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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Al-Aqsa Storm Rips Mask of Hypocrisy Off Real Terrorists

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

No tear was shed by the self-styled advocates of human rights when terrorists launched explosive-laden drones to target a graduation ceremony of Syrian military cadets in the city of Homs earlier this week, resulting in the death of around a hundred young aspiring soldiers and various degrees of injury to over two hundred-and-fifty others, some of whom are in serious condition.

Not a day passes when Zionist soldiers and dangerously armed illegal Jewish migrants hunt and hound to death unarmed Palestinians, including children, in the towns and cities of the West Bank of River Jordan, but no one in the supposedly civilized societies of North America and Europe bothers to condemn this unabated genocide of the past 75 years.

Neither the World Body nor its so-called Security Council have ever objected to the almost daily violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of UN member Syria whose towns and cities are targets of Israeli drones, missiles, and aircraft for the past few years, with mounting loss of life and destruction of the infrastructure.

Since 1979 UN Security Council Resolution 446 has not just been lying dormant but systematically violated through building of Jewish townships in a sizeable part of Syria's Golan Heights, the Shabaa farmlands of Lebanon, the eastern part of Bayt al-Moqaddas, and the West Bank – all of which have been virtually annexed with the tacit approval of the US and the UK – but the 'international community' refuses to pressure Israel to withdraw from these 1967 occupied territories.

Moreover, Gaza has been under siege for the past 16 years and its 2.3 million people suffering from economic hardships that worsen because of the frequent air raids of Israel and the death and destruction it entails, yet this terrorism of a racist and roguish regime is never denounced by the 'defenders of democracy'.

Now, when the besieged Gazans decide to exercise their right of self-defence by launching a lightning assault on parts of the 1948 occupied territories of their usurped homeland, they are being called 'terrorists', and that too by those whose state terrorism against fellow humans knows no limits, whether on the basis of race and religion or simply the lust for hegemony and expansionism, coupled in all these cases with their intense hatred for Muslims ever becoming economically independent and politically powerful.

Why do they fear Islam? Why do they want the Palestinians – or for that matter the Lebanese, the Syrians, the Iraqis, the Egyptians, the Yemenis, the Bahrainis, the Afghans, and the pious and patriotic people of the Islamic Republic of Iran – to be deprived of their inalienable right of resistance?

The answers are obvious. The terroristic regimes which rule the roost in several supposedly powerful countries fear that the liberating message of the Holy Qur'an will release people from the bondage of the libertine life promoted by the liberal democracies and the shackles of superstition imposed by demagogues riding to power on the jingoistic tendencies of ignorant mobs.

In other words, such vanishing breeds are terrified of the thought of the equal rights of all mankind and thus they have no other choice but to criminally voice support for the crimes against humanity of the illegal Zionist regime, and label as 'terrorists' the poor Palestinians and all those Muslims striving to awaken minds, enlighten hearts, and strengthen the spirit of universal brotherhood for building the ideal world order based on peace, prosperity, and justice.

Therefore, "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm" that caught intelligence agencies of Global Arrogance by surprise and shattered the myth of invincibility of nuclear-armed Israel, came as a rude shock to the true terrorists all over the world who have rushed to the support of Tel Aviv and are weeping for the 700 odd killer Israelis killed by Palestinian defenders, the more than 2,000 Zionist criminals injured, and the over hundred thuggish soldiers captured and taken to Gaza.

At the same time, these hypocrites, whether in Washington, London, Paris, and Berlin or in other parts of the world, have dropped all pretensions to humanitarian values by applauding the ongoing air raids of the Zionists on Gaza that have so far claimed the life of over five hundred innocent Palestinians – mostly women and children – in addition to destroying the infrastructure of the besieged enclave.

It is, however, naïve of Global Arrogance to think the Palestinians are being pulverized by the Israelis who through their barbaric atrocities intend to teach a lesson as well to the Lebanese, the Syrians, the Iraqis, the Yemenis, the Egyptians, the Iranians, the Turks, and others from ever thinking of unifying ranks for the liberation of al-Aqsa – that will definitely happen and result in the weeding out of the cancerous tumour called Israel.

Iran's Top General Hails 'Glorious' Palestinian Operation



People on Palestine Square in Tehran celebrate the Palestinian operation deep inside the occupied territories on Saturday.

TEHRAN -- Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Bagheri said Sunday the "glorious" Palestinian military operation in the occupied territories made the rulers of the regime believe their "nightmare of collapse" is coming to life.

In a message, Bagheri congratulated the Gaza-based resistance fighters on their victorious raid, dubbed Al-Aqsa Storm, saying the Palestinian youth will soon enough liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque from the occupation of the Zionist enemy.

"Al-Aqsa Storm turned the Zionist leaders' nightmare of the regime's collapse into a certainty

and proved that some desperate efforts, such as the ridiculous normalization show, will not be able to slow down or delay the decline and the collapse of the spider's den," he said.

"The Palestinian groups' combined and glorious operation ... against the positions and fortifications of armed to teeth Zionist regime in the occupied territories, once again proved the false awe and fake power of this occupying regime."

Bagheri said the surprise operation demonstrated "bright scenes of resistance and perseverance" as it was "the product of the holy anger that the Zionist enemy has

planted in the oppressed Palestinian nation."

Military analysts and strategists, he added, have been bewildered at the level of power achieved by the Palestinian nation after decades of oppression.

"Once the stone Intifada was the Palestinian nation's only defense tool, but today Palestinian fighters have reached a level of capability that enables them to deal strong blows to the Zionist enemy and make a mockery of its air defense systems and Iron Dome by firing thousands of rockets and missiles as part of a complex combined operation," the top general said.

