

IRGC Chief: Iran Shattered Zionist Regime's Deterrence

TEHRAN – Commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Wednesday the deterrence power of the Zionists was broken by Operation True Promise launched by the Islamic Republic against the Israeli regime.

Major General Hussein Salami said the operation manifested the might of the Iranian nation. The intelligence of the occupying regime was defeated by the Al-Aqsa Storm, a surprise operation launched by Hamas against the Zionist regime on October 7, 2023, he said.

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Burkina Faso FM Holds Talks in Tehran

TEHRAN – Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian on Wednesday lauded the improvement in Iran-Burkina Faso relations.

In a meeting with Burkina Faso's Prime Minister Kyélem de Tambèla here, Amir-Abdollahian expressed his satisfaction with the progress in bilateral relations. He also stressed following up agreements between Iran and Burkina Faso in the commercial, industrial, scientific, technological, and tourism fields.

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Farewell O' Imam of the Truthful

By: Seyyed Ali Shahbaz

"O Musadif! It is easier to fight with a sword than to earn the livelihood lawfully (Rizq al-Halaal)" – Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq.

The above words are food for thought. Indeed, the more we delve into their meanings, the better our minds become perceptive to the timeless wisdom of the Revealed Word of God Almighty – the Holy Qur'an – and the dynamism of the "ahadith" or sayings of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and his Blessed Ahl al-Bayt, whose pristine purity has been vouchsafed by the Almighty Creator (33:33).

That was the reason these Immaculate Personages had emphasized the benefits of lawful livelihood and the dangers to the body and soul from a life fed and nourished by unlawful sustenance.

Alas, the person whose piece of advice to one of his disciples (and through him to all posterity) has been mentioned at the start of this brief column was the victim of those fattened on doubtful and dubious sustenance.

Every year on the 25th of Shawwal we commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) with a public holiday in Islamic Iran so that the faithful by pondering on the exemplary life of the Prophet's 6th Infallible Successor enlighten their minds and souls.

It would be tedious to say how after the Prophet's departure from the mortal world, the ones who masqueraded as his political heirs, left no stone unturned in violating the letter and spirit of the message of Islam, to the extent that his Divinely-designated vicegerent Imam Ali (AS) was martyred with a poisonous sword while in prayer in 40 AH, and two decades later in 61 AH, his son – the Prophet's grandson Imam Husain (AS) – was mercilessly cut to pieces along with his steadfast family members and companions by those whose bellies were stuffed with all things "haram" (religiously prohibited).

It is thus clear that the political institution called the caliphate, as it took shape after the passing away of the Prophet, was never a Godly system but a rule of opportunistic elements who at times donned the garb of hypocrisy to feign religious sentiments in order to deceive simple-minded Muslims – more accustomed to wielding their swords for the greed of the mortal world, rather than using their brains to discern between right or wrong or between the lawful and unlawful means of sustenance.

Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) needs no introduction. Born in 83 AH, 21 years after the tragedy of Karbala, he spent 12 years with his grandfather, Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS) – the Survivor of history's most heart-rending massacre – and was 31 years old when his father, Imam Muhammad Baqer (AS), fell victim to the poison administered by the Omayyad despot, Hesham bin Abdul-Malik.

In the next 18 years, the Godless Omayyads made their ignominious exit from the scene with four more caliphs following the tyrant Hesham to the netherworld in quick succession – Walid, Yazid II, Ibrahim, and Marwan al-Hemar.

The equally ungodly Abbasids now seized power of the Islamic state through unlawful means, and subjected the Prophet's 6th Heir to all sorts of pressures including imprisonment (at least five times in Iraq) despite the fact that as an offshoot of the Hasehmitic clan they were fully aware of his pristine purity as a member of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt.

Power erodes faith and conviction. Mansour Dawaniqi – the second Abbasid caliph and the founder of Baghdad – in spite of the fact that he had memorized since his childhood thousands of sayings of the Prophet on the unrivalled merits of Imam Ali (AS), now created a deep chasm in the Islamic ummah by coining for the first time the term "Ahl as-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah" for the scattered masses who had the least idea other than conjectures circulated by court mullahs, as to what actually was the Prophet's "Sunnah" or "Seerah" (Practice and Behaviour).

The next seditious step taken by the knave Mansour to mislead naive Muslims was to brand the followers of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt as "Rafedhoun" or 'Rejectors' for their logical refusal to endorse the rule of the first three caliphs, although he himself and his whole Abbasid ilk knew very well that neither there was any Ayah in the Holy Qur'an nor a Hadith from the Prophet to support their seizure of political power.

Thus, in such trying times, it was left to Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) to revive the genuine "Shari'ah" and the real "Sunnah" of the Prophet to guide the ship of Islam to the shores of salvation – the more so since it was the time when self-styled jurists used to indulge in "qiyas" or syllogism while dealing with religious matters. No wonder, the Imam firmly said in this regard:

"The practice of 'qiyas' in deriving laws would lead to the obliteration of the Deen (religion)."

A brief newspaper column is not the place to cite the "guesses" in religious matters of his one-time student, Abu Hanifa – son of a Zoroastrian convert from Kabul – or that of Malek bin Anas – whom Imam Sadeq (AS) warned, saying that the first one to indulge in "qiyas" was Satan (Iblis) who when ordered to prostrate to Adam said: 'I will not, because You have created me out of fire and him out of soil, and fire is superior to soil.'

Neither does time allow me to mention how the Father of Chemistry, Jaber ibn Hayyan (Gebr to medieval Europe) was taught the fundamentals of science by the 6th Imam, or how, while still a boy of 11 years, Imam Sadeq (AS) astonished scholars of his time by saying that the Earth cannot be flat and is spherical in shape, as is clear by the rising of the Sun in the east and its setting in the west every 24 hours to determine day and night.

