But (even so), if they repent, establish regular prayers, and practice

regular charity,- they are

your brethren in Faith:

(thus) do We explain the

Signs in detail, for those

The Holy Qur'an (9:11)

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who understand.

Noon (Zohr)

Evening(Maghreb)

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Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

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Viewpoint

Muslim World's Indifference **Emboldens US-Israel Aggressions**

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Never before in recent history has the Muslim world become as helpless as it is today with almost all member states either mutely watching the growing crimes of their enemies in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen, or staying content with issuing toothless denunciations that do not prevent holocaust, genocide, invasions, and bombing.

The death toll in Gaza rises in dozens by the day, the southern towns of Lebanon lie destroyed and depopulated, Syria is at the mercy of advancing Zionist war machine targeting military/industrial installations, and Yemen frequently exposed to US-UK air raids to kill people and destroy their dwellings.

At the same time, the devilish US-Israeli duo misses no opportunity to thunder threats against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran and Iraq.

All this violation of international laws and the UN Charter goes on in broad daylight while the so-called big powers remain indifferent to these crimes against humanity.

Most surprising is the lackadaisical attitude of Muslim states who seem to have no qualms in maintaining 'friendly' ties with the enemies of their co-religion and faith.

Even more self-humiliating is the treason of certain supposedly Muslim regimes actively aiding Washington and Tel Aviv in the bloodbath of Muslims.

On Monday, the Zionist entity's warplanes struck vital facilities and military infrastructure along the country's western coastline of Syria, including the cities of Tartus and Latakia, where they pounded missile bases and ammunition depots.

The self-styled 'Islamists', or more properly macabrely murderous takfiri terrorists, seem to be delighted at the destruction of Syria as is clear from their statements that they have no quarrel with Israel.

Meanwhile, American and British warplanes on Monday continued their unprovoked joint airstrikes on Yemen's province of Hajjah, bombing the Buhais area in the Midi district.

The US and British military aircraft also targeted a number of locations in the At Tuhayta district of the strategic western province of Hudaydah.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is the lone cry in the wilderness denouncing aggression on the Muslim world and calling for Islamic unity to confront the Israelis and Americans, but the rest of the 'big' Muslim states possessing sophisticated military arsenals and 'large' armies have not responded to Tehran's call to defend the honour and dignity of the Ummah.

Kayhan IRGC Navy Building Guided Missile-Capable Vessels



Iran has commissioned ships with more armament and endurance for its Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, like the Shahid Hassan Bagheri, seen here at a maritime parade in April 2024.

TEHRAN -- The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy chief Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri says the IRGC has begun constructing guided missilecapable vessels.

Tangsiri touched on the construction of 67-meter aluminum vessels made from soft alloys in the country, saying only a few countries have the capability to build such vessels.

"Additionally, we have established knowledge-based companies and are collaborating with 103 knowledge-based institutes and 32 universities," he said.

"We are fully aware of enemy threats and are preparing ourselves to confront them. Therefore, it is essential to dedicate time around the clock to research."

Highlighting the IRGC's significant progress made in research and development in the field of military equipment, he said, "As a force that relies on advanced equipment and operates based on technical expertise, the IRGC Navy must adhere to research and scientific principles."

Iran's rapid progress in the field of defense has taken the big powers by surprise and the latest to startle them are the drone carriers equipped with advanced technology and carrying a variety of mis-

Shaheed Bagheri, Shaheed Mahdavi and Shaheed Roudaki are the latest addition to the Islamic Republic of Iran's steadily expanding fleet capable of operating on the high seas in long distance missions.

In recent days, Western media is abuzz with what they have reported as satellite images reviewed by Maxar Technologies showing a new Iranian ship with the capability of launching drones.

The new drone ship, called Shahid Bagheri, is anchored offshore of the Iranian naval port of Bandar Abbas in the Persian Gulf, they say. The Shahid Bagheri left home port in late November and is conducting its first sea trial, according to Maxar, which says the ship has a

net-covered drone on deck.

Accompanying the drone ship are two other vessels that appear to be similarly modified, the Shahid Mahdavi and Shahid Roudaki, it added.

Additional photos provided by the company detail how the ships were modified and constructed at a nearby Iranian shipyard, including the addition of a ski-jump ramp and angled flight deck that can be used to launch and recover drones.

