

some officials, on the basis of certain motives, played down the role of arms and equipment, speakers did not pay sufficient attention to the problem of defence and they were not aware of the power of a committed believer; armed with weapons and equipment, a committed believer will not give any chances to the enemy to attack; and all through history, aggressors have attacked those who could not defend themselves.

Mr Khameneh'i added: Despite the change created by our revolutionary movement and the atmosphere of faith, our transition is not enough and the industrial department of the Defence Ministry, which is a symbol of self-sufficiency jihad, must strive harder, through proper planning and the right moves, to enrich military establishments side by side with the Islamic revolution guards corps. The advances made in our country, which appear as bright sparks one after another, may not be comparable with the development of the technological world, but nevertheless today we observe a motive and boldness among our interested and responsible youth, who think for themselves and manufacture the equipment needed by the country; and in view of quality, this is important to us and this is exactly the opposite of the humiliation felt during the time of the previous regime. During the previous regime, when an NCO discovered some important innovation and informed high-ranking army officers, they would treat him in an insulting manner, to discourage him for ever. The previous regime tried to humiliate the morale of our nation and the aim was to purchase US military weapons and equipment.

Referring to the gains of committed civilian and military youth in the area of design and manufacture of panels and military equipment, the Chairman of the Supreme Defence Council said: Now the enemy is very frightened of these gains and still the USA and global arrogance find it hard to believe that we have made great achievements; we should move a step forward every day and by inventing and manufacturing modern military equipment, we should minimise the gap of backwardness imposed upon us during the past 70 or 80 years.

Continuing, the President praised the important role played by the politico-ideological department and said: This establishment is one of the most important and essential foundations in this country and without this establishment, we would not have achieved the success we are witnessing today.

Jordanian Allegation of Syrian Involvement in Terrorism

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Text of commentary entitled "Political extortion through crime will not succeed":

In cold blood, treacherous hands perpetrated the crime of assassinating the Jordanian diplomat, Ziyad al-Sati [ME/8012/i]. Before that, an elite group of our sons and diplomats as well as our embassies and offices abroad were the target of systematic terrorism aimed at the souls of our sons. It was also aimed at blackmailing our stance and abusing our people, in an attempt to undermine our stances and pressurise our country in every way.

The politicised terrorism directed by some Arab (?politics) is a pattern of political opposition that reveals the low level of morals of certain politicians and regimes which express the degeneration of their consciences through terror, crime and acts of destruction and extortion against individuals and establishments as well as through terrorism against the peoples of the Arab nation throughout the whole Arab arena. This is all done in stupid madness that does not hesitate to deepen the rift among the Arab peoples, to sow hatred among the sons of the nation, and to turn the Arab arena into a hotbed of instability in which innocent people are killed without any clear objective other than harming the reputation of this nation, depriving an elite group of its sons by assassinations, poisoning the Arab atmosphere, paralysing Arab action, and spreading a climate of doubt, suspicion, and desire for revenge among the nation's ranks and sons:

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We in Jordan have announced many times that there will be no compromise with terrorism, with the planners of assassinations or the hijacking of planes, nor with the perpetrators of explosions. We have also announced that there will be no letup in chasing terrorism and its tools. Every martyr that falls victim to terrorism motivates us to tighten the grip on the roots of terrorism and its tools wherever they are.

We know that the physical terrorism exercised by some Arab regimes, particularly by the Damascus regime, expresses the criminal mentality that has taken hold of the Syrian politicians who insist on acting like bandits in Arab political relations. They think that terrorism and extortion are adequate means to peddle their policies or oppose others' policies. The Damascus regime has set up special apparatuses for terrorism, assassination, and crime against those who oppose it in the Arab arena.

The reality of the Damascus rulers' involvement in terrorism is no longer a secret to anybody. This reality is obvious in the terrorism directed from Lebanon and in its bad effects on the Arab image. It is also obvious in what happened in Kuwait and the Gulf region and the systematic terrorism against our sons and establishments abroad. This fact is most obvious in the Damascus rulers' involvement in the attempt to kill the Iraqi people through the aggressive Iranian war.

All this reveals the reality of the Damascus rulers and their objectives. It also reveals the reality of those who hide behind slogans and pan-Arab facades and the reality of those making policy through terrorism and crime, who want to tighten their despotism over the nation and its will through crime, conspiracy, and terrorism aimed at our nation and its sons.

Jordan has frequently reiterated that crime only consumes its sons and that the phenomenon of terrorism and crime is in itself a call for the whole nation to reveal the danger of those tampering with its security, conspiring against its existence, and gambling with the lives of its sons. Terrorism will only increase our insistence on our pan-Arab stances and on combating and chasing terrorism with all available means to uncover those that plan it and use it as a tool in their policies. Terrorism will therefore not become a means to impose policies and dictate terms in our Arab homeland, and foolish acts and crimes will not become effective means in the hands of suspects and tyrants who want to fragment our nation, destroy the unity of affiliation to it and paralyse its ability to work and confront the plots being hatched against it.

Palestinian Criticism of Decision to Postpone Arab Summit

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Text of commentary broadcast by the PLO central radio in Baghdad:

The announcement issued in the Moroccan capital, Rabat, today, on the decision to postpone the emergency Arab summit until further notice is no surprise to anyone, particularly to the Palestinians, who are exactly the ones who realise the size of the plot they are confronting at this stage and who know well the tools of this plot and the various means used to carry it out. Perhaps it is regrettable to admit that the decision to postpone the summit is the rule that has cancelled the emergency exception according to which the call for the emergency Arab summit was made.

In whose interest is it to postpone the summit at this critical stage which our Arab nation and its fateful issues, especially the Palestine question, are going through? In whose interest is it that the Arabs do not meet to discuss their differences and the deterioration of their situation? In whose interest is it that the Arabs do not meet during such a stage which requires a unified Arab stance on the serious challenges to the entire Arab nation? Why do the Arabs declare their differences on the Palestine question in such a shameful manner? Who benefits from this postponement? Are they not plans to liquidate the Palestine question - plans that are being disgracefully implemented by the Syrian regime? Are not these plans aimed at partitioning Lebanon into Syrian-Israeli spheres of influence