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Iran to UN: US, Israel preventing Syria from returning to normal



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (R) shakes hands with UN Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen in Tehran on January 16, 2022.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian warned that the US military presence and Israeli strikes in Syria are hindering a political solution to the crisis gripping the Arab country, calling on the United Nations to act against such unlawful activities.

In a meeting with visiting United Nations Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen in Tehran on Sunday, Amir-Abdollahian hailed the Norwegian diplomat's efforts to promote national dialogue, peace and stability in Syria, and underlined that the Islamic Republic has greatly contributed to such attempts.

He also reiterated Iran's stance on the settlement of the Syrian crisis through political means and said Tehran views the UN as the body responsible to help put a peaceful end to the conflict in the Arab nation.

Amir-Abdollahian criticized the illegal presence of US occupation forces in Syria as well as Israeli airstrikes on the war-ravaged country, stating that such practices derail the political settlement process.

He called on the international community and the United Nations to take effective measures in this regard.

The foreign minister pointed to the Syrian refugee crisis and sanctions imposed on the Damascus government, saying that the Syrian conflict cannot

be resolved adequately if these issues are not addressed properly.

Pedersen described the status quo in Syria as stable, saying: "Neither side is currently mulling over regime change

in Syria."

He stressed Syria's national sovereignty, political establishment and territorial integrity.

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JCPOA experts discuss sanctions removal in Vienna

International Desk

Talks for the revival of the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers continued at the expert level in the Austrian capital on Sunday, two days after Iranian and European chief negotiators returned home for consultations.

The working group on the removal of sanctions met at a luxury hotel in Vienna where two rounds of negotiations have been held since late November with the aim of bringing the US back to compliance with the tattered deal, known as the JCPOA.

Enrique Mora, the European Union's political director who chairs and coordinates the Vienna talks, said the success of the negotiations "is still uncertain".

"But, as coordinator, I can't but commend delegations' commitment to a success," Mora tweeted.

The negotiators are expected to re-

EU's Mora hails delegations' 'commitment to success'



TWITTER

turn to Vienna today to resume talks.

Iran and the remaining JCPOA parties – France, Germany, Britain, Russia and China – seek to reach a "good deal" on the multilateral accord which has been moribund since former US president Donald Trump pulled out of it in 2018 and unleashed a "maximum pressure" campaign by imposing "toughest ever" sanctions on the Islamic Republic.

The Vienna talks are at a critical stage.

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said on Friday a "good deal" would be within reach

"as soon as possible" should the Western side continue the talks with a "realistic approach" and show initiative.

"I would like to say it out loud that Iran welcomes a good deal in the shortest possible time, but achieving such a deal depends on the Western sides," said Amir-Abdollahian.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said Saturday that an agreement to resurrect the JCPOA remained "possible" as the talks advance in a "better atmosphere".

Borrell said a final deal could be concluded "in the coming weeks".

Twitter shuts account linked to Iran's Leader over Trump assassination video



The screengrab from an animated video posted on Twitter by @KhameneiSite shows a robot and a drone targeting former US president Donald Trump.

International Desk

Twitter said Saturday it had permanently suspended an account linked to Iran's Leader that shared a video calling for taking revenge of those responsible for the assassination of top Iranian commander Lt. Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

The account, @KhameneiSite, this week posted an animated video showing an unmanned aircraft targeting Trump, who ordered a drone strike outside Baghdad airport on January 3, 2020 that assassinated Gen. Soleimani, the then commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC).

The video, titled 'Revenge is Definite', shows a robot and a drone targeting Trump. It was also posted on the Leader's official website khamenei.ir.

"The account referenced has been permanently suspended for violating our ban evasion policy," a Twitter spokesperson told AFP.

Several media outlets interpreted the move to be triggered by the video. While Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei's main Twitter accounts in various languages remain active, there has been a precedent to the move in which another similar account was suspended last year by the social media giant over a post also appearing to reference revenge against Trump.

In its selective approach to banning violent contents, however, the platform failed to take action against many accounts who celebrated the actual assassination two years ago, which was carried out in violation of international laws.

Five days after the US targeted killing, the IRGC fired a volley of ballistic missiles at American forces based in Iraq. Ayatollah Khamenei described the strike "only a slap" in the face of the US, promising "harsh revenge" for the assassination.

On January 1, ahead of the second anniversary of the strike, Ayatollah Khamenei said that Gen. Soleimani's assassins, including Trump and his associates, "will be lost in the dustbin of history, of course, after paying the price for their worldly crime".

Two days later, President Seyyed Ebrahim Raesi vowed revenge unless Trump, his secretary of state Mike Pompeo and others involved in the assassination were put on trial.

Use this QR code to watch the video on the website of Iran's Leader.



OPINION

Fight against global arrogance, an asymmetric one, for good reasons

By Mojtaba Koohsari*

Instagram is still removing posts and shuts down or otherwise restricts accounts which, in their personal capacities, promote the late Lt. Gen. Qassem Soleimani. The reason? He was commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), which was designated as a foreign terrorist organization by former president Trump, and Instagram as a subsidiary of Facebook operates "under US sanctions laws," according to a spokesperson of the company.

That constitutes an interesting twist in the complicated story of free speech in the US, a story riddled with paradoxes, especially in the age of the new media.

Seen in the wider context of the eternal fight of the downtrodden against the arrogant, however, it's not utterly surprising. If there should be any chance of fighting back, the weak can't play in the field and by the rules set by the powerful. They, of course, can, but it's a losing game. Such a game is essentially rigged in favor of the status quo.

"To rend the roof of the sky and cast a new way to the heaven," as Persian mystic and poet Hafiz once put it, the weak need to find other ways to hit the arrogant where it hurts.

This is not meant to dissuade social media users sympathetic to the cause advocated by Qassem Soleimani from promoting him, and having their access to the platform automatically circumscribed. The effort has its own merits in that it better exposes the hypocrisy with which the media moguls run their business. Over time, it helps accumulate enough evidence to convince any unbiased observer that the rules set for the game are not fair, making an army of conscientious objectors whose voice will be more openly heard.

But cries of injustice have rarely, if at all, kept tyrants from conducting their business as usual. By all accounts, they don't seem to lose a minute of sleep over such moral outcries of insignificance as long as they are winning the game. If anything, begging for mercy might even provoke a sadist to double down on their brutality, as evidenced by psychological research which demonstrates they sometimes enjoy their position of control and authority more than the physical pleasures they derive from the act of brutality. The tables need to be turned and, for their own good and for the good of others, the arrogant need to taste the medicine they have historically administered to the weak. That is more likely to convince them that the globally united front of the downtrodden is a force to be reckoned with.

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Peter Kuznick: Trump was an embarrassment to human species

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