As said earlier, if these bezels of Divine wisdom were beams of guidance to those who strive to earn their livelihood through lawful and legal means, they were anathema to those who led their life and built their power on "haram" or religiously forbidden sustenance.

May God damn Mansour Dawaniqi for administering the fatal dose of poison to the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, and may Divine wrath befall the schismatic Wahhabis for destroying in 1925 the Holy Mausoleum in Jannat al-Baqie, Medina, that used to house the now sunbaked tombs of Imam Sadeq (AS), his father, Imam Baqer (AS), his grandfather, Imam Zain al-Abidin (AS), and the latter's uncle, Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS).

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Khamenei:

Pressure on Zionist Regime Should Increase



Ayatollah Khamenei addresses a group of teachers and education officials from across the country on the occasion of the National Teachers Day in Tehran Wednesday.

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei here Wednesday stressed the significance of understanding the underlying logic behind the popular slogans "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" that are frequently heard in the country.

"If these millions of young people know who the friends and enemies are and are vaccinated against the goals of the enemies of the country, the extensive media and political investment of the enemies will be ineffective," the

Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks in a meeting with a number of teachers and education officials from across the country on the occasion of the National Teachers Day.

The Leader underlined the importance of educating students, youth, and teenagers about the logic and reasoning behind the policies and actions of the Islamic Republic.

Ayatollah Khamenei said teachers play a key role in shaping the identities of teenagers and the

youth, adding every word, behavior, stance, and even gesture of a teacher can have a significant impact on the character development of the new generation.

He also touched on the situation in Gaza, saying the besieged territory is today "the first issue of the world".

The Leader said, "No matter how hard the Zionists and their American and European supporters try to shift the world's public opinion away from Gaza, they are unable to do so."

"Just see what is happening in

the universities in the U.S. every day. As I read in the news today, several more universities have joined protests. In Australia and various European countries, nations are concerned about the situation in Gaza."

The Leader emphasized the importance of cranking up public pressure on the occupying regime of Israel.

"Today, the whole world is seeing the behavior of the Zionist regime; 30,000 people were killed within six months, at least half of them women and children. This is not a small thing, such cruelty, such brutality, is not a small thing when a rabid dog kills Palestinian children, the sick, the elderly and women.

"Well, this is one of the things that proved the correctness of the permanent position of the Islamic Republic to the people of the world and why they have been saying "Death to the Zionist regime" in the Islamic Republic for decades.

"It was shown to the whole world that the Islamic Republic and the Iranian nation is right, because the Zionist regime showed its evil nature in this great test and the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic was proven," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the behavior of the United States and its affiliated entities towards the "peaceful and non-destructive protests" (Continued on Page 7)

Zionists Attack Pro-Palestine Protesters as LA Police Watch

LOS ANGELES (Dispatches) -- Violence erupted at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) late on Tuesday when a group of pro-Israel supporters attacked pro-Palestinian students with sticks and poles, and attempted to destroy their makeshift student encampment.

The violence erupted at around 22:50 local time when the pro-Israel supporters arrived at the encampment and launched fireworks at the pro-Palestine protesters and deployed what appeared to be bear spray, local TV station KTLA reported.

Local media showed the pro-Palestine students covering themselves with umbrellas from the spray. According to KTLA, at least one person was taken away by ambulance for treatment.

Several videos posted on social media appeared to show the pro-Israel supporters wielding sticks and poles, and throwing punches at some of the students at the makeshift encampment after breaking through a barrier.

The Daily Bruin reported that around 100 pro-Israel supporters had stormed the Palestine solidarity encampment at Dickson Plaza, while police reportedly stood by and "watched".

Administrators at UCLA had called in police to try to and stem the violence, with Mary Osako, a vice-chancellor at the university, saying: "horrific acts of violence occurred at the encampment tonight.

"The fire department and medical personnel are on the scene. We are sickened by this senseless violence and it must end," she said in a statement.

Writing on X, the mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass, also condemned the violence, calling it "absolutely abhorrent and inexcusable".

For over two weeks, UCLA, along with other universities across the U.S., have been the scene of protests against Israel's brutal war on Gaza, which has martyred at least 34,500 Palestinians, (Continued on Page 7)

UK Protesters Blockade Department Over Arms Sales to Israel

LONDON (Dispatches) -- Hundreds of people on Wednesday blocked the entrances to the UK government's Department of Business and Trade in London to oppose the UK's ongoing weapons sales to Israel.

The Department of Business and Trade, which oversees arms exports, has come under pressure to halt sales to the Zionist regime over its ongoing war in Gaza where Israel faces accusations of war crimes and genocide.

Last month, some civil servants within the department requested to "cease work immediately" on arms export licenses to Israel over fears they could be complicit in war crimes in Gaza.

Wearing keffiyehs and waving Palestine flags, activists used loudspeakers and drums to call for an end to all arms sales and to support civil servants refusing to work on export licenses.

Protesters faced a wall of police as they attempted to blockade the back entrance to the building and

completely shut down the department's activities.

The London Metropolitan Police confirmed to Middle East Eye that three were arrested for assaulting a police officer.

Harriet, a doctor who joined the protest as part of a group called Healthcare Workers for Palestine, said hundreds had come out to try to pressure the government to impose an arms embargo on Israel because it had so far refused to do so.

"Many healthcare workers, including myself, are here today because the government has refused to entertain the idea of a possible arms embargo, so we, the people, felt like we had no choice but to impose a 'people's embargo' on Israel," said Harriet.

"People are here because they have had enough and want to see the end to the killing in Gaza - which is being sponsored and endorsed by the British government." (Continued on Page 7)