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Viewpoint

Morally Bankrupt West & Women's Rights in Iran

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The self-styled analysts of the West seem to be living in a topsy-turvy world where facts and realities, especially the dignity and rights of women, remain misunderstood.

They are totally devoid of any spiritual values, let alone being Christian since Christianity holds Mary the Mother of Jesus to be role model for women, and strongly denounces Jezebel, Herodias, Salome and all those who degrade feminine virtues.

These agnostic, misogynistic, carnal, and commercial attitudes of even the leaders of the regimes in the West are fully evident when they accuse Iran, which restored to women their dignity and virtue following the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, as violator and suppresser of women's rights.

This is nothing but falsity. The all-popular Islamic system of government in Iran has promoted the cultural, social, economic and political status of women as a pivotal factor in not just policy making, legislation, and national planning, but also in sports, in the media, in the entertainment field, and in the industrial sector – within the full freedom that Hijab affords in public life.

Another point to note is the high rate of literacy of women in Iran compared to world countries. For instance, women and girls account for more than half of all university students and currently 73 percent of medical professionals and 49 percent of doctors in the Islamic Republic are female.

Iran's women, attired in the Islamic code of dressing are fully active abroad as diplomats. The overwhelming majority of Iranian women are pious and patriotic as could be seen on every occasion of the past four-and-a-half decades.

Is not this freedom of women and the spectacular display by Iranian women of their basic rights?

So what is West's goal in distorting the realities in Islamic Iran and assembling in front of the UN and Iranian missions abroad, some scantily clad women claiming to be Iranian (a questionable claim) and demanding 'freedom' of Iranian women?

No true Iranian lady residing in the West, even if she doesn't wear the headscarf, will ever insult the dignity of Islam or violate Iranian cultural norms through near nude dressing and shouting of obscene slogans.

The truth is, politicians and the press in the West are scared stiff of the impact of women's real rights and freedom of the Hijab on women throughout the world. This is evident in not just the so-called Third World where thanks to the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, women have rediscovered their lost rights, but in Europe and the Americas as well.

To sum up, freedom in the jargon of the spiritually bankrupt West means, the violation of religious and ethical norms through all freewheeling acts, such as drinking wine, using narcotics, mouthing blasphemies, disrespecting decent ladies, and not just taking off headscarves but (excuse us) disrobing, dancing erotically, flaunting barely covered bodies, and perhaps the freedom to copulate in public.

Pakistan's Naval Flotilla Visits Bandar Abbas



Pakistan Navy/ PMSA Ships visit to port of Bandar Abbas, Iran from 21 to 24 December 2024

TEHRAN -- A Pakistani Navy flotilla, comprising three warships, docked at the First Naval Region of the Iranian Army in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas on Saturday.

The call aims to strengthen training and operational ties between the navies of Pakistan and Iran.

Senior commanders of the First Naval Region, as well as Pakistan's political consul general and naval attaché in Iran attended a welcoming ceremony.

Captain Omid Maghani, commander of the surface vessel division of the First Naval Region, welcomed the Pakistani flotilla, highlighting the importance of such exchanges in fostering deep bonds between the two nations.

He stated that friendly interactions between naval forces are customary among allied countries and emphasized that the Pakistani flotilla's visit would enhance training, operational collaboration, and the exchange of maritime experiences.

During their four-day stay in Bandar Abbas, the Pakistani naval personnel will participate in a range of activities including cultural tours, sports events, and official meetings.

The visit will culminate in a joint naval exercise in the northern Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf, aimed at promoting regional cooperation and mutual trust.

Captain Maghani underlined that such exchanges bolster international relations and deliver messages of peace and friendship.

Ministry: Iranian Aircraft Withdrew Advisors in Syria

TEHRAN -- Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei says Iran's advisory work in Syria was aimed at supporting the Syrian army, combating terrorism, and preventing insecurity from spreading to the broader region.

The decision to withdraw Iranian advisors was also a responsible move, considering the prevailing conditions in Syria and the region, Baghaei added.

His remarks came after Russian President Vladimir Putin, during his annual press conference on Friday, touched on the role of "certain Iran-aligned combat units" in Syria.

"When opposition groups approached Aleppo, approximately 30,000 troops were defending the city. Around 350 militants entered the city. Syrian government forces, alongside Iranian-aligned units, retreated without resistance, detonating their positions as they withdrew," he said.

"Previously, our Iranian allies

would request assistance to deploy their forces into Syria. Now, they are asking for help to withdraw them. We evacuated 4,000 Iranian fighters from the Hmeimim base to Tehran. Some Iranian-aligned units, avoiding direct engagement, relocated to Lebanon, while others moved to Iraq."

Responding to the remarks, Baghaei said, "It is not unusual for parties involved in Syria's developments to present their own narratives about the causes and actors behind these events."

"However, it seems that some of the comments made regarding Iran's advisory role in Syria during the final days leading to Damascus's fall may not have been based on precise information," he added.

