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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

Saudi Arabia's Suicidal Step Into Iraq

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It was the most miscalculated blunder whose repercussions appear catastrophic for the perpetrators, especially a neighbor sharing a long and porous border, but stupidly aligned with a predator.

The US is a criminal and terrorist entity that ought not to be in our region, and the sole reason the CENTCOM terrorists are here is to undermine the security and stability of the countries of West Asia in the interests of the illegal Zionist entity.

Wednesday's unprovoked attack on several Iraqi cities that left over a score of Iraqis martyred and several others dozens injured was part of Washington's plot to destabilize Iraq.

What, however, was surprising was the partnership, or more properly complicity, of Saudi Arabia in the deadly aerial attack on an Arab Muslim neighbor without the least thought of paying a heavy price for such lawlessness.

Iraq's legitimate national force the Hashd ash-Shabi or the Popular Mobilization Unit (PMU) has said they never attacked any place in Saudi Arabia, but Riyadh accused them and joined the common enemy of the Arabs and Muslims, that is, the US, to participate in the killing of innocent Iraqis.

Riyadh very well knows, if the Iraqis choose to retaliate the US cannot protect it, as is the helplessness of Washington against the Ansarullah of Yemen.

Unfortunately, instead of closing the US bases, following the devastation these bases suffered when Iran retaliated against their crimes from the soil of neighborly Arab countries, Saudi Arabia has unnecessarily attacked neighboring Iraq, at a time when it is already embroiled in military confrontation within another of its neighbors – Yemen.

We hope the embers of war will be snuffed and the US will be forced to leave our region. If not, the regional countries will suffer catastrophes for siding with the American terrorists and providing bases to these criminals for attacking neighboring countries.

Four Terror Cells Dismantled in Southeast, 15 Terrorists Captured

TEHRAN – Iran's security forces have dismantled four operational cells linked a terrorist-takfiri group network in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan, arresting 15 terrorists before they could carry out planned attacks, the Intelligence Ministry said Wednesday.

The terrorists were captured in coordinated operations in the cities of Zahedan, Chabahar, Iranshahr, Khash, Taftan, Nikshahr and Qasr-e Qand. The ministry said weapons, including Kalashnikov rifles and related ammunition, were seized during the operations.

The ministry said the groups were "imported operational cells" affiliated with foreign-backed terrorist networks, which planned attacks against economic, public service and judicial infrastructure in the province.

Sistan and Baluchestan, bordering Pakistan and Afghanistan, has for years faced security challenges involving armed groups, smuggling networks and terrorist activity. Iranian authorities have repeatedly announced operations against armed cells in the region.

The latest announcement follows earlier statements by the Intelligence Ministry about operations against terrorist networks in the southeast. In previous operations, the ministry said several terrorists were killed or detained and weapons and explosives were recovered.

The ministry urged residents to report suspicious activity through official channels, saying public cooperation has played a role in identifying security threats.

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DNA Testing Confirms Martyrdom of Pilot From Su-24 Mission



Senior commanders and personnel of the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force pay tribute to the body of Second Brigadier General Majid Kazemi during an official reception ceremony at Shahid Lashgari Air Base in Tehran on Wednesday.

TEHRAN -- The Iranian Army on Wednesday confirmed the martyrdom of Second Brigadier General Majid Kazemi, one of the pilots of an Iranian Air Force Su-24 fighter jet, following specialized forensic examinations and DNA testing.

According to a statement issued by the Islamic Republic of Iran Army, General Kazemi was among the pilots involved in a March 2 operation targeting the U.S.-operated Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, which caused heavy damage to the facility.

The Army said Kazemi's martyrdom was confirmed through DNA testing after months of efforts to determine the fate of the pilots involved in the mission.

Efforts are still underway to establish the status of the three remaining pilots from the two Su-24

aircraft, the statement said, adding that further information will be released once additional verified findings become available.

According to the statement, on March 2, two Iranian Air Force Su-24 fighter jets took off from Shahid Doran Air Base in Shiraz as part of a "daring operation" in response to "brutal and cowardly attacks by the terrorist US military and the child-killing Zionist regime."

The aircraft, according to the statement, crossed advanced surveillance systems and radar positions before carrying out a strike on the U.S.-operated Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, causing heavy damage to the installation.

The statement said the two aircraft were hit by enemy air defense systems over the Persian Gulf while returning from the mission,

and efforts to determine the fate of the four pilots had continued since then.

The Army said Kazemi's body was transferred from Shahid Lashgari Air Base in Tehran to Shahid Doran Air Base in Shiraz for funeral and burial ceremonies.

The body arrived at Shahid Lashgari Air Base on Wednesday morning and was received in an official ceremony attended by senior commanders and personnel of the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force, including Deputy Air Force Commander Brigadier General Ali Akbar Talebzadeh.

It was later transferred to Shiraz, where funeral ceremonies will be held on Thursday and Friday with the participation of military officials, commanders and members of the public.

