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Viewpoint

US-Zionist Diktat to Takfiri Regime for Alawite Massacre

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Terrorist-ruled Syria has become an extension of the illegal Zionist entity, and of course, a slavishly client state of the US for implementing in the region the criminal policies of Washington.

The main victims of the takfiri clique ruling Damascus since the ouster of President Bashar al-Assad are the Alawite minority, which for almost 55 years gave stability to Syria by turning it into a steadfast frontline state against the devilish bid to create 'Greater Israel'.

According to reports, over the past few months more than 8,000 Alawite civilians, mostly the elderly, women, and children, were massacred by the regime in cold blood for no fault.

The bloodbath might increase in view of the recent green signal given by the US to the terrorist ringleader of the Damascus regime, Ahmad ash-Sharaa (a wanted criminal himself), to recruit in the Syrian army the tens of thousands of takfiri terrorists responsible for the death of almost half-a-million Syrian people in the ten year period from 2011 to 2021.

The Alawites who are predominately concentrated on the Mediterranean coast of Syria account for a little over ten percent of Syria's 21 million population.

Known as a peaceful Muslim sect, they are fierce nationalists and strongly oppose the illegal Zionist entity, and this is the reason for US enmity towards them, even though they are on good terms with the other ten percent Christian population of Syria.

In fact, the Syrian Christians whose roots extend to the days of Prophet Jesus (peace upon him) are also among the targets of the takfiri clique and thus shunned by the US for their opposition to Israel.

Several hundred Alawites have fled to Lebanon to avoid violence and death, eking out a precarious existence in graveyards and dilapidated mosques, without the least aid from any international human rights agency.

Syria also has a ten percent-plus population of ethnic Kurds as well as Druzes, and both these groups are victims of the ruling US-Israeli supported takfirist.

In such a situation, it is the duty of the UN and human rights bodies to help the Syrian people from the periodic bouts of mass massacres by the terroristic regime in Damascus, affiliated to the Zionist entity and the US.

In not Syria will be absorbed in the satanic Zionist design to create 'Greater Israel' from the banks of the River Euphrates to the banks of the River Nile in Egypt.

Defense Minister Gen. Nasirzadeh:

Iran Will Strike U.S. Bases if Conflict Erupts



Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh leaves a cabinet session in Tehran on Wednesday.

TERHRAN -- Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh said here Wednesday that Iran will strike U.S. military bases across the region if nuclear talks with the United States fail and conflict erupts.

The warning comes just days ahead of the expected sixth round of negotiations between the two countries.

Speaking at a press conference, Defense Minister Aziz Nasirzadeh said, "If a conflict is imposed on us ... all U.S. bases are within our reach and we will boldly target them in host countries.'

He also said Iran successfully conducted a missile test last week, which featured a two-tonne warhead. The minister hailed the achievement as a major step forward in Iran's defense capabilities.

"We have made very good progress in defense affairs," Nasirzadeh said, stressing that Iran's armed forces are fully equipped and have the upper hand in any conflict. He warned the U.S. that any act

result in heavy losses to American His warning came amid reports of gaps between Iran and the U.S.

of aggression against Tehran will

to resolve disputes over Tehran's nuclear program and remove sanctions on the Islamic Republic. Iran said on Monday it would

soon hand a counterproposal for a nuclear deal to the United States in response to a U.S. offer that Tehran deems unacceptable, while U.S. President Donald Trump said talks would continue.

The top U.S. general overseeing American forces in West Asia, however, said on Tuesday there were a range of options when asked if the military was prepared to respond with force if talks with Iran failed.

defense and the president with a June 15.

wide range of options," U.S. Army General Michael "Erik" Kurilla, the head of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), told a congressional

"Every so often it is said that if negotiations fail, it will lead to a conflict. On behalf of the Iranian nation. I declare that in case a conflict is imposed upon us, we will strike our designated targets, the enemy will suffer heavy casualties, and America must leave the region," Nasirzadeh said.

He also stressed that Iran's defensive capabilities are non-nego-

Iran and the U.S. have held five rounds of talks since April 12, mediated by Oman. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei announced on Monday that the next round of indirect negotiations between Iran and "I have provided the secretary of the U.S. will be held in Oman on

FM Araghchi:

Any Deal Should Ensure Iran's Enrichment, Removal of Sanctions

TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Wednesday an agreement with the U.S. is "within reach" if Iran's right to uranium enrichment is ensured and anti-Tehran sanctions are terminated.

