

Jundollah Kills 13 Hostages

The Jundollah terrorist cell has killed the whole group of Iranian police officers, who were taken hostage earlier in June.

Sixteen police officers were abducted at a checkpoint in the southeastern city of Saravan in Iran's Sistan-Baluchestan province on June 12 and transferred the hostages to Pakistan.

Later that month, it claimed killing three of the hostages. The Arabic-language TV channel Al-Arabiya aired footage of the execution of Iranian hostages.

The armed terrorists later threatened that if the Islamic Republic refuses to release its 200 members from Iranian prisons, they would kill the remaining hostages.

Iran's Fars News Agency reported on Wednesday that the terrorist group has killed the 13 remaining hostages. Jundollah, which operates in Iran's Sistan-Baluchestan province and Pakistan's Balochistan which are notorious for clashes between security forces and drug smugglers, has carried out a number of attacks against Iranian civilians as well as high-profile government and security officials.

Earlier in July, Pakistan's former army chief, Retired General Mirza Aslam Baig, said the outlawed group is the main recipient of US financial and military aid.

Baig said Washington has been providing Jundollah with training facilities to fuel unrest in the area and strain Tehran-Islamabad relations.

ABC news reported in 2007 that the terrorist cell has been "secretly encouraged and advised" by American officials since 2005.

In another report in July, investigative journalist Seymour Hersh revealed that US Congressional leaders secretly agreed last year to President George W. Bush's \$400-million funding request for a major escalation in covert operations in Iran.

Actions permitted under the secret directive include "the assassination of targeted officials" along with operations across an extensive geographic area from Lebanon to Afghanistan.

Under the ruling, the US can arm and fund terrorist groups such as the Iraq-based Mujahideen Khalq Organization and Pakistan-based Jundollah militants.

When asked about the report of covert US operations aimed at destabilizing the Islamic Republic, the White House refused to comment.

Rigi, however, described his terrorist cell as a "national movement" and denied any links to the US.

Call for Closer Gov't-People Ties

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Thursday that the relationship between the people and government in an Islamic system is based on religious beliefs.

Ahmadinejad made the remark in a special ceremony to launch an electronic communications system (emergency number 111) for bridging the gap between the people and government in East Azarbaijan province.

The president, accompanied by his Cabinet members, arrived in the northwestern city Tabriz on Wednesday on his 48th provincial tour, IRNA reported.

"Communications between people and officials in an Islamic government is rooted in religious beliefs," he said.

Ahmadinejad noted that people put forward their views and it's the responsibility of officials to listen to them and help resolve their problems.

"The system will provide a suitable opportunity for people to easily get access to the country's officials. I hope this would lead to a broad-



President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

based communication and interaction between the nation and the government in all fields."

Arrogant Powers

Ahmadinejad also said that bullying powers are unable to confront the Iranian nation.

"If all arrogant powers unite, they are incapable of countering the Iranian nation," he said.

"The US economy was on the verge of collapse before waging the war on Iraq (in 2003). The US killed thousands of innocent people under different pretexts, including the 9/11 terrorist operation. But an economy based on cruelty cannot exist very long."

He added that the efforts of big powers to isolate Iran have failed.

"Today, they confirm that Iran is a big power," he said. The president's visit is taking place on the second round of his tour of different provinces to follow up the implementation of projects approved during the first round.

Ahmadinejad took the initiative of visiting various provinces since he took office in 2005 in order to bring the government closer to ordinary people.

Larijani Tells Arabs:

Don't Repeat Mistakes

Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani said the regional Arab countries should be watchful of colonial powers violating their national sovereignties.

"We still remember that on this day in 1997 a number of Haj pilgrims were martyred violently. We also remember how some regional countries made a big mistake by supporting (former Iraqi dictator) Saddam Hussein and offering access to their territories to Americans for establishing military bases," added Larijani, who was speaking before the Friday prayer sermons, Mehr News Agency reported.

Larijani noted that recently an Arab leader admitted that his country made a big mistake by giving Saddam \$40 billion during the Iraq-imposed war (1980-88).

"However, this country is currently making a big mistake regarding Palestine," he said.

"How many times do Arab countries want to repeat the same mistakes? We are currently witnessing that a regional Arab country is being used as a military base for the US ground forces and another as a base for US air force and naval forces."

