

US, Israel Triggering Lebanese Crisis

Foreign Ministry spokesman on Friday expressed deep regret over the prevailing crisis in Lebanon, emphasizing that US-Israeli adventurism is the main cause of the lingering instability there.

According to the Foreign Ministry's Media and Information Office, Mohammad Ali Hosseini reiterated that Iran's stand on Lebanon has always been based on non-interference in a matter that is entirely related to the Lebanese nation, IRNA reported.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran also believes that the Lebanese nation and political groups should maintain full alertness about the plots hatched abroad against their country," he said.

Hosseini further said a part of the political scenario planned for Lebanon overseas, whose aftermaths were easy to predict and warnings about which had been issued in time, has now been put to effect.

He hoped that the parties responsible for the ongoing crisis in Lebanon would now take steps to restore peace and stability to that country.

The spokesman emphasized that the irresponsible interferences of the US and Israel in Lebanon's internal affairs are the root cause of the ongoing political crisis and chaotic conditions there.

"Those who failed in achieving their goals in the course of the 33-Day War against the Lebanese nation wish to take revenge," he said.

Hosseini expressed regret over the ongoing chaotic conditions in Beirut and said the incessant efforts made by the Islamic Republic for reconciliation among various political groups in that country have not been supported by other countries.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran would continue such efforts, since they benefit the Lebanese nation," he said.

Shiraz Blast Suspects Arrested



Security forces inspect the site of an explosion inside a mosque in the southern city of Shiraz on April 12.

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Ejei said five other suspects had also been detained and that explosives and cyanide had been seized from them.

"This terrorist group had relations with Britain and the United States, and these countries have been notified about this matter by the Foreign Ministry," he said.

"But they did not take any measure to prevent (this group's) terrorist actions and rather supported them."

Noting that these people are all Iranians, Ejei said the group had planned to carry out similar operations in different places after the Shiraz bombing.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Mostafa Pour-Mohammadi on Thursday blamed the explosion on western-backed monarchists who oppose the Islamic Republic.

Pour-Mohammadi said the culprits had been identified and arrested "in another bombing attempt which was foiled" in an unspecified Iranian province.

There have been deadly attacks in border provinces with significant ethnic minority populations in recent years, for which Iran has blamed US and British agents based in neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the strike in Shiraz was the first in decades in Iran's heartland.

Rafsanjani: No Yielding To Oppression

Interim Friday prayer leader of Tehran, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Iran will not yield to any type of oppression or double standards regarding its absolute nuclear rights.

Rafsanjani, who is also State Expediency Council's chairman, was addressing thousands of worshippers at the central campus of Tehran University, IRNA reported.

"It seems as though they are not going to abandon taking advantage of the remote probability of Iran's access to nuclear weapons, in order to deprive us of our natural and absolute right to master the nuclear sciences," he said.

"Iran will by no means yield to such double standards and oppression."

The senior cleric also said this is typically the oppression observed in their dealings with the scientific works conducted in the Third World.

"But who has given them the right to monopolize the advanced technologies, such as nuclear technology? What is the logic behind this historical oppression? Is it merely because they enjoy the veto right in the UN Security Council that they entitle themselves to such irrational rights? Is this not the law of the jungle? Do they also call themselves civilized nations?"

Rafsanjani pointed out that during its clashes with Saddam's regime, Iran proved that it is not the type that uses unconventional and illegitimate weapons.

"They bombarded us with chemical weapons for years. Even today, each day we read the news of a chemical weapon victim in Iranian papers... Iran, too, could have taken revenge by resorting to the same method, but it didn't. Because it did not wish the Iraqi civilians to suffer for the mistakes of their political leaders," he said.

"We are Muslims and, therefore, do not rely on aggressive moves or brutality, as we have not done so in the past, and will not do so in the future."

Rafsanjani also said that it is easy to prove that most problems in the world today are due to the West taking resort to the logic of military power.

Second Announcement

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Invitation to International Tender

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Si	Max	1.2	%
C	Max	7.5	%
P	Max	0.3	%
S	Max	0.02	%
Fe		Rest	
Size of Pieces	20-80mm Less than 20mm	Mine 90% Max 10%	
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Note 2: All quoted prices could be on "Seller/supplying country currency" or "Euro" basis.

Note 3: The bid bond amount for this tender is "150,000 euro" or "2,000,000,000 rials" for 15,000 MT and may reduce in proportion with the quantity of the bidder's offer.

Note 4: For more details please contact the following:

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Ahmadinejad: Zionist Regime A Stinking Corpse

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad labeled the Zionist regime "a stinking corpse" and said those who think they can revive the corpse of this fake and usurper regime are mistaken.

Lambasting the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Zionist regime, the president said those who attend such a shameful ceremony should bear in mind that their names will be listed as Zionist criminals, IRNA reported.

Addressing a large group of new Majlis lawmakers on Thursday, Ahmadinejad said the philosophy of the Zionist regime's existence is questionable and the fake and usurper regime is moving toward annihilation.

"The Zionist regime is a puppet of bullying powers," he said, adding that the world arrogant powers established the Zionist regime 60 years ago in Palestine to continue its historical clashes with the Muslim world but after the Lebanese nation slapped it in the face, they are like dead rats.

Ahmadinejad also said if any regional country assists the Zionist regime, they will burn in the fire arising from their nations' hatred.

"If some believe they can change the global calculations, they are mistaken because nations around the world will bury them," he said.

US Professor Ready To Represent Iran

A leading American professor of international law has voiced readiness to represent Iran in an international court on Israeli crimes.

"I am ready to represent Iran in an international tribunal for trying the Zionist regime on charges of genocide of Palestinians and the blockade of the Gaza Strip," Francis Boyle, professor of law at the University of Illinois, told Fars News Agency.

Boyle called for submitting his proposal to the Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Professor Boyle accuses Israel of committing "Nuremberg offenses" against the Palestinians and recently called for the impeachment of US President George W. Bush.

Boyle is the author of Palestine, Palestinians and International Law, The Criminality of Nuclear Deterrence, Defending Civil Resistance Under International Law, The Future of International Law and American Foreign Policy and Foundations of World Order: The Legalist Approach to International Relations 1898-1921.

Anti-Drug Initiative With Afghanistan, Pakistan

Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan have agreed to enhance cooperation in fighting the drug trade in the region, the United Nations says.

The three countries agreed in Tehran to set up border liaison offices to carry out joint operations against traffickers, especially those smuggling heroin out of Afghanistan, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) announced on Thursday in Vienna, Presstv reported.

The three nations also discussed how to prevent trade links and road transport from being used for the smuggling of narcotics.

"We need to ensure that trade routes are not exploited by smugglers of drugs, chemicals and weapons," Antonio Maria Costa, the executive director of UNODC, said.

The meeting in Tehran was part of the UNODC-brokered Triangular Initiative based on which the three nations agreed to hold regular meetings on ways to fight drugs in the region.

The UN drug office also agreed to assist Iran in setting up a permanent secretariat for the Triangular Initiative and a regional center for intelligence exchange.

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Thursday said fighting drugs needs international cooperation and innovative ways.

"The money spent by governments to counter the consequences of drug abuse could be used to stop the production of drugs," Ahmadinejad said in a meeting with Costa in Tehran.

According to the UN, over 90 percent of the world's opium supply and raw ingredient for heroin originate from Afghanistan.

Officials from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan will meet again in Kabul in June.