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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Washington's Whitewashing of Terrorism

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Yesterday Saudi Arabia had feted President Bashar al-Assad and welcomed him back to the Arab League with promises of billions of dollars of aid for development of Syria, while reaffirming opposition to the Idlib-based groups, including Jabhat an-Nusra by defining it and its leadership as terrorists.

Today Riyadh is playing host to an-Nusra leader Ahmed ash-Sharaa as Syria's new president on his first foreign trip since taking the place of the exiled al-Assad in the presidential palace in Damascus, with neither the terrorist tag attached to him nor the 10 million dollar reward on his head by the US.

How this sudden change of heart by Washington and its Arab clients? Did Ahmed ash-Sharaa repent of his decades long ties with al-Qae'da, Daesh, and the other macabrely murderous outfits of the Syrian civil war that led to the death of half-a-million people and displacement of millions of others?

Did Jabhat an-Nusra, which now rules in the Syrian capital under the name of Ha'yat Tahrir ash-Shaam (HTS) apologized to the US, whose Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara A. Leaf held a cordial meeting with Ahmed ash-Sharaa recently in Damascus?

Were the unrepresentative Arab regimes and their masters in Washington trying to deceive public opinion all these years while labelling Daesh and its associates 'terrorists', but maintaining secret ties with them because of their animosity towards Bashar al-Assad for his ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran and refusal to compromise with Israel?

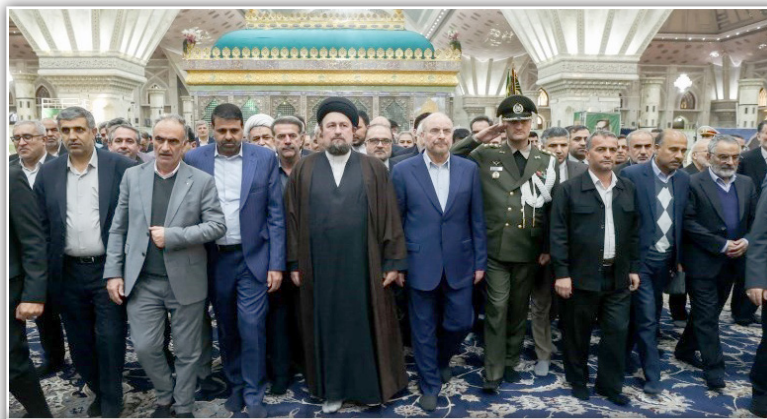
It is the job of impartial political analysts to probe these points and present the facts to the public, interested in knowing what the words 'terrorism' and 'terrorists' really mean, and why Ahmed ash-Sharaa said he does not have any axe to grind against the Zionist mass murderers of the Palestinian people.

What we understand is that in the American jargon whoever is opposed to Israel's enslavement of the Palestinians and domination of West Asia is terrorist, and whoever decides to tow the US line is not.

In other words, any person or country ready to kowtow to the US and Israel is automatically removed from the list of terrorism, and even the economic sanctions and rewards for persons are cancelled.

This is Pax Americana or more properly Pax Zionia for West Asia; hence the Saudis' talks with the US and European regimes to help lift economic sanctions imposed on the Syrian Arab Republic during the now ended 54-year rule of the anti-Zionist and pro-Palestinian al-Assad father and son elected presidencies.

Top State Officials Renew Allegiance to Imam's Ideals



Pictures show Parliament speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf and Judiciary chief Gholam-Hussein Mohseni-Ejei leading officials on their visits to the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini in southern Tehran Sunday.

TEHRAN – Iran's Parliament speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf said Sunday the late founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, was the first Muslim thinker to raise awareness about the dangers posed by the Zionist regime.

"Imam Khomeini was among the earliest Muslim thinkers to raise alarms about the threats posed by the Zionist regime," he said at the

mausoleum of Imam Khomeini to mark the 46th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution.

Ghalibaf emphasized that a major reason for Imam Khomeini's uprising against the Pahlavi regime in Iran was the Shah's ties with the Zionists.

He expressed confidence in Khomeini's promise that the liberation of Al-Quds by Muslims

and the oppressed will eventually happen.

He said Zionism as the root of the corrupt system of global arrogance has been further disgraced in the eyes of the international community and will continue to fail in its objectives in Gaza and Lebanon.

Ghalibaf was among members of parliament who visited Imam Khomeini's mausoleum to reaffirm their commitment to his ideals and to celebrate the Ten-Day Dawn period, which runs from February 1 to 11.

Judiciary chief Gholam-Hussein Mohseni-Ejei said at the mausoleum that Iran eliminated the grandeur of arrogant entities, and remains as a sovereign power in the world more than four decades after its establishment.

The judiciary chief said that more than four decades after the Islamic Revolution, enemies have failed in their conspiracies to stop the Islamic Republic.

The enemies have also failed in their attempts to topple the system in Iran, and that is why they have waged a propaganda campaign to undermine the country's achievements and to disappoint the Iranian people, he further said.

However, the enemies have already admitted in their private talks that the Islamic Republic of Iran is powerful, he said, adding the Iranian people are not passive, and will defend their revolution and the Islamic Republic whenever necessary.