U.S. Pays Iran \$43 Million in Damages

TEHRAN -- Iran says it has received \$43 million in damages from the United States under Case No. A15 of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal.

The Center for International Legal Affairs of the Legal Vice Presidency of the Iranian President said in a statement that the amount was deposited into the country's bank account in The Hague, the Netherlands, IRNA reported.

The case involves Iranian proper-

ties that had not been transferred to Iran after the conclusion of the Algiers Declarations.

"The Iran-United States Claims Tribunal issued Award No. 604 in favor of Iran and ruled that the US government must compensate for the damage it caused to the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran," read the statement.

"Following repeated and persistent follow-ups by the Center for International Legal Affairs of the

Legal Vice Presidency of the Iranian President to secure Iran's rights based on the verdict, the amount of \$43 million has been deposited by the US government into the account of the Islamic Republic of Iran at a Dutch bank in The Hague in damages and its interest," it added.

The development comes as the U.S. has faced successive legal defeats against the Islamic Republic through international legal channels.

Report: U.S. Withdraws F-35s From Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning II stealth fighters that deployed to the Middle East to purportedly deter Iran in the Persian Gulf and push back against Russia in the skies over Syria have left the region, according to service officials.

"What the F-35s did is they gave us additional capacity," Air Forces Central (AFCENT) commander Lt. Gen. Alexis G. Grynke-wich told reporters Oct. 4 at a Defense Writers Group event.

The deployment wrapped up in late September, according to the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. All the aircraft have left the Middle East and are "in transit home," according to a spokesperson for the 388th Fighter Wing.

Operating as the 421st Air Expeditionary Squadron, the F-35s first deployed July 26, when the fifth-generation fighters were rushed to the region by the Pentagon.

Additional U.S. Navy vessels, led by the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group with thousands of Marines, followed the F-35s. The USS Bataan amphibious assault ship brought more airpower

into the region with a squadron of vertical or short takeoff and landing (V/STOL) Harriers.

The U.S. still has F-16s and A-10s in the region.

The F-35s allowed the U.S. to "continue doing the missions we were doing up in Iraq and Syria and elsewhere in the region, and increase what we were doing in support of the Navy doing basically combat air patrols over the Straits of Hormuz," said Grynke-wich, who added the Navy deployment was particularly important.

The U.S. says Russia's tactics emerged as a major concern in July when Russian fighters dropped flares that damaged U.S. MQ-9 drones carrying out missions in Syria.

After the U.S. released video of the Russian maneuvers and deployed the F-35s, Russia has moderated its tactics and has become less aggressive, Grynke-wich claimed.

"They still fly in the airspace, but not directly overhead of our forces, so I welcome that shift in behavior," Grynke-wich said. "The flares being dropped on our MQ-9s, we don't see that behav-

ior anymore."

The U.S. military footprint in the region is very modest compared to the years in which Americans were occupying Iraq and Afghanistan. But U.S. air violations over Syria have also been bolstered by coalition partners, including the French and British.

"We are flying together," Gen. Stéphane Mille, Chief of the French Air and Space Force, told reporters in September.

America's fellow NATO member Turkey has been pummeling Kurdish groups in northern Syria it blames for a bombing in the capital of Ankara on Oct. 1, in operations that could put American troops at risk.

On the morning of Oct. 5, a Turkish drone struck targets inside a U.S. military-declared restricting operating zone (ROZ), according to the Pentagon. Strikes got within one kilometer of U.S. forces, forcing them to take cover in bunkers.

When a Turkish drone returned to the area roughly four hours later and headed towards U.S. forces, it was shot down by a U.S. F-16 within half a kilometer of U.S.

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The Holy Qur'an

As in the case of those before you: they were mightier than you in power, and more flourishing in wealth and children. They had their enjoyment of their portion: and ye have of yours, as did those before you.

The Holy Qur'an (9:69)

PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	11:52
Evening(Maghreb)	17:55
Dawn(Fajr)“ Tomorrow”	06:06
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	04:42

Turkish, Iranian FMs Discuss Gaza Developments

TEHRAN -- Iran's foreign minister says the operation launched by Palestinian resistance groups against Israel is an outcome of the Zionist regime's incessant crimes against the people of Palestine.

In a phone conversation, Hussein Amir-Abdollahian told with his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan that "the Palestinian resistance's operation is a spontaneous move and the result of the Zionist regime's incessant crimes against Palestine."

He urged all Muslim countries "to remain united in support of the holy occupied city of Al-Quds, as well as the oppressed and resistant Palestinian nation."

The two foreign ministers also discussed the latest situation in the occupied Palestine, stressing that the rights of Palestinians must be respected.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said Saturday that Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was "a turning point and a new chapter" in the continuing resistance against the Zionist regime.

A spokesman for Hamas, Ghazi (Continued on Page 7)

Minister Thanks Iraqis for Arba'een Hospitality

TEHRAN – Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi on Sunday appreciated the hospitality of the Iraqi government and nation during Arba'een rituals.

Speaking in a meeting with his Iraqi counterpart Abdul Amir al-Shammari, Vahidi praised Iraq for its efforts to hold the Arba'een march.

Most of the Iranian pilgrims are satisfied with the Iraqi government and people's actions in this regard, he added.

Shammari said that the Iraqi government and people are very pleased to host the pilgrims, especially the millions of Iranian pilgrims.

The two sides discussed bilateral regional and international issues.

Arba'een marks the 40th day of martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS), and 72 of his companions in 680 AD in a land in modern Iraq after they refused to pledge allegiance to the tyrant Yazid.

Every year, Muslim pilgrims from across the world flock to Iraq in the weeks leading to Arba'een and walk toward Karbala.