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Infiltration, lies, crisis hallmark of Tehran

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UNDOUBTEDLY, the event transpiring in Iran is funny to the point of shedding tears. This is due to the shortsightedness of the leaders of the Mullahs regime, who are under the illusion that they can deceive the international community with what they promote internally, which its scoundrels fall for.

This happened at the time when the Iranian Atomic Energy Agency announced that it had raised the uranium enrichment to 60 percent and is producing nine grams of pure uranium per hour. President Hassan Rouhani announced his country's ability to achieve 90-percent enrichment.

However, Iranian lawmakers revealed that they visited the site of Natanz nuclear reactor and noticed heavy damages as a result of highly explosive materials weighing about 150 kilograms brought into it through devices that had undergone maintenance.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of the Expediency Discernment Council Mohsen Rezaei revealed the theft of documents related to the nuclear program, on which the Israeli intelligence had put its hands, as per the announcement made by Netanyahu two years ago.

Irrespective of the truth that the Tehran regime is trying to conceal, there is another side of the picture that requires research and scrutiny. It has been recurring since 1999, and based on the words of its senior officials, including Khamenei himself, the nuclear program is intended for peaceful purposes.

Nonetheless, it is common knowledge that nuclear enrichment in peaceful programs does not exceed the threshold of five percent of enrichment, or even 20 percent in the best case.

Therefore, when Tehran announces that its response to the Natanz incident is to raise the level of enrichment to that percentage, there is no explanation for it except that its nuclear program is originally intended for military use and not for peaceful purposes.

This means the regime, from the top of its hierarchy to the lowest, is eluding and concealing its evil intention in this matter.

This also means that all the reports of the international organizations, the US sanctions, and even the measures taken by Israel to stop this program were on point.

In this regard, there is similarity between North Korea and Iran, given that Pyongyang for years stalled to open its nuclear facilities to international inspectors, and then suddenly announced its success in manufacturing an atomic bomb and a long range ballistic missile with the ability to fly thousands of kilometers.

Therefore, this type of adventurous and rogue regimes cannot be trusted for their similarity in objectives and schemes. Tehran may surpass Pyongyang by practicing mass terrorism in terms of forming sabotage networks such as Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Hezbollah and other organizations that exercise terrorism around the world.

Nonetheless, no country can guarantee this type of regime. For instance, China and Russia have been unable to restore the North Korean Workers Party regime into the international arena due to its continuing violations of charters and agreements.

Thus, Moscow and Beijing will not be able to revamp the Tehran regime, which does not differ from the Pyongyang regime.

Indeed, Russia and China, as well as the United States, and Arab and African countries have had their unfortunate share of Iran's terrorism. Therefore, the regime will not hesitate to export weapons of mass destruction to its scoundrels to exercise nuclear blackmail even in the countries it considers friendly.

There is no doubt that Washington and Tel Aviv will not allow the power maniacs in Iran to reach the point of no return with this project. They will therefore continue their efforts to protect their allies and Iran's neighbors from any reckless behavior such as the downing of the Ukrainian plane.

Also, the patience of the Iranians will soon run out. This is after being under the weight of a stifling living crisis that has been ongoing for four decades due to the use of all of the state's resources for military programs and for supporting terrorism, especially after the expansion of the opposition.

Given that the retribution of the Tehran regime has become a global necessity, the best and effective means is the support of the opposition from the international community, as it alone is able to topple the regime from the inside in the absence of a UN resolution to discipline this from the outside.

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Ahmed Al-Jarallah (right) delivering his speech during the online Ramadan evening celebration organized by the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) at its headquarters in Paris.



Al-Jarallah favors reins to NCRI in Ramadan speech

KUWAIT CITY, April 18: The Iranian regime is backward, and it has deprived Iran and its people of their great civilization, says Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times and Al-Seyassah newspapers Ahmed Al-Jarallah.

Al-Jarallah made the statement when he delivered a speech during the online Ramadan evening celebration organized by the National Council of Resistance of Iran

(NCRI) in its headquarters in Paris.

