

Pezeshkian Warns of ‘Crushing Response’ to New Attack

TEHRAN -- President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Friday that Iran will not bow to pressure or aggression, warning that the country will deliver a “crushing response” to any future attack. “We will under no circumstances bow to bullying, and there is no doubt about that. We will stand against them until our last breath and give them a crushing response,” he said, addressing a meeting of the Islamic Association of Iranian Medical Society here.

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MP: U.S. Will Leave Region Only After Accepting Defeat

TEHRAN -- Ebrahim Azizi, chairman of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, said Friday the United States will be forced to leave the region after admitting defeat and apologizing to the Iranian people. “The Americans have proven that they do not understand (Continued on Page 7)

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Auspicious Start of the Awaited Saviour’s Mission

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

The Ninth of Rabi al-Awwal is a very auspicious day. It marks the start of the mission of the 12th and Last Divinely Designated Heir of the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). He is the Prophet's namesake, and was a boy of only five years when orphaned the day before on the 8th of Rabi al-Awwal, in the year 260 AH (874 AD) in the Iraqi city of Samarra on the martyrdom through poisoning of his father, Imam Hasan Askari (AS).

The Divine mantle of imamate came to rest on his tender shoulders under circumstances when the self-styled caliph of the usurper Abbasid regime, after assassinating his father, wanted to find him, and if possible murder him. The Almighty, however, has His own plans. The Power that granted prophethood to Jesus (AS), while still a boy in the cradle and saved him from the conspiracies of the Israelites, decreed the safety of the Five-Year Old Boy. Orphaned at such a tender age, Divine Providence Willed that his imamate continue in the state of occultation. Thus, started the “Ghaybat as-Sughra” (Minor Occultation) of the Twelfth Infallible Imam. Who during this period of several decades was in contact with the most reliable and trusted of his followers. This was the well-organized system of “wikala” that guaranteed guidance for the seekers of truth.

He then, on Divine Commandment, went into Major Occultation (Ghaybat al-Kubra) that continues to this day, until the Almighty Decrees his reappearance as Qa'em al-Mahdi in the end times to cleanse the Planet of all vestiges of oppression and corruption by establishing the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice. This was, and is, a trial for humanity, both for the believers and doubters. For the believers to firm up their faith, that no propaganda of the faithless, no plot of hypocrites, and no treason of the Takfiris could undermine.

For the skeptics, a respite and opportunity to reform themselves and rectify their beliefs, by availing of the long and lengthy period of God's Grace, even though the enemies of humanity leave no stone unturned in their devilish efforts.

The One promised by Allah, foretold by the Messenger of Mercy – as both Shi'a and Sunni sources of hadith testify – and expected in all religions as the Deliverer of humanity, will indeed reappear when the world would be brimming with violence, bloodshed, treachery, and all sorts of injustices – as the trend of events of our times indicates.

He will make his advent at the holy Ka'ba, the Symbolic House of the One and Only Creator. He will stand between the Rukn al-Yamaani and the Maqaam al-Ibrahim (or the Station of Prophet Abraham), and call five times for redemption of justice, that is, Isteghasa or appeal in the Divine Court for help.

The 1st phrase of his Isteghasa would be: “Know O' people of the world! I am Imam al-Qa'em.”

The 2nd phrase of the Imam's Isteghas would be: “Know O' people of the world! I am the Avenging Sword.”

Here some questions arise. For whose innocent blood will Imam Mahdi (AS) will be the “Avenging Sword”? Who was the person whom beasts in human form brutally martyred? For whom do the faithful continue to shed tears, while making pilgrimage to his shrine, even at the risk posed to their life by the dastardly devils of every deviationist doctrine, such as the US regime, the Zionists, the Wahhabis, the Salafis, the cannibalistic Takfiris, and all sorts of terrorists and traitors?

