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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Has Syria Become Part of ‘Greater Israel’?

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Syria, once the leading frontline state against the Zionist bid to expand towards the River Euphrates as part of its dream to set up “Greater Israel”, has now become a virtual part of the illegal entity set up in Palestine by the non-Semitic east European claimants to Judaism.*

*Gone are the days when Syrians, whether Muslim, Christian, and Druze, whether Arab and Kurd, or whether Sunni, Alavi, and Shi’a, prided on their resistance against Israel.*

*With the unceremonious exit of President Bashar al-Asad and the seizure of power in Damascus by a takfiri terrorist clique, Syria is now in open alliance with the illegal Zionist entity against the interests of not just the Arab, but the whole Muslim Ummah.*

*The admission that Syria is in direct contact with the Zionist entity and has held face-to-face meetings with Israeli officials has been confirmed by the top terrorist of the takfiri regime in Damascus himself, that is, Ahmad ash-Sharaa -- the former wanted murderere Abu Mohammad al-Jolani whose hands are dipped in the blood of thousands of Syrians.*

*The talks with the Israelis are led by Ahmad ad-Dalati, the newly appointed governor of the province of Quneitra, who himself is a notorious killer of Arabs and Muslims.*

*That is the reason, on May 14, US President Donald Trump called Sharaa to the Saudi capital Riyadh and held a public meeting with him in front of TV cameras with instructions to recognize the illegal Zionist entity and establish diplomatic and trade relations with it.*

*As part of its Israel-appeasing policies, the Damascus regime has detained two senior members of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad resistance, which participated in the heroic October 7, 2023 Hamas-led operation against the Zionist entity.*

*Most Syrian people, however, are not happy with the regime’s pro Zionist policies. There is simmering discontent throughout the country, especially after the mass massacre of the Alavis over a month ago, the growing ethnic fears of the sizeable Kurd population, and suppression of mainstream anti-terrorist Sunni majority.*

*In view of these facts, the takfiri terrorist clique may not last long in Damascus and is most likely to pay the price for its treason, since the Syrian people have not forgotten the 500,000 killed during the decade long civil conflict and the displacement of millions of people.*

## IRGC Chief Warns Israel of ‘Gates of Hell’ if Iran Threatened



IRGC chief Gen. Salami addresses the International Resistance Film Festival in Tehran.

TEHRAN -- The head the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hussein Salami on Wednesday said Iran is fully prepared for any possible threat and is strong enough to repel all kinds of threats.

“We tell American officials that we are ready for any scenario. Our country will never surrender to the political will of others. Our fingers are on the trigger, and we are waiting in ambush. If they dare make a mistake, they will receive prompt responses that will make them rue the day,” he said Hamadan.

Gen. Salami praised the presence of the Iranian nation on the po-

litical scene and critical junctures, stating that Iranians act appropriately during difficult times, and remain vigilant.

Iran’s armed forces are also at the peak of their operational and combat readiness, he added.

“We are engaged in a full-scale war. We are witnessing economic warfare, sanctions, global political pressures, widespread misinformation warfare, harsh and brutal media and propaganda campaigns, cultural inroads, and various threats by enemies that are being imposed upon this nation from near and far.”

Salami said Iran remains steadfast

in spite of all threats from enemies, noting that the Islamic Republic is steadily moving forward and the Iranian nation will never give in to political wills of others.

“We have the upper hand in the field of defense, and have always gained power to confront the world’s biggest powers.”

The IRGC chief also downplayed Israeli authorities’ anti-Iran rhetoric and threats.

“I once again warn them that if they dare make mistakes and commit a folly, we will open up the gates of hell to them without any reservations,” Salami pointed out.

### Araghchi: Nothing Left for Talks if UK Insists on Zero Enrichment

TEHRAN -- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says there will be no ground for dialogue between Iran and the Europeans if they persistence that Tehran completely stop its peaceful uranium enrichment activities.

In a post on his official account on X, Araghchi said Iran has held “multilateral engagement” with the UK and other European members of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

The interaction, he wrote, has so far taken place “in good faith,” although, “the U.S. continues to show no interest” in getting the European states involved in indirect talks between Washington and Tehran.

However, “if the UK position is

‘zero enrichment’ in Iran..., there is nothing left for us to discuss on the nuclear issue,” Araghchi asserted.

The official cautioned that such demand on the part of London would stand in violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which entitles member countries to peaceful uranium enrichment, and the UK’s commitments to the JCPOA that similarly takes Iran’s right to enrichment into account.

