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STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English, 1045 GMT, 5 December 2010)

- Commander of Iran's Army Major General Ata'ollah Salehi on Sunday underscored the need for "confronting enemies' conspiracies through precise and unified planning."
- Addressing a local gathering, the commander asserted that enemies of the Islamic Iran were to "cast doubt on principles."
- He cautioned that members of the Iranian Army should be vigilant enough to defuse enemies conspiracies aimed at penetrating into the Iranian society.

(Source: Jam-e Jam website, Tehran, in Persian, 5 December 2010)

Note: The following are direct excerpts, as reported:

- New documents published by the WikiLeaks website, which had been a strong target of hackers' attack prior to publication, revealed that the American diplomats were managing an espionage campaign against senior UN officials, including Ban Ki-moon and permanent members of the Security Council of this organization...This action of the United States violates the United Nations 1946 Convention.
- The document makes clear that for several years the United States has led the super confidential measures for taking high-grade enriched uranium out of Pakistan...
- Another part of these documents refers to the US's role in breaking the deadlock regarding the Palestinians' national reconciliation process. These documents prove that the United States supports the Zionist regime in the Middle East Peace Process.
- These documents also state that the Zionist regime, with regard to the Gaza war had made some efforts to coordinate with the Palestinian National Authority and Egypt, but both sides rejected this request...
- ...In another part of these documents, WikiLeaks claims that the American officials believe that the powerful brother of Hamed Karzai is a corrupt aristocrat [involved in] narcotics deals.
- ...Also, [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel is mentioned as a person who has little creativity and is not capable of taking risk, and the German foreign minister, [Guido] Westerwelle, is also described as having an aggressive personality.
- ...These documents also state that Libyan leader Mu'ammarr Qadhafi has always had a fear of flying over oceans and rivers and prefers ground travel and never travels without his trustworthy Ukrainian nurse.
- ...Much doubt remains about the nature of this site and its activities, and many are suspicious of it; but the important point is that WikiLeaks has engaged in disclosures against all governments and politicians of various countries equally, disclosures, the effects of which will become more clear in
- ...According to the confidential documents that WikiLeaks has published, the leaders of countries such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates had considered Iran's nuclear program to be a threat to their existence and had asked for an attack by the United States to stop these programs.
- ...The claims that have been published under the heading of "evidences" in several newspapers, including The New York Times published in the United States and The Guardian published in Britain, indicate that King Abdallah, the king of Saudi Arabia, confidentially had encouraged the United States to bomb the nuclear facilities in Iran and had said: "Cut off the head of the snake." Of course,

the claims of this site during this period have always been shrouded in a cloud of ambiguity and very serious doubt about whether they are correct or incorrect.

- ...Based on the claim of WikiLeaks, in a private meeting with Manuchehr Mottaki, Iran's minister of foreign affairs, King Abdallah accused the Islamic Republic of interference in the affairs of the Arab countries and had said: "Let us get rid of you."
- ...These messages also show that the United States and the Zionist regime have different analyses regarding Iran. The Zionist regime always emphasizes the worst possible scenario, but the United States offers a more cautious assessment.

DECEMBER 4, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 1030 GMT, 4 December 2010)

- Foreign Minister [Manuchehr] Mottaki explained the viewpoint of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the significance of security in the region, and asserted that the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches special significance to the security, development and collective approach of the region.
- "The Persian Gulf region's security and stability are a global need and necessity, because this region is one of the main suppliers of the world's energy requirements."
- "Year after year the Islamic Republic of Iran has raised the issue of a collective approach to the Persian Gulf region's security and has declared its readiness for appropriate negotiations aimed at achieving that goal."
- "There are two clear reasons for what is being insinuated as concern about the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear activities. Those who have spread the lie for years that the Islamic Republic of Iran is trying to access nuclear weapons - despite the fact that all reports and inspections [by the International Atomic Energy Agency] show that such allegations could not be verified - now they do not have the necessary courage to admit their own mistake and stop their propaganda."