He pointed out that the Tehran regime has exhausted Iran and its neighbors through terrorism and exporting sectarianism, which "we witnessed only during the eras of Khomeini and Khamenei."

"On the occasion of the holiest of months — the month of Ramadan, I congratulate the Iranian people and wish them lasting good. These people are suffering due to their backward regime, which has exhausted the people and the great Iranian state," Al-Jarallah

asserted.

He also congratulated NCRI President-elect Maryam Rajavi. "We hope she takes over the reins of leadership for these great people who are suffering from the woes and intelligence massacres of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard," he added.

He stressed that on this occasion, it can be said that Iran is isolated because it is a threat to the world and it will not succeed in realizing its dreams. He said these dreams are bigger than Iran's capabilities, which will not be able to occupy the Arab countries or control the region. He indicated that Iran will remain isolated until the terrorist regime falls; because it disturbed the world like Hitler, Mussolini and other regimes which collapsed.

He explained these fallen regimes were engaged in dictatorship, terrorism, killing and harmed their people for the sake of fulfilling the demands of their rulers or their regimes. He thanked the National Council of Resistance of Iran, wishing the whole world will stand with the council. He clarified that standing with this council is tantamount to bringing down the regime which is harmful for the region, Arab and Islamic countries, and other nations.

He believes this is the right time to review what is inside Iran, particularly the production of weapons of destruction which Tehran uses to fight against countries in the region. "Demons own these weapons. We can say it is possible for them to possess such weapons to threaten the entire humanity," he warned.

He concluded: "Thank you to the esteemed lady - Maryam Rajavi. I wish she takes over the mantle of power in this country for the evils in this region to end; especially since the region is known for the cooperation and good relations between its countries."

Rajavi, the President-elect of NCRI which is affiliated to the People's Mujahedin of Iran (MEK), warned about the destructive policies of the Iranian regime in the Middle East and their repercussions on the conditions of Iranians.

She said the Iranian regime continues to sow division, destroy Syria and displace more than 10 million people there.

She added the Tehran regime stabbed the Palestinians through its incessant efforts to maintain the state of division, as well as dismantling Lebanon and forming deadly militias in Iraq and Yemen.

Also:

RIYADH: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia recently called on Iran, to avoid acts gearing towards escalation and instability in the region, saying that Tehran should focus on negotiations to settle the matter of its nuclear program.

A statement by the Saudi Foreign Ministry said that Iran should seek a peaceful nuclear program under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), adding that such step will prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Saudi Arabia expressed concerns over the recent announcement by Iran to enrich uranium with 60 percent purity, a matter going against Tehran's intentions of a peaceful nuclear program.

The Kingdom stressed that it was paramount to reach an agreement that would prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear arms, which causes distress to countries in the region.

Valid complaints need correction: Ali Al-Baghli

Over 30 States helped set us free; respect for rights honors liberation

KUWAIT CITY, April 18: The National Office for Human Rights called on the legislative and executive authorities to pay attention to the strong criticisms and observations that Kuwait receives regarding the human rights situation in the country, following the specialized reports recently released by Amnesty International, the US State Department, and the British House of Commons.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Diwan, the head of the complaints and grievances committee, lawyer, Ali Al-Baghli, said in a statement to the media, that "the observations and criticisms contained in these reports contain a lot of validity, and accordingly the two authorities must take into account these aspects, and try to change many of the laws that cause serious setbacks in Kuwait's rating among many international organizations, and in more than one field, not only on the issue of human rights."

He called for ensuring respect for human rights principles by the official authorities in the places where complaints are received, investigating them in police stations and prosecution offices, and by patrols of the Ministry of Interior and places of detention, and making awareness efforts for community members towards respecting human rights principles in daily dealings, whether in homes or offices.

Al-Baghli explained that the issue of human rights is very important for a country like Kuwait, which attracted more than 30 countries to liberate it from the Iraqi invasion in 1991, due to its constitution and its honorable history in the field of democracy and free speech, and that it is in the strategic and humanitarian interest of the state in preserving human rights. It is essential to the life of states, and that the two authorities must respect the title that Kuwait acquired from the United Nations as a center for humanitarian work, and it should not be left to be a mere slogan.