Referring to the ongoing financial crisis in the West that has also spread to the East, The speaker said important regional countries that have the advantage of oil resources are constantly being pressured by the US to help that country remove its shortfalls and pay compensation for the financial meltdown.

"But our question is why should Muslim states be provoked by America to make moves against each other. Why should these countries make their territories available to the US for being used as military bases? Why should Muslim countries pay for US mistakes?" he said.

Larijani emphasized that when Arab countries provide the US with access to their territories as military bases, then they are obliged to pay a high price for their deeds.

US Mulls Blackwater..

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Its guards, all decorated military veterans hired to protect US diplomats overseas, were responding to a car bombing when a shooting erupted in a crowded intersection.

The guards carried government-issued machine guns and drove heavily armored trucks equipped with turret guns.

Blackwater insists its convoy was ambushed by insurgents. Witnesses said the guards were unprovoked.

The company is not a target in the case and Blackwater has cooperated with investigators.

"The company has consistently said that we do not believe the individuals acted unlawfully," company spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell said on Thursday. "If it is determined that an individual acted improperly, Blackwater would support holding that person accountable."

Prosecutors questioned dozens of witnesses in the case, including the father of a young boy killed in the shooting. The investigation has focused on between three and six guards who could face charges.

Regardless of the charges they bring, prosecutors will have a tough fight. The law is unclear on whether contractors can be charged in the US or anywhere for crimes committed overseas.

To prosecute, authorities must argue that the guards can be charged under a law meant to cover soldiers and military contractors. Since Blackwater works for the State Department, and not the military, it's unclear whether that law applies to its guards.

Prosecutors lost a similar case against former Marine Jose Luis Nazario Jr., who was charged in Riverside, Calif., with killing four unarmed Iraqi detainees.

Kashani: US Under Zionist Influence

The interim Friday prayer leader of Tehran said all US administrations and power circles were unfortunately under the influence of Zionist Israelis.

Addressing thousands of worshippers on the campus of Tehran University, Ayatollah Mohammad Emami Kashani discussed recent global developments, IRNA reported.

"As some analysts advise regarding the United States, we need to wait till the new government takes charge," he said. "Some observers argue that the American people's vote for Mr. Obama gave the message that they are fed up with the policies pursued by Bush and the Republicans, and have taken refuge in the camp of the Democrats."

Ayatollah Kashani added that the election of "a black president" has opened a new chapter in the history of America.

He called on Americans to demand that the new government abandon pursuing previous policies.

"According to news, a group of US elites have sent a letter to President-elect Obama, asking him to heed certain points, including trying to create balance in the Middle East and accept the fact that the only main player in the region is Iran," he said.

"The US administration has to believe that Iran is a great power and that it is necessary to end its outdated policies of threatening and trying to intimidate us."



Ayatollah Mohammad Emami Kashani

Referring to Iran's nuclear program, he said the world has reached the conclusion that Iran is not taking military advantage of its nuclear program and the point was mentioned in (the International Atomic Energy) agency's 14th report, stressing that no deviation has been traced to date in Iran's activities."

Pointing to the recent gathering in the Majlis on the 30th anniversary of its establishment, the senior cleric said, "People with various tendencies were present at that gathering, and they were all united, with a single voice, which should have a message for the world."

Kashani noted that all domestic parties and groups have their own preferences and internal approaches, but when the system's interests and the final goal is in question, they realize they are all in the same boat, and that is very valuable.

"The world should realize that such tools as sanctions, threats and intimidations are totally outdated today," he said.

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Nuclear Meeting..

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Asked about the impact of Barack Obama's election as the US president on Iran's nuclear issue, Solana said the EU has negotiated with Iran on the issue of nuclear operations for a long time and this process has never been affected by electoral races in other parts of the world.

"We intend to resolve the issue through diplomatic means and we have decided to hold negotiations. There is no reason why this trend should change," he said.

The senior EU official said it would be much more desirable to find a win-win solution for both the sides.

"I think the win-win solution for Iran is that it could have nuclear power plants for generating electricity. Iran does not have the technical know-how in this respect and members of Group 5+1 should help Iran acquire this technology," he said.

"We have technologies that you do not have and you have oil which we do not have. You can interact with others and become partners with them."

Solana further said Iran is an important country that plays an important role in forging peace and stability.

"It is better that your nuclear activities are frozen and at the same time negotiations are held. Isn't it better to reach an agreement whereby you do not continue what you do not need?"