Baghaei said Iran entered Syria at the invitation of its legitimate government.

"Iran and Syria have had effective cooperation over the years in combating terrorism, successfully preventing the dangerous spread of

Daesh in Syria and Iraq, as well as curbing terrorism in the region.

"Following the fall of Daesh, Iran's military presence on Syria's defensive lines shifted. It became limited to providing advisory assistance aimed at preventing the resurgence of Daesh and takfiri terrorism while strengthening Syria's military capabilities against the Zionist regime's provocations.

"This approach proved successful. As witnessed, immediately after the withdrawal of Iranian advisory forces, the occupying regime seized strategic parts of Syrian territory and destroyed critical defensive infrastructure in the country," he said.

Baghaei also pointed to Iranian nationals evacuated from Syria.

"These individuals included the families of diplomats, staff from Iran's diplomatic, consular, and cultural missions in Syria, Iranian pilgrims, some non-Iranian pilgrims, and others who had traveled

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U.S. Abducts Iranians to Extort Information

TEHRAN -- Two Iranian nationals have been recently arrested in the United States and Italy on allegations of involvement in equipping drones allegedly used in attacks on American forces—a claim Iran has strongly rejected as baseless.

On the evening of December 16, Muhammad Abedini Najafabadi, 38, a mechanical engineering graduate from Sharif University of Technology, was detained by Italian police at Milan Airport while preparing to travel to Switzerland. The arrest, carried out at the request of the United States, has cut off all direct contact with him.

Meanwhile, Mahdi Mohammad-sadeghi, 42, a U.S. resident, was arrested in Massachusetts around the same time.

According to reports, the arrests of the two individuals are allegedly linked to a January 28 drone attack carried out by Iraqi armed groups against a U.S. military outpost in Jordan known as Tower 22.

The attack killed three American soldiers and injured 47 others. The FBI claims that the equipment used in the drone attack was supplied by these two individuals.

Abedini is an Iranian national and

the CEO of Sanat Danesh Rahpooyan Aflak (SDRA), a company in Iran specializing in precision measurement equipment, one of his colleagues was quoted as saying by Tasnim news agency.

The company's products have diverse applications, including medical and sports technologies.

Abedini also headed a Swiss-based company, Illumove SA, which focused on motion capture equipment manufacturing. All activities of the companies were conducted under the legal and financial

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Araghchi Warns of U.S., Zionist Plot to Partition Countries

TEHRAN -- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has warned of a U.S. and Israeli plot to split the regional Muslim countries and enable the Zionist regime to dominate the entire region.

In an interview with the Al-Ghad network in the Egyptian capital Cairo, Araghchi said Israel has repeatedly tried to drag the entire region into a large-

scale war, but Iran has acted "very intelligently" in the face of the provocations.

Araghchi pointed to Iran's support for Syria, saying it was intended for an individual, but the entire Arab nation, its national sovereignty, and territorial integrity in the face of the Zionist regime and the scourge of terrorism.

Nevertheless, the Syrian government acted on its own initiative, and was not controlled by Iran and Russia.

Araghchi warned about the threat of terrorism to Syria and ultimately all of the regional countries.

He also dismissed Iran's control of resistance groups, saying the two sides are aligned by

The Holy Qur'an

Or think ye that ye shall be abandoned, as though Allah did not know those among you who strive with might and main, and take none for friends and protectors except Allah, His Messenger, and the Believers? But Allah is well-acquainted with (all) that ye do.

The Holy Qur'an (9:16)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:03
Evening (Maghreb)	17:16
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:11
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:41

Terrorists Martyr Iran's Embassy Staffer in Damascus

TEHRAN -- The spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry said Saturday that a local employee of Iran's embassy in Damascus was martyred last week after being shot in his vehicle in the city by terrorists.

Esmail Baghaei said Davood Bitaraf was martyred on December 15, adding the Syrian transitional government is responsible for "identifying, prosecuting, and punishing the perpetrators of this crime."

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is seriously pursuing the matter through appropriate channels and various diplomatic and international avenues," Baghaei added.

The spokesman extended his condolences to the Iranian nation and the bereaved family of the martyr as he condemned the act of terror. He said the body of the embassy employee been found, identified and transferred to Iran in recent days.

Militants, led by Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), stormed and ransacked the Iranian embassy in Damascus after the fall of President Bashar al-Assad on December 8.

Last Monday, Baghaei said the Iranian embassy in Syria will resume its activities operations once the "necessary conditions" are met.

"The reopening of the embassy in Damascus requires preparations, the most important of which is ensuring the security and safety of the embassy and its staff," the Iranian diplomat said.

their common goal of fighting the Zionist regime and supporting the people of Palestine, but each side acts independently.

Araghchi described the resistance as a "lofty cause and sacred ideology in the face of the Zionist regime's occupation and atrocities". He said the martyrdom of resistance leaders will not weaken their movements.