The remarks came after Peter Mandelson, the British ambassador to the United States, said during a speech at the Atlantic Council in Washington that “Britain strongly supports President Trump’s initia-

tive in negotiating away these enrichment and related facilities in Iran.”

The U.S., and its primary regional ally, the Israeli regime, have repeatedly called for an outright halt to the Islamic Republic’s peaceful nuclear enrichment activities.

For its part, Tehran has resolutely defended its sovereign right to engage in nuclear enrichment for peaceful and civilian purposes.

Recently, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei described U.S. demand as “utterly wrong,” asserting that the Islamic Republic did not require approval from any foreign entity to continue its enrichment activities.

### Man Convicted of Spying for Mossad Executed

TEHRAN -- Iran’s Judiciary said Wednesday the man arrested in 2020 and convicted of extensive collaboration with the Israeli spy agency Mossad has been executed.

“After identification, arrest, and judicial proceedings against Pedram Madani, who was spying in favor of the Zionist regime, and following the complete process of criminal procedure and the final confirmation and upholding of the verdict by the Supreme Court, he was brought to justice and executed,” the Judiciary’s Mizan news agency reported.

The news agency said Madani was arrested in Tehran in 2020 on charges of “spying for the intelligence service of the usurping Zionist regime (Mossad),” and “acquiring illicit wealth through receiving foreign currency cash in Europe (euros) and cryptocurrency (Bitcoin).”

Madani was accused of shar-

ing classified information and holding meetings with Mossad officers abroad.

“The accused, who had traveled to and from Germany before his arrest, underwent Mossad training and sought to recruit individuals, collect, and share classified information with his handler through a secure communication system,” Mizan said.

Madani was also reported by the news agency to have “met his direct Mossad handler at the Zionist regime’s embassy in Brussels during one of several meetings in various countries.”

The Judiciary said he had traveled to “the occupied territories” before his arrest in 2020-2021.

“After undergoing a complete criminal procedure, Pedram Madani was convicted of espionage for the Zionist regime’s intelligence service (Mossad) on charges of waging war against

God and corruption on Earth, and was sentenced to death. Ultimately, following the issued verdicts and legal formalities, the convict was executed by hanging,” Mizan underlined.

Back in April, the Judiciary announced the execution of Mohsen Langarneshin, a high-profile Mossad agent for his involvement in the 2022 assassination of a member of Iran’s Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) in the capital Tehran.

The convict was responsible for major missions, supported acts of terror and was present at the scene of IRGC Colonel Hassan Sayyad Khodaei’s targeted killing in Tehran on May 22, 2022 after two motorcyclists shot him five times before fleeing.

Langarneshin had openly confessed to his crimes during all stages of interrogation, prosecution and court proceedings.

The  
Holy  
Qur’an



And when affliction touches a man, he calls on Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing; but when We remove his affliction from him, he passes on as though he had never called on Us on account of an affliction that touched him; thus that which they do is made fair-seeming to the extravagant.

The Holy Qur’an (10.12)

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:02
Evening (Maghreb)	19:34
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	04:51
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	02:58

### Iran Welcomes Election Results in Venezuela

TEHRAN -- The Iranian Foreign Ministry has congratulated the Venezuelan government and nation on the peaceful and democratic administration of their recent parliamentary and regional elections.

“We congratulate the people and Bolivarian government of Venezuela on holding the elections for the National Assembly, governorships, and local legislative councils, in a peaceful environment and with the presence of more than 1,400 international observers,” the ministry said in a Spanish-language post on X.

“In these elections, the people of Venezuela once again demonstrated their participation in determining their political destiny. We wish the people of Venezuela and their elected representatives success and glory.”

President Nicolas Maduro’s United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) maintained its significant majority in the National Assembly on Sunday, clinching nearly 83% of the votes and securing 23 out of 24 state governor positions, according to the electoral authority.

Sunday’s legislative results and the landslide victory will keep the ruling party in control of the attorney general’s office and the top court, whose members are elected by lawmakers.

The elections were boycotted by several opposition leaders, further deepening divisions among parties opposed to Maduro’s democratically-elected government.

The main opposition group, led by popular figurehead Maria Corina Machado, had urged voters to stay away to avoid legitimizing what she claimed to be a “farce” election.

Opposition candidates won just one governorship, in the state of Cojedes, west of the capital Caracas, down from the four won by opposition parties in 2021.

Despite the divisions and boycotts, the turnout to choose 24 state governors and 285 lawmakers was similar to the 2021 elections, at 42.6% of 21 million eligible voters, according to National Electoral Council rector Carlos Quintero.