Envoy Submits 'Encyclopedia of 23,323 Victims of Terror' to UN

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -- Iran's ambassador to the United Nations has provided the UN chief with the Encyclopedia of 23,323 Iranian victims of terrorism, saying the country has been a pioneer in the fight against terrorism and also a primary victim of it since the 1979 Revolution.

In a letter to UN chief Antonio Guterres and President of the UN Security Council Amar Bendjama, Saeed Iravani said Iran has endured relentless acts of terror, subversion, and aggression orchestrated by the terrorist groups and supported by external actors since 1979.

"This comprehensive compilation underscores that the Islamic Republic of Iran is not only a pioneer in the fight against terrorism but also a nation that has paid a heavy price as one of its primary victims since the 1979 Revolution.

"From the very beginning of the revolution, the Islamic Republic of Iran has endured relentless acts of terror, subversion, and aggression orchestrated by terrorist groups

and supported by external actors," he said.

Approximately 23,000 innocent Iranians, including women and children, have lost their lives to heinous acts, which targeted civilians indiscriminately and flagrantly violated international law, including human rights law and norms, Iravani said.

Over four decades, the Islamic Republic of Iran has faced terrorist attacks of unprecedented magnitude.

They have included the emergence of foreign-backed terrorist groups along border cities of Iran, systematic assassinations of nuclear scientists by agents of the Zionist regime and assassinations of high-ranking officials and ordinary citizens by the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO).

Incursions by trans-regional takfiri groups like Daesh into Iran's security domain and assassinations of Iran's military advisors playing a crucial role in combating international terrorism in West Asia have

been other cases.

More than 4,000 Iranian law enforcement officers martyred in countering narcotics underscores the sacrifices made by a leading nation in combating this global scourge, Iravani said.

The attacks reflect a deliberate strategy to weaponize terrorism for political gains, he said.

More than 30 terrorist groups, including Al-Qaeda, Daesh, MKO, Komala, PJAK, Jaish al-Adi, and Jundallah have been implicated in these heinous crimes, often receiving financial, logistical, and political support from external powers.

Among the most egregious examples of this campaign are the systematic assassinations of government officials, scientists, and civilians, carried out with tacit support from external actors.

"These sustained acts of aggression and terrorism constitute crimes against the Iranian people and a blatant violation of the principles enshrined in the United Nations

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Minister: 2 Million Afghans Residing Illegally in Iran

TEHRAN -- Iran's Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni has revealed that the country currently hosts approximately 6 million foreign nationals, vast majority of them from Afghanistan, with at least 2 million residing illegally.

Speaking during a televised interview, Momeni emphasized that the government has prioritized the deportation of undocumented individuals, citing limited national capacity to accommodate them and the loss of job opportunities for Iranian citizens.

Since mid-March, around 1.1 million Afghans have been deported at the border. However, estimates suggest that 50% of them attempt to re-enter the country.

To address the issue, the government has prioritized border security measures, including the construction of barriers and the installation of radar systems, the interior minister noted.

Momeni noted that similar strategies have proven effective in other countries, significantly reducing illegal crossings.

The minister also criticized employers who hire undocumented workers, stating that such practices deprive Iranian citizens of job opportunities.

He highlighted efforts to reduce the issuance of visas, acknowledging that excessive visa approvals in the past have contributed to the current challenges.

Iran continues to grapple with the economic and social impacts of hosting a large population of foreign nationals, many of whom are refugees from Afghanistan.

The Holy Qur'an



Allah hath promised to Believers, men and women, gardens under which rivers flow, to dwell therein, and beautiful mansions in gardens of everlasting bliss. But the greatest bliss is the good pleasure of Allah, that is the supreme felicity.

The Holy Qur'an (9:72)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:18
Evening (Maghreb)	17:53
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:03
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:37

IRGC Navy Chief Admiral Tangsiri:

Missile Cities Only a Small Fraction of Iran's Capabilities

TEHRAN – The IRGC Navy commander said Sunday newly-unveiled missile and naval systems, along with underground missile cities, represent only a small fraction of the military capabilities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Admiral Alireza Tangsiri made the remarks after the IRGC Navy unveiled a new underground base housing cruise missiles designed to target destroyers in strategic southern waters Saturday night.

Tangsiri said as per Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei's directive, the IRGC Navy has moved toward developing a highly mobile and revolutionary naval force.

He revealed that Iran's defense systems are stored hundreds of meters deep under the ground and can be deployed and activated within a short notice.

The systems showcased on Saturday have been armed with land-based mobile launchers, complementing existing naval missile systems, he added.

"Thanks to Iranian technology, these systems no longer require coastal presence for operational deployment," he said.

Highlighting their long-range capabilities, Tangsiri explained that the missile can launch from deep within Iranian territory, striking targets hundreds of kilometers away in open seas.

Regarding their technological advancements, he said the systems feature state-of-the-art cruise missile technology, rivaling global standards.

"Unlike traditional linear-trajectory missiles, the missiles are fully maneuverable, highly precise, and equipped with intelligent target-recognition systems," he added.

In a direct message to the enemies, Tangsiri warned against underestimating Iran's military capabilities.

This is the third underground missile base unveiled by the IRGC in less than a month.

Last month, the IRGC Navy showcased an underground naval missile base in an undisclosed location in the Persian Gulf. Earlier in the month, the IRGC's Aerospace Force unveiled another underground missile city.