Despite facing years of sanctions from the West, especially from the US, Iran has managed to produce its fleet of armed drones that have even cruised as far as Europe. Iran's drones have already made a

mark on the international scene and in spite of the West's wild accusations they have not worsened any of the crises plaguing the world.

Iran's navy has also circumnavigated the world and is now planning a mission to ice covered Antarctica at the South Pole.

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Envoy: Iran's Embassy in Damascus to Reopen Soon

TEHRAN -- The Islamic Republic of Iran's ambassador to Syria says the Iranian embassy in Damascus will soon resume its operations.

"We plan to restart operations at the embassy immediately. Additionally, they have assured us of their readiness and guaranteed the safety of the embassy," Hussein Akbari said in an interview.

"We also transferred the staff people to Beirut for two to three days to ensure their security and prevent any possible damage. God willing,

the embassy will resume its activities soon," he said.

Akbari stated that before Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) arrived in Damascus, unknown people had looted Damascus, including Iran's

"We did not have a single dollar in the embassy and none of the Iranians were harmed," he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Iran's ambassador said that Israel views the fall of Bashar al-Assad a major victory for itself.

"The regime bombed 400 sites in Syria in 72 hours, destroying around 90% of defense capabilities ...and today announced it will take a number of Israelis to the Golan Heights," he stated.

The Israeli military has launched more than 60 new strikes on Syria, bringing the total number of at tacks in a week to about 800.

The ambassador said that "the most important influential variable in this scene is the role of the Zionist regime." (Continued on Page 7) to Stop Israeli **Atrocities**

TEHRAN - Iran on Monday called for "urgent" international action to stop the Zionist regime's ongoing war of genocide on the Gaza Strip.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei put the continued inaction of international institutions, including the UN Security Council, in the face of the genocide down to the United States' full-blown support for the regime.

The inertia, he said, is "shameful," calling for urgent action by the international community to stop the war and prosecute and punish Israeli officials for their perpetration of heinous crimes.

The spokesman recalled arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court against Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the regime's former war minister Yoav Gallant last month over war crimes and crimes against humanity.

He said it is the duty of all states under the international law to ensure respect for the international humanitarian law and prohibition of genocide.

The official referred to the Zionist regime's disregard for the tribunal's orders aimed at stopping the genocide and perpetration of acts that were contrary to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

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Japan, Iran Stress Resolve to Boost Cordial Ties

TEHRAN -- Japan's Senior Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Funakoshi Takehiro has pointed to cordial relations between Tehran and Tokyo and said his country is determined to deepen ties.

In a meeting with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Majid Takht Ravanchi here, Takehiro touched on the significance of political consultations between the two countries on regional and global issues, particularly the ongoing developments

in West Asia and expressed his country's readiness to continue the talks with Iran.

Takht Ravanchi pointed to

diplomatic relations between Tehran and Tokyo, saying the two countries need to continue bilateral consultations at different levels. The top Iranian diplomat called

for the improvement of mutual relations, particularly in the economic and commercial sectors. He welcomed Japan's more ef-

fective role in maintaining security and stability in West Asia.

Takht Ravanchi also said all countries must make serious efforts to put an end to the Zionist regime's atrocities and punish its criminal authorities.

He said the Zionist regime continues (Continued on Page 7)

interior minister and the head of the Bureau for Aliens and Foreign Immigrant Affairs said Monday Iran is conducting biometric tests to identify illegal immigrants and prevent their re-entery into the country.

TEHRAN -- The advisor to the

Nader Yar-Ahmadi touched on the influx of Afghans, saying Iran's infrastructure can no longer accommodate additional immigrants.

He said walls have been constructed along Iran's eastern borders to prevent illegal immigrants, adding other legal measures are

being taken with the help of the

judiciary to deal with unauthorized

foreigners.

Yar-Ahmadi said biometric tests including fingerprinting as well as iris and face registration are conducted at border points to prevent illegal re-entry into Iran.

Biometric Tests Used to

Identify Illegal Immigrants

On Thursday, Iran's UN envoy criticized the international community for failing to support the Islamic Republic in the face of problems stemming from the crisis in neighboring Afghanistan.

Addressing a UN Security Council meeting on the situation in Afghanistan, Amir Saeid Iravani said Iran has shouldered a disproportionate share of the problem, especially after the reckless U.S. withdrawal in 2021.

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