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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

US Terrorism Again Falters in Venezuela

By: Kayhan International

Yet another US terrorist attempt to assassinate the Venezuelan president has failed as Washington is finding it increasingly difficult to destabilize the oil-rich South American country, which is subject to continued sanctions over the past few decades.

The government in Caracas has arrested six foreigners, including a US Navy SEAL involved in the aborted assassination plot against President Nicolas Maduro, directed led by the notorious US spying agency CIA.

Those initially arrested include three US citizens, two Spaniards, and a Czech, showing the gravity of Washington's latest act of terrorism.

US regimes resent the independent policies of Venezuela, its influence on the peoples, movements, and governments of Latin America, and its expanding ties with the free world, such as Russia, China, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Venezuela's Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello has disclosed the detention of two Spaniards in Puerto Ayacucho in the southwest, while three US citizens and a Czech national arrested – all six of them linked to intelligence agencies in the United States and Spain as well as to Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado.

Maria Machado is a controversial character and the reason she is on the US payroll is for her opposition to Venezuela's popular system of government established over two decades ago by the late President Hugo Chavez.

She is also notorious for her anti-social stances to destabilize the Catholic country's society, economy, stability, and culture in collaboration with the US by calling for open drug use such as cannabis and promotion of such abominably anti-human practices as sodomy and lesbianism.

The socialist government of Maduro, with wide support from the people, firmly rejects such divisive moves, and has steered a steady course towards self-reliance through building of trade, industrial, political, and cultural ties with Iran, China, and Russia.

These policies of Caracas have neutralized the long list of US criminal sanctions, and this is the reason Washington has of late been openly plotting terrorism through hatching of coups against Venezuela's elected government and assassination bids against President Maduro.

The people of Venezuela strongly US lawlessness and interference in their country's affairs and are determined to defeat them, along with weeding out of traitors and terrorists.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, which strives to uphold international law and global peace as part of its foreign policy, supports the brotherly people and elected government of Venezuela.

FM: Iran to Provide Unlimited Support to Resistance



Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi

TEHRAN -- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told national television that Tehran will fully back the Resistance Front in the region by providing "unlimited support".

"The government's policy is to provide unlimited support to the resistance. We will support the resistance front, which has established itself as a reality in the region. The Zionist regime has so far failed to achieve its main goal of destroying Hamas," Araghchi stated.

However, the foreign minister stressed that Tehran is interested in getting involved in a conflict. He maintained that Iran will continue its support for the Resistance Front but "remains vigilant against traps that might be set to draw us into the conflict. We are monitoring regional developments with intel-

ligence and awareness."

Speaking about foreign policy, Araghchi highlighted relations with neighbors, in the absence of a real chance to resolve issues with West at this juncture.

"We seek comprehensive and balanced diplomacy and aim to expand our communications. My colleagues are currently planning. When a head of state makes their first visit to a country, it signifies importance to us. The message of the President's visit to Iraq was that our priority is first and foremost our neighbors."

The foreign minister indicated that there are currently no discussions with the United States, noting that the Americans are in the midst of an election season. However, he announced that Iran is ready to engage in discussions with Europe

"on the basis of equality."

"Europeans need to understand Iran's concerns. If they have concerns, so do we. We have issues with Europe regarding sanctions and economic matters. Using failed tools is not the solution. Various sanctions were imposed on the nuclear program before, but they had to come to the negotiating table. It is clear that sanctions have failed," Araghchi said.

"They are concerned about Iran exporting advanced weapons to Ukraine. If Europe is genuinely concerned, the solution is dignified dialogue. It is not reasonable to expect that their concerns will be addressed unilaterally. We are ready to engage in dialogue with Europe. Currently, establishing relations with Europe is not a priority for us," he added.

Nuclear Agency Head: Pressures on Iran Will Not Work

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said Monday "political and psychological pressures" on Tehran as the sole party living up to its obligations under the 2015 Iran deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), will not work.

Addressing the 68th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) here, Muhammad Eslami said Tehran's voluntary implementation of nuclear-related measures under the agreement was in exchange for the removal of cruel sanctions against the Iranian nation.

"The ongoing political and psy-

chological pressures are being exerted with the intention to force Iran into implementing JCPOA obligations, regardless of the commitments related to the lifting of sanctions. JCPOA should not be implemented at the expense of only one party," Eslami noted.