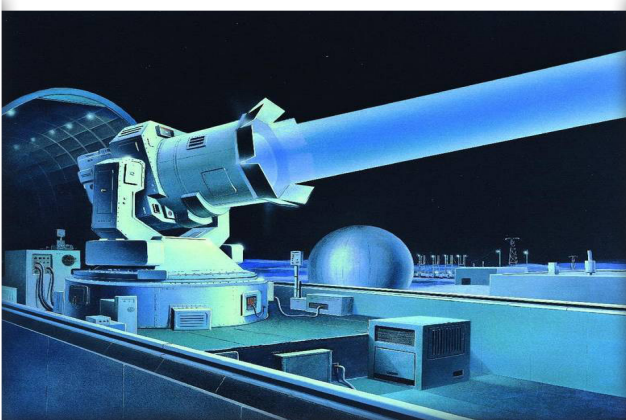
The answers to these questions are provided in the 3rd, 4th and 5th phrases of the Isteghatha of Imam Mahdi (AS), who will proclaim from the precincts of the holy Ka'ba: “Know O' people of the world! Indeed my ancestor [Imam] Husain was slain in the state of acute thirst.”

The next phrase would be: “Know O' people of the world! Surely, my ancestor [Imam] Husain lay bare without a shroud or burial.”

The last phrase of the Isteghasa of Imam Mahdi (AS)

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DEFENSE INDUSTRY DAY



Iran Emerges Stronger From War Vows ‘Defense Industrial Revolution’

Defense minister says Iran entered the later phase of the war considerably stronger, with increasingly advanced tactical and technical “surprises.”

TEHRAN -- Iran's acting defense minister said Friday the country entered the later phase of its war with the United States and Israel considerably stronger than during the earlier 12-day conflict, with more advanced tactical and technical “surprises” exceeding those deployed previously.

Brigadier General Seyyed Majid Ebn-e-Reza made the remark on the occasion of the Defense Industry Day, saying Iran's military capabilities evolved significantly during the war.

The Armed Forces, he said, achieved far greater penetration deep into enemy bases, while the number of enemy operational and reconnaissance helicopters and aircraft brought down was far greater than during the earlier conflict .

“We entered the Ramadan War considerably stronger than we had in the 12-day war, and our technical and tactical surprises were also significantly more advanced than in the previous conflict,” Ebn-e-Reza said.

He emphasized that Iran's defense capabilities are not intended for warmongering, but to prevent war and aggression.

“We have never been and will never be the initiator of aggression against any country. We are not advocates of military aggression, but we will not allow military aggression against Iran's territory, independence, or security,” he said.

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After Military Defeat, Desperate U.S. Resorts to ‘Economic Terrorism’

TEHRAN — The United States has launched what President Donald Trump called the “most crushing economic operation ever” against Iran, threatening sweeping economic consequences for countries, financial institutions and businesses that maintain ties with Tehran, drawing strong denunciation from Iran as a sign of desperation following the failure of Washington's military pressure campaign.

Trump announced the new measures on Wednesday, warning that any country that allows its financial institutions, businesses, airports or government entities to provide any “lifeline” to Iran would face “tremendous economic consequences.” He described the campaign as “economic warfare and isolation on an unprecedented scale.”

Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the measures as “economic terrorism” and

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U.S. Aircraft Carrier Withdraws in Defeat as Pentagon Counts Casualties

WASHINGTON -- The United States is quietly pulling its naval assets from West Asia and reassessing its entire military footprint in the Persian Gulf after months of Iranian retaliation exposed Washington's vulnerability, with more than 750 U.S. service members wounded and the Pentagon accused of covering up the true scale of casualties.

The USS Abraham Lincoln, which played a central role in the unprovoked U.S. war on Iran that began on 28 February, is leaving West Asia with its sailors and Marines heading home after a grueling nine-month deployment, CBS News reported on Thursday.

The Lincoln's withdrawal came as the USS George Washington arrived in West Asia on Thursday to replace it, following months of reports of deteriorating conditions

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