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In the Name of the Most High  
**Viewpoint**

## Leader's Accurate Analysis of Syrian Situation

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Since the debacle in Damascus that saw the sudden exit of President Bashar al-Assad to end of the 54-year administration of the Alawite clan which had turned Syria into a regional power after over four decades of frequent falls of regimes (many lasting only a few months), political observers have come up with mostly wide off the mark analyses.*

*Influenced by the western mindset, almost all seem elated at the collapse of an important member of the Axis of Resistance against expansionism of usurper Israel, US hegemony in West Asia, and the slavish attitude of Arab reactionary regimes in meekly serving American-Zionist interests.*

*These so-called experts who are obviously blind to many realities are either overjoyed at what they think to be a blow to the policies of the Islamic Republic or are criticising Iran as part of their wrong perception that Tehran erred and lost billions by its principled support for the interests of the Syrian nation.*

*Irrespective of the ignorance of the fickle-minded to recall Syria's firm support for the Iranian people during the 8-year war imposed in the 1980s by the US through Saddam of the repressive Ba'ath minority regime of Baghdad, they fail to realize that the main beneficiary of the change of government in Damascus is the illegitimate Zionist entity.*

*The Israeli army is already at the gates of the Syrian capital and with US blessing is intensely bombing military and industrial sites as the coup leaders and their militias indifferently watch the destruction of their country.*

*This means the mistaken euphoria amongst some sections of the Syrian people will soon evaporate, and their dancing and singing in the streets will turn to despair at the horror of hegemony of the avowed enemies of the Arabs and all Muslim people.*

*In view of these undeniable facts, an accurate analysis presented by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution in his speech to a large gathering in Tehran on Wednesday that the US-Israeli plot backed by a certain neighbouring country confirms the point:*

*"Ultimately, the coup leaders will be evicted from Syria by the zealous Syrian youth, so will the Americans, since each of these attackers has their own agenda and their goals are different."*

*Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei also noted that contrary to the opinion of the so-called analysts, the Islamic Republic is unscathed by turn of events in Syria:*

*"The resistance front is not a piece of hardware that breaks or collapses or is destroyed. Resistance is a faith; it is a thought; it is a heartfelt and definite decision. Resistance is a school; it is a school of belief. What is the faith of a group of people does not become weak but becomes stronger with pressure."*

*"This is what the resistance is. This is what the resistance front is. The more you push, the stronger it becomes; the more you commit crimes, the more motivated it becomes. The more you fight with them, the more widespread it will be, and I tell you, by the Divine Power, the domain of resistance will cover the entire region more than before."*

# Iran-Made Light Aircraft Carries Out Test Flight



TEHRAN -- Iran's new light transport aircraft Simorgh, designed and developed by experts at the Iran Aircraft Manufacturing Industrial Company (HESA), successfully conducted Wednesday a test flight.

The turboprop military transport

aircraft, named after a bird in Persian mythology and literature, took the test during the 12th edition of the Iran International Aerospace Exhibition, also known as Iran Airshow 2024, held on Kish Island on the northeast of the Persian Gulf.

"This aircraft has been designed,

developed, and manufactured in compliance with international standards and regulations by the Ministry of Defense and knowledge-based firms. It was unveiled and flown at this exhibition," Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Amir Nasirzadeh stated.

He pointed to advances made in Iran's defense and military spheres, saying that major strides in the aviation industry have been taken over the past few years, and the Islamic Republic can now produce a wide range of sophisticated military hardware.

Nasirzadeh said Iran has attained self-sufficiency in the aviation industry, emphasizing that Western sanctions "have not managed to undermine our willpower and capabilities."

Secretary of the Supreme Economic Coordination Council Mohsen Rezaei also underlined the importance of military and defense development in order to maintain and strengthen national independence and freedom through reliance on domestic capabilities.

"The U.S. and Israel are against the independence of countries, and everyone must be cautious against their conspiracies," Rezaei said.

## Minority Rights Research Center Opens

TEHRAN -- The Minority Rights Research Center has been opened at Shahid Beheshti University (SBU) in Tehran, with members of the Iranian parliament and university researchers in attendance.

At the inauguration, representative of Armenians of Tehran and northern Iran in parliament Ara Shahverdi described this initiative as a sign of the commitment of the Islamic Republic of Iran to support the human rights of the minorities in the country.

This serves as a model for other countries in their pursuit of social justice and peaceful coexistence, he added.

Shahverdi stated that the opening of the center, coinciding with

the commemoration of International Human Rights Day, should be seen as a positive sign.

He said both events focus on justice and human dignity, adding the International Human Rights Day commemorates the adoption of the document that first recognized the rights and freedoms of all human beings, irrespective of any discrimination.

Behshid Barkhordar, the representative of Iran's Zoroastrian community in parliament, said Iranian culture, with its historical and human roots, is one of the world's richest and most prominent cultures.