Hadid-110 Drone Draws Attention for Speed, Low-Observable Design

TEHRAN — The British newspaper The Telegraph has examined Iran's upgraded version of the Hadid-110 one-way attack drone, highlighting its reported higher speed, jet-powered propulsion and design features aimed at making the unmanned system more difficult to detect.

According to the report, the upgraded Hadid-110 has undergone a series of modifications that have increased its speed, lowered its flight profile and improved its ability to avoid detection compared with earlier versions. The newspaper described the drone as one of Iran's most advanced unmanned systems, designed to increase the challenges facing modern air-defense networks.

The significance of the new version, according to the report, lies not only in its reported speed but also in a shift in Iran's drone development approach. While many Iranian unmanned systems have

traditionally emphasized endurance, range and cost-effective production, the upgraded Hadid-110 focuses on rapid strike capability, aiming to reduce the time available for defensive systems to detect, track and respond to an incoming threat.

The Telegraph reported that the drone is equipped with a turbojet engine, unlike many Iranian attack drones that rely on propeller-based propulsion. Citing Iranian sources, the newspaper said the system can reach a speed of around 316 miles per hour (more than 500 kilometers per hour), which would make it among the fastest Iranian drones currently reported.

The report said the use of a jet engine represents a significant change in design priorities, moving the platform toward a faster operational profile. Higher speed can shorten the reaction window

available to air-defense operators and complicate efforts to intercept an incoming unmanned system.

According to the report, the Hadid-110 is launched with the assistance of a solid-fuel booster. The booster provides initial acceleration and altitude before the main engine begins operation, allowing the drone to be deployed rapidly from different locations and increasing operational flexibility.

The newspaper said the drone has been designed with reduced radar visibility in mind. Its structure reportedly includes a smoother airframe, fewer external components and design elements intended to reduce its radar signature.

One of the features highlighted in the report is the use of an S-shaped air intake located on the upper section of the body, a design intended to conceal engine components from

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Envoy to UN Reaffirms Iran's Right to Respond to U.S.-Israeli Aggression

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -- Iran has warned the UN Security Council that continued Israeli military aggression in Gaza, attacks on neighboring countries, expansion of settlements in occupied Palestinian territories, and unlawful U.S. actions against Iran pose a serious threat to regional and international peace, reaffirming Tehran's right to self-defense under international law.

Addressing the Security Council, Iran's Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Gholamhossein Darzi said Israel's continued actions despite the declared ceasefire

in Gaza have further worsened the humanitarian situation in the territory.

"Despite the declared ceasefire in Gaza, the Israeli regime continues to violate the ceasefire through ongoing military attacks and severe restrictions on humanitarian access," Darzi said, adding that such actions are exacerbating the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

The Iranian envoy said Israel's continued expansion of settlements in the occupied West Bank, along with what he described as repeated aggression against Lebanon and violations of Syria's sovereignty

and territorial integrity, have further undermined regional peace and security.

"The continued unlawful actions of the Israeli regime pose a great threat to international peace and security," he said.

Darzi stressed that any lasting solution to the Palestinian issue must include "a permanent ceasefire, unhindered humanitarian access, the full withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces, and full UN membership for the State of Palestine."

He added that humanitarian assistance and the reconstruction of (Continued on Page 7)

The Holy Qur'an



And thus have We revealed the Book to you. So those whom We have given the Book believe in it, and of these there are those who believe in it, and none deny Our communications except the unbelievers.

The Holy Qur'an (29:47)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:11
Evening (Maghreb)	19:32
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:10
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:32

Iran Rejects Ukraine's Claim of Unintentional Strike on Iranian Vessel

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Wednesday rejected Ukraine's claim that an attack on an Iranian commercial vessel was unintentional, saying Kyiv must accept responsibility for an unlawful action that caused casualties and damage to the ship.

Araghchi made the remarks during a phone conversation with European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas, in which the two sides discussed the latest regional and international developments, including issues related to the Strait of Hormuz.

During the call, Araghchi outlined Iran's positions and concerns regarding the current situation in the region, including ongoing consultations with Oman.

The Iranian foreign minister also criticized an EU statement regarding misconduct by French diplomatic personnel in Iran, saying support for the actions of French embassy staff is inconsistent with the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Araghchi's reference concerns an incident involving two French embassy employees in Tehran questioned after attending a meeting with individuals under security investigation, with Paris claiming they had been intimidated and prevented from contacting their embassy.

Referring to his phone conversation with Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha on Tuesday, Araghchi said the Ukrainian side's assertion that the attack on the Iranian vessel was accidental was not acceptable.

He said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's acknowledgment of responsibility for the incident contradicted Kyiv's claim that the strike was unintentional.

Iranian officials have issued strong warnings over the incident, demanding that Ukraine explicitly accept responsibility for the "illegal and criminal act" that resulted in the death and injury of Iranian citizens and damage to an Iranian commercial ship.

Araghchi said during his call with Kallas that Iran expected a clear position from Ukraine regarding the incident and rejected attempts to describe the attack as unintended.