

Members of Takfiri Network Captured

TEHRAN -- Iran's security forces have arrested members of a takfiri network in the western province of Kermanshah, an official said Saturday.

Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Sarpol-e Zahab Amir Feizi said the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) intelligence forces captured them following extensive surveillance of their activities. Feizi urged the public to report any suspicious activities to authorities.

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Iran Condemns Car Attack in Germany

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei on Saturday condemned a violent car attack in a market in the German city of Magdeburg which resulted in the death and injury of a number of citizens.

While expressing his condolences and sympathizing with the families of the victims and the people of Germany, Baghaei wished speedy recovery of those injured in the accident.

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Paragon Par-Excellence

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"We are the Hojjaj-Allah (Proofs/Authority of God) over mankind, while our ancestress Fatema is Hojjat-Allah (Proof/Authority of God) over us." Every occasion has a cause and every celebration of that occasion has to have a sound basis.

We are celebrating "Mother's Day" and "Women's Week" in the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as in countries and societies where feminine qualities and motherhood are virtues with respect attached to the womankind as the basic builders of sound and healthy societies.

Islam has designated a lofty position for the daughters of Eve to mould their life upon, in contrast to the decadent western and other irreligious cultures where women are merely carnal and commercial commodities, while the International Women's Day (March 8) is a farcical event without any mention of feminine virtues, their purity of purpose and their characteristics.

Islam, with its emphasis on morally upright ladies (Sarah the wife of Prophet Abraham, Asiya the God-fearing wife of the tyrant Pharaoh, Mary the mother of Prophet Jesus, and Khadija al-Kubra the loyal wife of the Last and Greatest Messenger) has presented the most perfect paragon-par-excellence to the women of the world.

She is none other than Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), the "Seyyeda an-nisa al-alameen, min al-awwaleen wa'l-akhereen" (Noblest Lady of the universe, from the beginning to the end) - the exemplary daughter, the ideal wife, the model mother, and the perfect teacher for the society.

How can mortals pen the merits of the Immaculate Daughter of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), the Impeccable Wife of the Commander of Believers Imam Ali (AS), the Infallible Mother of the Leaders of the Youth of Paradise - Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS) - and the Exceptional Teacher of all those girls and women eager to achieve feminine virtues?

The merits of the Lady who, along with her father, husband and sons, was created as a shaft of ethereal light by God, Who after due trial before granting her physical form in lineal descent from Adam and Eve, found her to be the pinnacle of faith, patience, virtue, gratitude, and wisdom, cannot even be enumerated by the celestial angels.

No wonder, according to her illustrious descendant, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), God Almighty has said: "I have blessed her with more bounty than all of the Prophets, and have extracted from her Light Imams who will rise by My order and will guide the people towards Me, and I will make them caliphs (vicegerents) upon My (Planet) Earth..."

The "Tuffahat al-Firdaws" (Apple of Paradise), Hazrat Fatema az-Zahra (SA), was conceived of the Heavenly Fruit that God granted Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) to eat during his "Me'raj" (Ascension) to the highest points in the heavens and back again to Planet Earth in a fraction of a single night. (It is thus clear that the "Me'raj" was a physical journey transcending time and space, and certainly not a dream or spiritual ecstasy experienced by the Prophet, as the weak of faith conjecture.)

In view of these facts, the "Mercy unto the creation" whom God Willed should not have any surviving son and granted him the Radiant Zahra as "Kowthar" (Perennial Spring of Abundant Munificence), through whom his progeny continues, showed to Muslims the worth of the Dignified Daughter to serve as the lasting practical example for all virtuous women.

Therefore, the virtues of Hazrat Fatema (SA) are not exclusive to Paradise in afterlife or the Day of Judgement on which she will intercede in the Divine Court for the forgiveness of multitudes of the faithful who had erred.

These are ubiquitous in the transient world as well, since she is the pivotal figure of the blessed group whom God calls "Ahl al-Bayt" in the holy Qur'an, and whose blessings cover all aspects of our life and faith.

"Indeed, Allah desires to keep away uncleanness from you Ahl al-Bayt, and preserve you thoroughly purified." - (33:33)

Time and space do not permit me to go into details of this Ayah or Ayah 61 of Surah Aal-e Imran. On revelation of the last named, the Prophet took his daughter along with her husband and two sons (no one else besides) for the Mubahela or unique challenge of malediction that marked the resounding triumph of Islam over the Christians of Najran.

Today, as we celebrate "Mother's Day" let us refer to a hadith from the Prophet mentioned in the books of our Sunni brethren (Sahih Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, Musnad Ibn Hanbal, etc.) regarding "Kowthar" and its connection to the person without whom the Prophet's only daughter would have remained an unmarried like the Virgin Mary:

"Kowthar is a stream of super excellence exclusively belonging to me. Only the righteous believers (among my followers) are to drink from it. Ali (AS) will distribute water from it to them. On the day of Judgement, I will see some of my companions driven like cattle away from Kowthar. It will be announced that they are those who after my departure from the world deviated from the true religion and introduced innovations to corrupt the faith."

From that from that day onwards, one of the epithets of Imam Ali (AS) became **Saqi al-Kowthar**. It means the one who quenches the thirst of believers at the heavenly stream of Kowthar - and the one who is the husband of "Kowthar" that is Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), in whose honour God has revealed several ayahs of the holy Qur'an.

