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Viewpoint

Iran Takes Nothing for Granted

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

Iran and the Iranians very well know the satanic nature of the US and the more sinister devilish traits of the dastardly dotard called Donald Trump.

The coward - all set to face defeat for his Republican Party in the mid-term elections of the Senate that are underway - is desperately trying to avert the inevitable. He will not succeed, even if he turns to new adventurism against Iran.

The Islamic Republic is fully alert. It is not taking anything for granted, whether the indirect talks with the mediation of certain neighbours, or the repeated American threats to bomb our infrastructure.

At the same time, we will not budge a single centimeter from the conditions we have spelled out for resolution of the current crisis. Nothing short of this is acceptable.

As for peaceful nuclear energy, it is our inalienable right. There is no question of any talks with any party on the vital subject, and we will strongly defend our achievements in this regard.

We have the patience as well as power. Both are indispensable. With patience and prudence, we view all events and developments in the region, including the positions and possessions of the CENTCOM terrorists.

With power and precision, we will respond against the enemy with our prestigious projectiles that are capable of piercing the defences of the American Navy.

Of course, we are not a warmongering people, but if provoked, we will certainly take the battle to the enemies' camp.

The Strait of Hormuz is a strategic entrance to the Persian Gulf, whose littoral states have every right to use it, provided no hostile move or obstruction is made against Iran, and their territory is not given to our enemy to attack us.

We have proven before and will prove again our resolve in this regard. No matter what plans the enemies have drawn we are not unnerved, and will surely make them rue their diabolical decisions.

Soldier Martyred as IRGC Foils Terrorist Plot in Southeast Iran

TEHRAN -- **The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said it thwarted a terrorist plot against security forces in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan, while one member of the Iranian Army was martyred in a separate attack in the region.**

The statement, carried by the IRGC Ground Force's public relations office, said a terrorist cell that had been previously identified and placed under intelligence surveillance was intercepted in an ambush before it could carry out its planned terrorist act.

The terrorist group had planned to launch terrorist attacks against the bases of security forces deployed in the region to defend against the invading enemy, as well as to block the road connecting Zarabad and Konarak counties, it added.

During the operation, one terrorist was killed and several others were arrested, while the remaining elements who fled the scene are currently being pursued, the statement said.

The elite military force reiterated that any threat to the security of the people of Sistan and Baluchestan Province constitutes a red line.

"Terrorist cells operating at the behest of the defeated adversary remain under intelligence surveillance," it warned.

Sistan and Baluchestan, which shares a lengthy border with Pakistan and Afghanistan, has witnessed several terrorist attacks targeting civilians and security forces in recent years.

Terrorist groups, frequently funded, armed and directed by spy agencies such as the Mossad and the CIA, often attempt to exploit the rugged terrain to carry out assassinations, bombings and infrastructure sabotage.

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Trump Seeks 'Fall Guy' for Failed Iran War After Hegseth's 'Rosy Picture'



President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting in the Oval Office as war secretary Pete Hegseth and Joint Chiefs Chairman General Dan Caine look on.

WASHINGTON -- **President Donald Trump is searching for a "fall guy" to blame for the failed U.S.-Israeli war on Iran, privately questioning allies about the performance of war secretary Pete Hegseth and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Dan Caine, according to The Atlantic.**

The report states that Hegseth has systematically misrepresented the war's disastrous progress in "rosy terms" to keep the commander-in-chief satisfied, and that he "has not been honest" about the war launched in late February.

"Hegseth is good at telling the president what he wants to hear," one adviser told the outlet.

Citing outside advisers close to Trump, the report states that Hegseth is widely disliked inside the White House and has not been fully transparent about a terrorist campaign that has failed to achieve its stated objectives nearly nine months after its launch.

Trump has been "questioning allies about the job performance" of both Hegseth and Caine—the same behavior he typically displays before making personnel changes.

The report exposes a White House in disarray. Hegseth recently sacked the Pentagon's director of planning, Army Lieutenant General Brett Sylvia, after the official reportedly failed lie detector tests related to the disclosure of information to the press.

At least three polygraph tests were ordered earlier this year after news broke about a shortage of munitions plaguing Washington's forces, according to the sources.

"Hegseth has decided that the Joint Staff, which reports to Caine, has a problem with leaks, a contention that Caine has not forcefully pushed back on," officials are quoted as saying.

The Atlantic goes on to state that Trump's "anger has risen" over the illegal war and its damage to the Republican Party's chances in the upcoming midterm elections.

"Trump has raged in recent weeks that his messaging is not breaking through, and he now believes that the Iran war is at least in part to blame for his political predicament. Not one to take responsibility himself, Trump is searching for a scapegoat, and has focused on those who had told him that a war with Iran would be quick and decisive," the sources say.