"This culture is so valuable and amazing that anyone who gets to know it cannot help but appreci-

ate it," she said.

Hessamoddin Lesani, a professor at the Law Department at Hazrat Masoumeh University (SA) in Qom, also spoke at the meeting, noting that minority rights are one of the oldest topics in international law.

He mentioned that since 1550, there have been documents between governments and rulers to support minorities. However, he added, we are still far from realizing an international utopia where people are not pressured or discriminated against because of their ethnicity, race, or religion.

Lesani also pointed out that the rights of minorities have been weakly reflected in the United Nations Charter.

## Government: Iran Closely Monitoring Syria Developments

TEHRAN -- Iran says it is closely monitoring the behavior of militants who forced Syrian President Bashar al-Assad from power, stressing that their disassociation from Israel is critical to Tehran's approach towards the new rulers in Damascus.

"Their distance from the Zionist regime is one of the factors that is important to us," Government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani said.

She said Tehran is closely monitoring developments in Syria, and is eagerly awaiting to see the "behavior and performance" of the ruling armed groups before deciding on an approach toward the Arab country.

Mohajerani said Iran's investments in Syria have been in line with its "national interests", and that Assad's government collapsed because he failed to engage in talks with his own people and his army lacked any

incentive to fight for him.

"We have had longstanding relations with Syria, in terms of both culture and civilization. Our traders would travel to the Levant from much older times, so our ties with Syria have a long history. We hope that what is ahead is what is good for the people of Syria and we wish them the best," she said.

Mohajerani also stated that thousands of Iranians have been brought home from Syria since the overthrow of Assad.

"Over the past three days, 4,000 Iranian citizens returned to Iran," she said, asserting they left on 10 flights organized by the Tehran-based private airline Mahan Air.

She added that Iran would keep up its efforts "until the departure of the last Iranian" in Syria. Around 10,000 Iranian citizens have been living in Syria in recent years, according to official figures.

## Iran Vows to Respond to E3's 'Confrontational' Approach

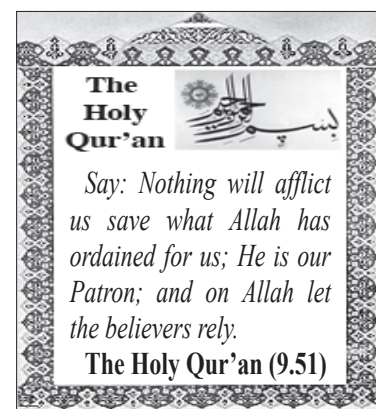
TEHRAN -- Iran has rejected the three major European countries' allegations about its peaceful nuclear program, saying it will give an appropriate response to any confrontational move.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei responded to a joint statement by France, Germany, and the UK that accused Iran of failing to honor its commitments under the 2015 nuclear deal and UNSC Resolution 2231.

Baghaei said the recent decision of the Iranian government was to activate more advanced centrifuges, within the framework of specific rights given under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and with due notification and under the supervision of the IAEA.

"As a responsible member of the IAEA, the Islamic Republic of Iran has proven its commitment to cooperation with this institution, and the understandings reached during the visit of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to Tehran on 14-15 November," he said.

"It is regrettable that the three European countries, regardless of the achievements of the Director Gen-



### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:58
Evening (Maghreb)	17:12
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:04
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:34

## First Hearing Held in Terrorist Attack Case in Southeast Iran

TEHRAN -- A court in southeastern Iran held a hearing in a case brought by the families of martyrs and victims of a terrorist incident in the city of Khash in Sistan and Baluchestan province against a U.S.-backed terrorist group.

The special court tasked with international affairs addressed the case of 39 members of families of martyrs and victims, who served as security defenders, against 32 foreign nationals.

The case focuses on claims for material and moral damages resulting from injuries and martyrdom caused by crimes committed by the terrorist group supported by the U.S.

The judge said the hearing is held based on Iranian laws and Article 34 of the Constitution, which tasks the judicial system of the Islamic Republic with seeking justice for every Iranian in its courts.

He referred to Article 1 and Article 6 of the Law on the Jurisdiction of the Courts of the Islamic Republic of Iran to hear civil lawsuits against foreign governments, adding that the

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eral's visit, which could have been a basis for strengthening cooperation in the future, insisted on their unconstructive approach and proceeded to pass a resolution against Iran," he added.

Referring to a November 29 meeting with representatives of the three European countries in Geneva, Baghaei stated that the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to believe in constructive interaction based on mutual respect.

"At the same time, the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond to any confrontational and illegal behavior within the framework of its legal rights and in an appropriate manner," he stated.

Baghaei noted that the root cause of the situation stems from the U.S. withdrawal from the deal and the failure of the E3 to fulfill their commitments.

He emphasized the importance of mutual adherence to the path of constructive interaction and advised the three European countries to address the root cause and reason for the current situation, which is a combination of continuous breach of commitment and the illegal

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