DECEMBER 3, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 1636 GMT, 3 December 2010)

- Friday prayer sermons led by Ahmad Khatami, a member of the Experts Assembly.
- The cleric dedicated the whole of the first sermon to religious issues and the importance of
- Khatami talked about the assassination of Dr Majid Shahriari, a professor at Tehran's Shahid Beheshti University, and the assassination attempt on the life of another professor from the same university, Dr Fereydun Abbasi, earlier this week.
- "The fact is that without any doubt, the Zionist regime, America and Britain are the prime suspects in the assassination of Iranian scientists. This is revenge against a nation, which despite enduring 31 years of sanctions, is climbing the peaks of progress one after another. I have announced from this podium many times that the Islamic revolution's enemies know very well that we are not trying to acquire an atomic bomb. It's not because we are afraid too. No, we aren't afraid of anything. Atomic bombs are in contradiction with the Islamic establishment's defence doctrine. A school of thought which says that during war we mustn't poison the enemy's water, and kill women, children and old men, doesn't allow us to possess an atomic bomb. But Doctors Ali Mohammadi, who was assassinated last year, Shahriari, Abbasi and the other brave young people and scientists, are like atomic bombs for them [the enemy]. The enemies must know that when one bright beacon of knowledge is thrown to the ground, tens of others will replace it."

- "Dear students. Don't allow those who are oriented towards the enemy to take this flag away from you. Hold it tight. Today, the Islamic establishment is the front for fighting America. Today, fighting America is in fact synonymous with defending this establishment. Helping America and towing the line of those criminals is synonymous with fighting the Islamic establishment."

(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in Persia, 0917 GMT, 3 December 2010)

- Borujerdi, the head of the Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Commission [MNSFPC], addressed the WikiLeaks documents with Mehr noting that:
- "WikiLeaks documents were published in order to have an impact on Iran's relations in the region."
- "The publication of WikiLeaks documents is objective-oriented and organised and the objective of America in taking this measure is to have an impact on the Islamic Republic of Iran's relations with regional countries. One must not be taken in by such ploys."
- "In a certain section of the documents it has been claimed that certain countries notably in the Middle East have encouraged America to attack Iran. This is against a background of this policy always having been the pursuit of the Americans and will have never needed any encouragement by other countries."
- "I am of the belief that the publication of such documents is a mischief perpetrated in order to sow discord between Iran and the neighbouring countries. One must not be duped by such intelligence."

(Source: Iranian News website Rahana, in English 3 December 2010)

- Reza Derakhshan, head of Haft-Tapeh Sugarcane Union [in the southwestern province of Khuzestan], has been sentenced to 6 months in prison by the 13th branch of the Appeals Court for libel.
- The verdict has been issued while he had been acquitted from libel and disturbing public opinion in the lower court and released on a 30,000-dollar bail.

DECEMBER 2, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in Persian, 0907 GMT, 2 December 2010)

- Law Enforcement Force Commander Esmail Ahmadi-Moqaddam talked about initiation of cyber police in a near future
- According to Mehr, Moqaddam asserted that the: "Initiation of cyber police is in the Law Enforcement Force's agenda and cyber police will soon operate along with other disciplinary units."
- "Cultural globalization is in the West's agenda in such a manner that today, there are 70 satellite channels in Farsi language which have aimed at our religious beliefs by cultural attacks. Under such circumstances nothing will be achieved without cultural and social self-awareness."

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian, 0530 GMT, 2 December 2010)

- "The first strategic gathering on the Iranian-Islamic progress model has been held in the presence of the supreme leader and dozens of the country's elite scientists from universities and seminary schools."
- It was the first meeting at which some issues were reviewed by scientific means. Eight professors from universities and seminary schools presented their research works in connection with this issue.
- The supreme leader of the [Islamic] Revolution described this meeting as unprecedented for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

- His Eminence Ayatollah Khamene'i also focused on expectations for the meeting: He said that the main aim of such strategic thoughts meetings is to organize cultural debates between thinkers and the elite about the key issues of the country, society and the future of the country.

DECEMBER 1, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 1030 GMT, 1 December 2010)

- The head of the Iran National Security Council, Sa'id Jalili, accused the United Nations Security Council of using "terrorists" to execute its resolutions.
- Appearing at a protest rally against the assassination of the Iranian nuclear scientist Majid Shahriyari murdered on 29 November, he alleged that: "...to date, we are witness to the fact that there is a direct correlation between the chronology of their resolutions and that of terrorist attacks. This is a source of great embarrassment for them."