He highlighted Iran's full cooperation with the IAEA, pointing out that while nuclear installations in the country make up only 3 percent of the world's total, more than one-fifth of the world agency's inspections in 2023 took place in Iran.

Iran's nuclear chief stressed that Tehran's suspension of its commitments under the JCPOA, including halting the international oversight

of non-nuclear production, followed the illegal U.S. withdrawal from the deal and the failure of the European parties to the JCPOA and the European Union to uphold their obligations.

Eslami also pointed to the assassination of Iranian nuclear scientists and acts of sabotage and terrorism against Iran by Israel, stating that the regime is spearheading propaganda against Iran's peaceful nuclear program in a bid to divert the world public opinion away from its atrocities.

The AEOI chief said nuclear disarmament is the main priority of the international community, (Continued on Page 7)

Leader's Aide: Iran's Priority is to Promote Peace

TEHRAN -- A senior aide to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Monday the promotion of peace is a top priority of Iran's policies.

Brigadier General Amir Hatami, the Leader's advisor on Army affairs, said Iran has succeeded in promoting peace as among its "definite and permanent" policies based on the Islamic model.

He said a review of the history of the Islamic Revolution reveals that the Islamic establishment in Iran has always had an exemplary record of peace, friendship and good neighborliness and has never launched an attack on any country.

Backed by the West and the East, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein waged a war against Iran in the 1980s but faced the fierce resistance of the Iranian nation and the Armed Forces and failed to achieve all his goals, he noted.

The senior Iranian military official emphasized that with the support of Western states, the United States and the Israeli regime carried out several brutal attacks against Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon, Gaza and the people of Palestine in recent decades and promoted warmongering in these countries.

Hatami said Iran believes that violence, military expeditions,

the killing of defenseless and oppressed people in all parts of the world, particularly in Gaza, war crimes and crimes against humanity, occupation of countries, pressure and cruel sanctions against the great Iranian nation are the "biggest obstacles to peace, progress and development."

He added that all countries across the world are duty-bound to resolutely oppose and fight such crimes.

Hatami expressed hope that all intellectuals and peace-seeking leaders in the world will pursue the model of sustainable and just peace so that all will witness the increasing promotion of global (Continued on Page 7)

The Holy Qur'an

They do not ask leave of you who believe in Allah and the latter day (to stay away) from striving hard with their property and their persons, and Allah knows those who guard (against evil).

The Holy Qur'an (9:44)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:59
Evening (Maghreb)	18:26
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:49
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:24

Official Outlines Indigenous Defense System Enhancements

TEHRAN -- A ranking commander in the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Defense Force (IRIADF), a branch of the country's Army, on Monday announced the implantation of key enhancements to one of the force's advanced indigenous defense systems.

Brigadier General Muhammad Yusefi Khoshqalb, IRIADF's deputy commander for coordination, announced the developments regarding the force's Rasoul (Messenger) air defense system.

The system joined the country's integrated air defense network last December after undergoing relevant technical and operational tests. It operates IRIADF's Karrar (Striker) unmanned aerial vehicles, long-range interceptor combat drones that are armed with the force's Majid air-to-air missiles.

Addressing the enhancements effected in the system since its inauguration, the commander pointed to improvement of the drone's operational range, including altitude capability, as well as the range of the aircraft's radar system and its optical range.

In addition, the aircraft has been made capable of integration with various defense systems, including the integrated air defense network's command and control system and other various radar and combat systems, he noted.

According to Khoshqalb, the aircraft can also now be armed with multiple various missiles other than Majid that could be deployed in proportion to various operational and terrain circumstances.

"We have increased both the variety and the number of the missiles in light of the needs and [varying] importance of different air defense zones," he said.

Also on Monday, the IRIADF's commander, Brigadier General Alireza Sabahifard, said the use of indigenous systems, which had been created amid decades-long sanctions imposed on the country by the West, was the superior factor in the country's air defense power.

He asserted that the air defense force had become self-sufficient in the field of producing detection, surveillance, and signaling systems as well as training manpower.

"The enemy is aware of the preparedness of the Islamic Iran's personnel and defense systems and knows that any mistake will be met with a resolute response," he said.