THE MERCHANT OF TERROR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STRATEGY

The Middle East is a part of the world that is associated with Terrorism, cyber terrorism, narco-terrorism, apartheid against women, genocide against ethnic minorities, genocide against religious minorities and, in simple terms complete disregard and violation of any Human Rights.

For over 3100 years, people in this Region have suffered at the hands of various governments and dictators, mostly in the name of God and various Religions.

Historically one group has been committing one of these atrocities. Historically one dictator has been responsible for some of these crimes.

The Merchant of Terror has a report card that includes all these atrocities and criminal acts. And, yes, in the name of God!

The Merchant of Terror has a report card that includes assassinations and kidnappings all over the world, partnerships with the most powerful drug cartels and, brutal persecution of their own people.

They openly and consistently call for the "destruction of Israel" and their official government rally slogan is "death to America."

They train, fund, provide military equipment, and provide religious Fatwas, throughout the world in opposition to Western values.

Here in America, for the past 45 years, every American Administration has tried to "understand what they want",

have "tried to understand their grievances," even one Administration apologized for an event 70 years earlier that reportedly America committed or was part of it and, some claim that "is the sole reason why the Merchant of Terror behaves this way"!

For over four decades, the partisan war between Republicans and Democrats has produced a blame game and not a comprehensive policy.

The fact is no American Administration since late 1979, has developed a successful policy with related action plans to deal with the Merchant of Terror.

The Merchant of Terror has developed a network of terror groups stationed throughout the Middle East and in fact throughout many parts of the world who are funded, trained, equipped, and provided operational plans to advance their antiwest agendas.

The Merchant of Terror calls them, "AXIS OF RESISTANCE."

There are over 30 Terror groups that collectively are responsible for killing & destruction not only in their own homeland but in the Middle East and many parts of the world. They use brutal force & atrocity to maintain power by terrorizing unarmed civilians.

Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis, Kataib Hezbollah, and Kataib Imam Ali are just to name a few in this proxies group.

WHO IS THE MERCHANT OF TERROR?

In February 1979, 2500 years of monarchy was overthrown and replaced with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The founder, Ayatollah Khomeini promised democracy, free elections, economic prosperity, an end to corruption and, a balanced East-West foreign policy.

Iran's revolutionary leaders went to war against the world soon after they seized power.

A month later, in March 1979, one million Iranian women took to the streets protesting the non-democratic mandatory warning of Hijab (head covering). But this was just the beginning!



They immediately imposed clerical rule and almost plunged the country into a civil war against their one-time allies creating a precarious condition.

Their strategy was to create one internal demon and one or more external demons. Blame everything on them and buy time to secure & organize their theocracy.

Soon American Embassy in Tehran was taken and diplomats were held hostage for 444 days. The Ayatollah declared the Embassy "a den of spies."

All that was promised quickly vanished and a theocracy based on strict interpretation of their version of the Islamic laws was established.

Thousands have been arrested, tortured, and killed over the years.

Islamic Republic Regime is headed by a Supreme Leader who says "He is God's representative on earth and that God speaks through him."

His "balanced foreign policy was quickly replaced with familiar slogans:

"Israel must be destroyed!" and "Death to America!"

They created a terror force to deal with the internal opposition – the Iranian people. This is the Islamic Republic Revolutionary Guard Corps that we in the West call IRGC. Their criminal

atrocities inside Iran to maintain order have no bounds or means.

When 18 months ago, Iranian women took to the streets and protested the crimes, they were brutalized, to say the least. Their struggle to gain freedom continues.





In the Middle East Region, three years ago, the Abraham Accords were enacted and Israel and several Arab Countries began normalizing their relationship. Shortly after, Saudi Arabia

and Israel announced that they had almost reached a deal toward normalization.

For the first time ever, Israel and the Arab governments were taking steps towards resolving their centuries-old grievances by peaceful means.

The Abraham Accords, named in honor of Abraham - the patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, was a series of treaties normalizing diplomatic relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, facilitated by the U.S. Administration in 2020. In five short months, these four Arab states joined Egypt and Jordan in making peace with Israel.

This agreement was reached without any participation or representation by or about Palestinians. Furthermore, the tentative agreement between Israel and Saudi Arabia sent wave shocks to the radicals that they are "being ignored," and the conclusion that their entire existence could be jeopardized.

The Ayatollah Regime in Iran quickly organized the "Axis of Resistance" whose job was to derail the peaceful negotiations and set the entire Region on fire.

The Ayatollah's Regime tasked the worst of the worst of terror groups, Hamas to use unprecedented violence and atrocity <u>and</u> film it and distribute it live through their social media channels.

They did. October 7 atrocities took place.

7

Their strategy was these atrocities would force overreaction by the Israeli's Right-Wing government which would result in the destabilization of the Region as demanded by the Terror Master.