Araghchi's statement on his X account came as Iran and the U.S. are to hold the 6th round of their indirect talks in Muscat on June 15.

"President Trump entered office saying that Iran should not have nuclear weapons. That is actually in line with our own doctrine and could become the main foundation for a deal," Araghchi said.

"As we resume talks on Sunday, it is clear that an agreement that can ensure the continued peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program is within reach—and could be achieved rapidly."

Araghchi said a "mutually beneficial outcome relies on the continuation of Iran's enrichment program, under the full supervision of the IAEA, and the effective termination of sanctions."

the U.S. and European troika's procize the agency," he said. vocative move to initiate an anti-Iran resolution at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s Board of Governors, warning against any unwise decision by the 35-member panel.

In a phone conversation with his Japanese counterpart Takeshi Iwaya, Araghchi underscored Tehran's determination to uphold the legitimate and inalienable rights of Iranian people to peaceful nuclear energy, including the right to en-

"Any ill-advised and destructive decision by the Board of Governors against Iran will be met with an appropriate response on the part of Iran, and the responsibility for its consequences lies with the par-On Tuesday, Araghchi rebuked ties that instrumentalize and politi-

Araohchi said Iran ni principled stance, based on Islamic teachings, to never pursue nuclear weapons.

"However, we will not back down from the Iranian nation's right to peaceful use of nuclear energy," he

Praising Japan's balanced stance in its foreign policies, Araghchi said, "We hope to see an appropriate position and action from Japan and other member states of the (Continued on Page 7)

Three People Killed After Fire at Chemical Plant

TEHRAN -- At least three people have been killed and two others admitted to hospital after a welding accident led to an explosion and fire at a chemical factory in Iran, officials said Wednesday.

The accident occurred shortly after 11am local time (07:30 GMT) on Wednesday in a methanol storage unit at the Kaveh Petrochemical Company

in Bandar Deyr, a city in the

southern Bushehr province,

official news agency IRNA re-A fire broke out after welding

on a barge at the site ignited an explosion, Kourosh Dehghani, the provincial head of the crisis national television.

management organization, told He said firefighters had contained the blaze and were now working to cool the site. No fur-

ther casualties were expected,

Footage from the blaze carried on national media showed large clouds of thick black smoke rising from the site, as firefighting units trained their hoses on the fire.

The chemical plant, situated on a 200-hectare (494-acre) site in the Persian Gulf region, is a key producer of methanol, making up to 2.3 million tonnes of the highly flammable chemical each year, ac-

cording to its website.

Holy Our'an

Say: Is there any one among your associates who can bring into existence the creation in the first instance, then reproduce it? Say: Allah brings the creation into existence, then He reproduces it; how are you then turned away?

The Holy Qur'an (10.34)

PRAYER TIMINGS

02:52

Noon (Zohr) 12:05

19:43 Evening(Maghreb)

04:48 Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"

Sunrise "Tomorrow"

IAEA Claim of Iran Not Fulfilling **Commitments**

'Big Lie'

TEHRAN -- Iran's nuclear chief here Wednesday dismissed as "a big lie" the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s recent report on the country's nuclear program, stressing that presenting "false" reports will only tarnish the credibility of the agency.

A recent report by IAEA director general Rafael Grossi on Iran's nuclear program claimed that Tehran had failed to report its nuclear activities at three undeclared locations and raised concerns about the country's stockpile of uranium enriched up to 60 percent purity.

"The claim that the Islamic Republic of Iran has not fulfilled its commitments under the Safeguards Agreement is a big lie," said Muhammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI).

"There is no evidence in this regard. There is not a single report from the IAEA inspectors that indicates Iran's opposition or obstruction in carrying out their duties," Eslami said.

"Therefore, proceeding on this course and presenting false reports will only damage the reputation and credibility of an international institution like the agency," he added.

The Iranian nuclear chief further censured the provocative move by the United States and the UK, France, and Germany (E3) to draft a resolution against Iran at the IAEA Board of Governors in its next meeting, warning that a if a confrontational approach is adopted, the Islamic Republic will also take countermeasures.

"Iran has tried to dissuade these countries from this behavior and illegal approach towards the country's nuclear issue, but the results have been limited. We have always stated that if these countries adopt a confrontational approach, Iran will also take countermeasures and will not accept any illegal and unlawful behavior," Eslami said. He said that during 2023 and

2024, more than 427 inspections of Iranian facilities were conducted, which is "unprecedented" in the history of nuclear activities worldwide.

The official said IAEA cameras are installed at all the country's nuclear facilities, stressing that

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