sept. 17. Editor