To sum up, the Redeemer of humanity, who will reappear in the end times as Imam Mahdi al-Qae'm to establish the global government of peace, prosperity and justice, will be the direct descendant of Hazrat Fatema az-Zahra (SA).

"Peace upon you O Daughter of him who is the Best of all creation; Peace upon you O wife of the Wali of Allah and the Best of creation after the Messenger of Allah; Peace upon you O Mother of Hasan and Husain, the Leaders of the Youth of Paradise."

Yemen's Hypersonic Nightmare for Israel



This comb shows a launch of missile by Yemeni forces and Israeli emergency services working at the scene of a missile strike.



TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- At least 20 Zionists were injured on Saturday when a missile launched from Yemen landed in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area in central Israeli occupied territories.

The Israeli military confirmed the attack, stating: "A missile originating in Yemen impacted central Israel after interception attempts failed."

The missile launch triggered sirens to sound throughout the central sector of the occupied lands at 3:44 a.m. local time (0144 GMT), sending millions rushing to shelters from their beds, according to Zionist media outlets.

Deal of the Devils: U.S. Drops Bounty on Jolani

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- A delegation of American diplomats held their first in-person meeting with representatives of Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) here, as Washington ramps up engagement with the U.S.-designated terrorist group following its overthrow of the Bashar al-Assad government earlier this month.

The delegation included Barbara Leaf, the State Department's top Middle East diplomat; Roger Carstens, the presidential envoy for hostage affairs; and senior advisor Daniel Rubinstein, who is now leading the department's Syria engagement efforts.

After meeting with HTS leader Ahmed al-Sharaa, also known by his nom de guerre Abu Muhammad al-Jolani, Leaf said Washington will no longer pursue the \$10 million bounty placed on Sharaa's head more than a decade ago.

The webpage for Sharaa's \$10 million bounty was available on the State Department's website until December 17. The webpage is no longer available.

According to Magen David Adom, Israel's ambulance service, 20 individuals sustained injuries. Yemen's Ansarullah movement claimed responsibility for the strike.

In a statement, military spokesperson Yahya Saree announced that their fighters carried out "a military operation targeting a military site of the Israeli enemy in the occupied Jaffa area with a hypersonic ballistic missile."

The announcement came af-

ter Ansarullah claimed multiple drone strikes on central and southern Israeli occupied territories on Friday and three more military operations against Israeli positions on Thursday, coinciding with the Zionist regime's airstrikes on Yemen's cities of Sana'a and Hudaydah.

Yemeni armed forces, in solidarity with Gaza, which has been facing an Israeli genocidal war since Oct. 7, 2023, have targeted Israeli cargo ships or those associated with Tel Aviv in the Red Sea with missiles and drones, ex-

700,000 Cubans Protest Outside U.S. Embassy

HAVANA (Dispatches) -- Hundreds of thousands of Cubans, led by President Miguel Diaz-Canel and ex-leader Raul Castro, have staged a mass protest in front of the U.S. embassy here to vent their anger at Washington's blockade.

Local media said around 700,000 people marched outside the mission, demanding an end to Washington's trade blockade and calling for the removal of Cuba from the U.S. State Department's so-called list of state sponsors of terrorism.

Diaz-Canel censured the United States for maintaining the terrorist label on Cuba, calling it both "false and immoral."

The Cuban president also hit out at the U.S. for training paramilitary groups to target the island country's infrastructure.

"We are marching now to tell the U.S. government to let the Cuban people live in peace. Down with interference!" Diaz-Canel told the crowd, denouncing

pressing a determination to continue operations until the end of the onslaught on the enclave.

Since the beginning of 2024, the U.S. and the UK have been conducting airstrikes in Yemen in a bid to prop up the Zionist regime and dissuade Yemeni forces from carrying out operations in the Red Sea.

With the intervention of Washington and London and an escalation of tensions, Yemen announced that it considers all American and British ships military targets.

Hezam al-Asad, a member of the political bureau of Ansarullah, said in a Hebrew-language post on X, "The failure of all Israeli defense systems means that the heart of the Zionist enemy is no longer secure."

In another post, he said, "There is no longer any use for interception systems that cost billions of dollars."

Israeli analysts also acknowledged that the Zionist regime is incapable of confronting Yemen and lacks intelligence-based readiness to go to war with the country's armed forces.

According to Israeli newspaper Maariv, Zionist military forces have faced significant challenges in countering Ansarullah missile and drone attacks since the beginning of the war on Gaza in October 2023.

Maariv's report said the Yemeni

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the United States for intensifying the "ruthless" blockade.

"If the United States persists in its efforts to break our resolve, they will only find rebellion and unwavering determination," Diaz-Canel said.

The mass protest came a month before President Donald Trump's return to the White House amid speculations of Washington intensifying the long-standing sanctions and blockade against Havana.

The U.S. imposed the embargo in 1960, following the Cuban revolution led by Fidel Castro. The sanctions were expanded in scope in the subsequent years.

Former U.S. president Barack Obama took steps to ease tensions with Cuba during his time in office, including formally restoring U.S.-Cuba relations and making a "historic" visit to Havana in 2016.

Republican Trump, however, abandoned such efforts and took a

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