He concluded by calling for a response to many of the issues raised by those reports by amending existing legislation that contradicts human rights, and does not reflect Kuwait's well-known history in the region towards freedom of expression and respect for human rights.



Al-Baghli

4 new COVID-19 fatalities

KUWAIT CITY, April 18, (Agencies): Ministry of Health registered four new COVID-19 fatalities and 1,388 new infections in the past 24 hours.

The Ministry's spokesman Dr. Abdullah Al-Sanad told KUNA that the death toll increased to 1,440 and total infections jumped to 255,860 since the beginning of the pandemic.

He added that 1,360 patients have recovered from the virus in the past 24 hours to reach 239,027 recoveries, which make the ratio of recoveries 93.42 percent from total conducted tests.

The spokesman pointed out that 250 new patients were sent to the intensive care units, to increase the number of patients who are receiving health care to 15,393 patients.

Moreover, in the past 24 hours 8,577 tests were conducted to make the total conducted tests reach 2,213,624, which make the ratio of infections at 16.18 percent, he added.

The Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has spent 5.185 million dinars following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in the form of contracts that the DGCA has signed for various services.

A government report, a copy of which has been obtained by the Al-Seyassah daily, states the total money approved that were allocated for the item was 25 million dinars.

NewsWatch

KUWAIT CITY: The National Seismic Network of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research on Sunday monitored two local earthquakes with a magnitude of 2.8 and 2.7 on the Richter scale, at 9:53 and 10:03 in the morning. The network said in a press statement that the two quakes coincided with an earthquake that struck northwestern Iranian province of Bushehr with a magnitude of 5.8 on the Richter scale, 250 km from Kuwait City, at 9:40 am local time. The Iranian authorities announced earlier today that an earthquake had a magnitude of 5.9 on the Richter scale hit the port (Gnaoua) in the Bushehr province (southwest) of the country.

At least one person was injured, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported. State TV shared mobile phone pictures of cracked and collapsed walls in the area of the port city of Bandar Genaveh, the tremor's epicenter.

Video shot by a bystander at a construction site near Bandar Genaveh appeared to show landslides in nearby foothills. Both state TV and the semi-official Tasnim news agency rebroadcast the footage.

Three aftershocks of magnitude 4 followed the initial quake, the report said. (Agencies)

KUWAIT CITY: MP Hamad Saif Al-Harshani claimed the Muslim Brotherhood is behind every disaster, while it hides behind charitable institutions like the Social Reform Society (SRS) to realize its goals.

He said the SRS supports terrorism, so the concerned authorities must shut down the society. He added many countries criminalized the acts of the Brotherhood after realizing that its main objective is to check the stability of states.

He pointed out that many opposition MPs belong to the Brotherhood, indicating the aim of these MPs is to weaken the State and control it with the support of foreign parties. He said their target is not limited to National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim as they want to occupy the Assembly speaker and prime minister posts in order to control the entire country. The Brotherhood does not believe in the Constitution and laws, he asserted.

Several MPs responded to Al-Harshani; such as MP Abdulaziz Al-Saqaabi as he wondered who stands behind Al-Harshani. He urged Al-Harshani to face the opposition MPs with evidence and adhere to the rules on fair competition, instead of instigating others to act against charitable work that Kuwait has always been proud of. He said the opposition MPs will continue walking on the reform path and they will never succumb to blackmail.

KUWAIT CITY: Kuwait Finance House will fund four-year university scholarships for 100 girls from the Rohingya refugee community in Bangladesh, Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) said on Sunday.

The move was put in place after an agreement signed between the Kuwaiti-based relief organization and the Asian University of Bangladesh, based in Dhaka.

Speaking to KUNA, KRCS Secretary General Maha Al-Barjas praised the Kuwaiti private sector's support of the organization's humanitarian endeavours, focused on relief, educational and health initiatives.

She called for ensuring the right to education for all, including displaced people affected by armed conflict, in order to create a sustainable means of livelihood. (KUNA)