(Source: Fars News Agency website, Tehran, in Persian 0908 GMT, 1 December 2010)

- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad stressed that the perpetrators of the recent "terrorist acts" would be identified and convicted.
- "Enemies must know that with the assassination of a few scientists, they can not stop the progress of the Iranian nation."
- "They mention the name of our scientists in the resolutions and provide the Zionist dogs with a copy and tell them to kill." He added: "Mentioning the names of Iranian scientists in resolutions is giving coordinates to the savage Zionists. These countries must know that we blame the permanent members of the Security Council and Zionists for the assassination of our scientists. Of course our security forces will identify and destroy the perpetrators."

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 0234 GMT, 1 December 2010)

- Iranian envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ali Asghar Soltaniyeh confirmed that after two days of deliberation on the projects for the application of nuclear energy, the committee approved all the projects proposed by the Islamic Republic to the Vienna-based international agency.
- "According to the report, all the Iranian nuclear activities, including enrichment, have been under the supervision of the agency [IAEA], and hasn't been diverted to nuclear weapons production, and it is completely peaceful," Soltaniyeh said on 23 November.
- The report also rejected Western media claims about technical problems in Iran's enrichment process, underlining that it is progressing under the agency's supervision.

NOVEMBER 30, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Fars News Agency website, Tehran, in Persian 1012 GMT, 30 November 2010)

- On the occasion of the Shi'i Id al-Ghadir (when Prophet Mohammad appointed Imam Ali as his successor), 50 detainees who had been arrested during the post-election incidents have been released, Fars news agency reported on 30 November.
- According to Fars, these people were arrested on charges of actions against the country's security, creating disruptive networks and communicating with foreign elements.

(Source: Resalat website, Tehran, in Persian 30 November 2010)

- For acting against security and national unity, the Ayandeh website has been referred to the two supervisory bodies for further action.
- Earlier, due to activities contrary to the public interests and for publishing false news, the Ayandeh website was blocked several times by the supervising officials.
- Despite new promises to respect the national interests and unity by its administrators, the website once again breached these promises.
- In the review report of the supervisory officials about Ayandeh's operations, it is mentioned that insulting and degrading the president of the republic and government, creating division between people and the principle-ist current, sanctifying the sedition, publishing false reports contrary to national interests and security, creating hindrances and putting false reports, especially about the targeted subsidies plan, sowing doubts among people and... [ellipses as published] are some of the wrong deeds of this news website.

NOVEMBER 29, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1555 GMT, 29 November 2010)

- Iran and Lebanon have called attention to "Israel's arsenal of nuclear warheads and weapons of mass destruction as the biggest threat to the region's peace and security."
- Iran and Lebanon issued a joint statement on Monday [29 November] at the end of Lebanese Premier Sa'd al-Hariri's three-day visit to Tehran.
- The two countries stressed "the necessity of paying attention to Israel's nuclear arsenal and its weapons of mass destruction as the biggest threat to the region's peace and security", and called for the establishment of a nuclear-free Middle East.

NOVEMBER 28, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE

(Source: Qods website, Mashhad, in Persian 28 November 2010)

- "The Prime Minister of Lebanon Sa'd al-Hariri's visit to Iran took place at a time when due to certain recent events, the condition in the region requires multilateral consultations within the framework of the axis of Tehran-Damascus-Beirut resistance." (Direct excerpt)
- The visit, which was Sa'd al-Hariri's first one to Iran, will have an effective role in bringing clarity to Lebanon's hazy atmosphere as well as establishing a satisfactory political structure for the bilateral relations.
- Since February 2005, which means since the assassination of Rafiq al-Hariri, former prime minister and father of Sa'd al-Hariri, "the US and the Zionist regime have launched extensive efforts to break the axis of resistance."
- The recent visit of the Iranian president to Lebanon "created a new environment of change in the political spectrum of the country with regard to the Hezbollah as well as ties between Iran and Lebanon."
- "Signing of 16 security, cultural and economic cooperation documents between Iran and Lebanon proves that the two countries want to expand their regional cooperation. Thus, in view of the cooperation, the road for the US and the Zionist regime to influence the region has been closed."