With the killing of thousands of Palestinian civilians, the Region is on fire, the "Axis of Resistance" members have attacked American forces and interests nearly 200 times so far. Since October 7, 2023, All Arab Governments have suspended their talks and relationships with Israel.

The Merchant of Terror and it is proxies, deceitfully, in the name of Palestinian people have once again destabilized the Middle East.

In early February, Iranian President Ibrahim Raisi said "The Islamic Republic is on the march throughout the Middle East – and that America is not able to stop it."

President Biden and his top cabinet secretaries repeatedly said "We do not seek to expand the conflict in the Middle East." The presence of enormous firepower by America in the Region meant to show we mean business.

The Islamic Republic Regime, however, did not see it that way. They find our severe division of ideologies at home, coupled with the unpopularity of the ultra-right-wing government in Israel an opportune time to act.

"The enemy cannot take any action against us because it knows that our forces are powerful and capable, "Raisi said in

comments. "Previously... they (meaning the United States) used to talk with threats and military options on the table. But now, there are no such talks, and they say they have no intention of conflict with the Islamic Republic. The strength of our people and our armed forces that has created this deterrence."

So, what options do President Biden and our foreign policy and national security officials have?

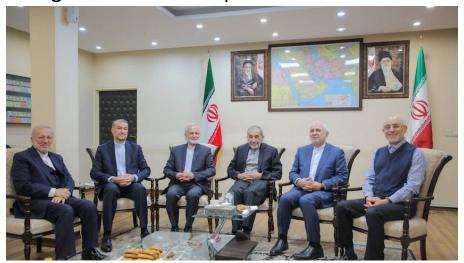
What should be our strategy?

After 3 American soldiers were killed and dozens were injured, President Biden and his team made a change in their strategy. Repeated military actions against terror groups in Yemen, Syria & Iraq have been and are continuing.

Some are suggesting and demanding that President Biden attack targets inside Iran.

The Ayatollah and his team have taken notice.

We learned that a meeting between Iran's current and past foreign ministers took place.



Note that the person sitting 3rd from the right is Ali Akbar Velayati who is currently the chief foreign affairs adviser to the Supreme Leader who makes all policy decisions.

When this classified meeting was leaked, the Regime tried to provide an explanation that kept changing!

Sources inside the Regime's leadership, however, say the purpose of that meeting was to express to the Supreme Leaders foreign policy Chief that their horrible adventure has moved the country to the brink of war.

A war that the Regime cannot afford financially and militarily.

Furthermore, the Islamic Republic's own Intelligence Ministry has warned/advised that most Iranians will welcome such attacks inside Iran, if the Revolutionary Guards and Quds Forces

are the targets. This is an embarrassment for the Supreme Leader.

We should add that, the Iranians People see the IRGC and the Quds force, as the thugs that have kept the Ayatollahs in power and are directly responsible for killing Iranians in the streets.

We have learned that, following the Foreign Ministers meeting, Iran's Supreme National Security Council held an emergency meeting last week, deeply worried that the United States would retaliate inside Iran.

So, what is next?

President Biden, a seasoned politician relies on what he knows. Diplomacy. Bring peace, calm and, order to the Region.

On the opposite corner, Ayatollahs in Tehran, for the past 45 years, have created flash points and have started one crisis after another. This is what they do and are good at.

Ayatollah's Regime has made sure that a dozen issues in the Middle East have all now merged into one giant crisis.

America has lost the momentum and ability to be proactive and has become a reactive force chasing what the Regime and its proxies throw at us.

Understanding the DNA of the Islamic Republic Regime in Iran, will show us that they can only survive in chaos.

We must learn that funding the Aytollahs either directly or by not enforcing or partial enforcing of sanctions for 45 years has not worked. The regime in turn has used these funds not to serve its people but to expand its destructive influence in the Region by spreading the funds among the members of the "Axis of Resistance."

Factually, the majority of the Middle East is bursting with the young population, who want a life of peace and prosperity.

Here are some statistics. 60% of the 84 million population of Iran are under the age of 30. Unemployment is at best 40%. Women make up 44-46 million of the population in Iran. Yet they are suffering from gender apartheid!

This is not isolated in Iran. 60% of Yemen's 33 million population is under the age of 24! Take IRAQ, which is also under the thumb of the Islamic Republic Regime, 37% of its 43.5 million population is under the age of 14! Saudi Arabia's 32 million population has more than 55% under the age of 30.

Unarmed Iranians continue to defy the brutal regime of the Supreme Leader and are demanding its replacement with a democratically elected government that is secular.

They want peace prosperity and stability in Iran.

There is one option that we have not tried before.

Investing in the Iranian people!

Just imagine what a FREE IRAN can do for the Middle East, our National Security Interest, and the World!

Farhad Mansourian

Principle Analyst

Foreign Affairs Intelligence Network

https://foreignaffairsintelligencenetwork.net