Among the potential scapegoats are Hegseth and Caine, both of whom were among the most publicly optimistic voices at the outset of the war but have avoided press conferences since May.

Advisers had assured Trump the war would end well before the midterm elections; instead, he is now searching for a scapegoat as the aggression continues and Republican political prospects dim.

White House staff have reportedly feared that a poor showing for Republicans could trigger a presidential "rampage," with Hegseth

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Army, Guardian Council Mark 13 Aban: No Aggression Will Go Unanswered

TEHRAN -- **Iran's army and the Guardian Council issued separate statements on Tuesday marking 13 Aban, the anniversary of the 1979 U.S. embassy takeover, vowing that the Iranian nation stands against any domination and aggression and that no plot can prevail over its unity.**

The army said in its statement that "understanding the nature of the threat and maintaining national vigilance is a permanent necessity for safeguarding the independence, security and interests of the Iranian nation."

"13 Aban is an enduring symbol of the will of a nation that, under the guidance of the late Imam, decided to take its destiny into its own hands and, on the path of independence, dignity and freedom, accept no power above its own national will," the army said.

It said historical experience has shown that independence "is not a temporary and merely political achievement; rather, it is a national asset whose protection requires continuous vigilance, self-belief, national unity and the possession of defensive and deterrent capabilities."

Reviewing more than four decades of U.S. behavior toward the Islamic Republic, the army said it "reflects the continuation of a hostile approach that has extended from intervention and sanctions to threats, incitement of insecurity and military confrontation."

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Two Terrorists Executed in Isfahan for Martyring Four Police Officers

TEHRAN -- **Two terrorists were executed on Tuesday after being convicted of killing four police officers during a heinous and brutal incident in the central city of Isfahan in January, the judiciary's media center said.**

The two, identified as Amirhussein Maleki and Amirhussein Ebrahimi, were hanged after their cases were reviewed and the death sentences upheld by the Supreme Court, the judiciary said in a statement.

The statement said that on Jan. 8, 2026, a group of rioters, some of whom were related to or acquainted with one another, carried out a horrific crime that led to the innocent martyrdom of four unarmed officers of the Law Enforcement Command (Faraja).

According to the statement, the group possessed firearms and various bladed weapons including qamas, knives, axes and cleavers, as well as incendiary materials and Molotov cocktails, and carried out extensive destruction of public and private property, attacking civilians and security forces and setting fire to buildings, a police station and public places, turning the area into a scene of terror and insecurity.

Based on statements from detained rioters, footage overlooking the scene and testimony from informants, the criminals, after committing their heinous and heartrending crime, spent three hours desecrating the bodies of the martyrs and dancing on top of them, the statement said.

After the main perpetrators were identified and arrested, the case was heard with several defendants, and based on the rulings issued, a number of defendants who played a significant role in the crime were sentenced to death, it said.

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The Holy Qur'an

And He giveth you of all that ye ask for. But if ye count the favors of Allah, never will ye be able to number them. Verily, man is given up to injustice and ingratitude.

The Holy Qur'an (14-34)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:48
Evening(Maghreb)	17:26
Dawn(Fajr)" Tomorrow"	06:29
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:04

Baqaei: Iran Nuclear File Is 'the Greatest and Most Costly Lie of the Century'

TEHRAN -- **Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said on Tuesday that accusations against Iran's peaceful nuclear program are being used as a tool of pressure, and that the United States treats diplomacy merely as a means of dictating its will to others.**

Speaking at an event titled "Iran's Civilizational Encounter with America, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," Baqaei said the Iranian nation, based on its civilizational, cultural and religious heritage, rejects any coercive and top-down interaction.

Iran's position, he said, is founded on fundamental principles of international law enshrined in the United Nations Charter, including the sovereign equality of states and the right to self-determination—principles that emerged from the heavy experience of two world wars and were not invented by any particular power.

"The United States, by ignoring the fundamental rights of nations with regard to countries such as Cuba and Venezuela, and especially by blatantly violating the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, tramples all international covenants and legal order," Baqaei said.

He added that the United States, through its continued support for the world's most glaring examples of violations of the right to self-determination, has itself become the embodiment of this contradiction.

"The Iranian nuclear file was used as the basis for imposing the harshest pressures and constraints against the Iranian nation, as the greatest and most costly lie of the century," Baqaei said.

He noted that the false accusation, despite the absence of even a single document indicating any deviation from the peaceful path, continues to be repeated as a tool in U.S. foreign policy and in line with the interests of the Zionist regime.

"The United States, in dealing with other countries, has lacked real seriousness in the

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