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State-Run Media Sources

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 2, Tehran, in Persian 1600 GMT, 18 July 2010)

- [Presenter]: The interior minister [Mostafa Mohammad-Najjar], as the chief of an organization that is responsible to maintain security, said that “planning was made to prevent such incidents [referring to the 15 July suicide bombings in the southeastern city of Zahedan]”
- Speaking about the reasons behind the terrorist incident, Najjar said:” They [presumably US] hatched a new plot to divert public opinion from recent humiliation, weakness, and disgrace of their intelligence organizations over the past six months, particularly in the case of Shahram Amiri [the Iranian researcher who claims he was abducted by the CIA in 2009]. Thanks God, in terms of technical, security and intelligence measure, this suicide attack was an insignificant and worthless move”.

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0930 GMT, 18 July 2010)

- [Presenter]: The agents who were behind the terrorist crime in Zahedan [southeastern Iran] will be seriously dealt with. Speaking at a meeting with senior judicial officials today, the judiciary chief [Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli-Larijani] said that the judiciary, in cooperation with the Law Enforcement [police] and security forces, would punish the agents who were behind the terrorist incident in Zahedan.
- [Reporter]: The main supporters of terrorists. This was the point, which was emphasized on by Ayatollah Amoli-Larijani today. He added that America was the main culprit.

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(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0930 GMT, 17 July 2010)

- In a TV interview, Deputy Police Chief Ahmad Reza Radan commented on 17 July on Zahedan blasts on 15 July. He said:
- [Ahmad Reza Radan] "Based on the mission instructed by the Supreme National Security Council, a number of meetings were organized by the Security Department of the Ministry of Interior, a number of colleagues in the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps [IRGC], the Ministry of Intelligence and myself, certain measures were envisaged at various levels. A headquarters has been set up and duties of each department have been clarified.
- "Fortunately, the IRGC, the Law Enforcement Force, the Intelligence Ministry and the Judiciary have made good security achievements. In this connection, improved sealing of the borders - in its true form - is considered.

- "The Islamic Republic officials reserve the right to confront bandits by going inside the territories of the neighbouring states to destroy them if such bandits and anti-revolutionary forces nest outside the borders of Iran and the officials of the neighbouring countries do not take the necessary measures to contain them."

July 16, 2010

State-Run Media Sources

(Source: Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, in Persian 0930 GMT, 16 July 2010)

- [Newsreader]: "The terrorist suicide bombings in Zahedan [southeastern Iran] aimed to instigate ethnic and religious discord and sedition in Sistan-Baluchestan Province. Therefore, it was in line with US goals concerning Iran."
- In his confessions, the executed ringleader of the Rigi grouplet [Abdolmalek Rigi] had referred to the US support for him for carrying out terrorist missions inside Iran. He also had said that "the US espionage organization agents in Dubai had told him that the issues concerning the Taleban and Al-Qa'idah were not important to America anymore. In contrast, the issue of Iran was important for the CIA".
- "The defeat of the US intelligence in the case of Shahram Amiri added to the filthy motives of these organizations. Therefore, bearing in mind Iran's intelligence power and its damaging blows on espionage and terrorist networks, the last night's blast in Zahedan proves that the terrorists were immediately equipped and trained by a foreign intelligence organization in order to slaughter the people of Sistan-Baluchestan."

Privately-Operated Media Sources

(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 16 July 2010)

- Branch 54 of the appeal court has approved a six-year prison sentence handed down to student activist Salman Sima.
- Sima is a student activist from the Islamic Azad University and a member of the student organization The Office for Fostering Unity (Tahkime Vahdat). He was arrested on Saturday 12 June during the sporadic protests on Enqelab (Revolution) street on the first anniversary of last year's election coup.

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1538 GMT, 16 July 2010)

- Iran says its homemade missiles are capable of targeting enemy positions across the Middle East regardless of their number or nature.
- "[Iran's] Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) is ready to confront arrogance on both national and global levels," Fars News Agency quoted IRGC Deputy Commander Brigadier General Hoseyn Salami as saying on Friday [16 July].
- Taking pride in military prowess of the Guards, the general said IRGC missiles today "are being produced locally and without any limitations and are ready to strike regional targets with any quantity and quality."
- "The enemy has engaged in psychological warfare, terrorism, war and economic sanctions and intervention in security systems ... to disrupt security (in Iran) and fuel

religious differences," Salami charged, downplaying the destabilization efforts and saying they were doomed to fail.

(Source: Pro-Jondollah website, <http://junbish.blogspot.com>, in Persian 0001 GMT, 16 July 2010)

- The Sunni rebel group, Jondollah, claimed the responsibility for two suicide bombings that were carried out in the southeastern city of Zahedan on 15 July 2010.
- A statement posted on a website, which apparently is affiliated to Jondollah, <http://junbish.blogspot.com>, was published on the same day. The statement entitled "New statement by the resistance movement of Jondollah about two martyrdom-seeking operations at a gathering of guards on Guards Day".

July 15, 2010

State-Run Media Sources

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1320 GMT, 15 July 2010)

- "IRNA - Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamene'i said on Thursday that the pious Iranian nation inspired by lofty teaching of Holy Koran has left vital impacts on global developments and are now dealing with its enemies with more strength."

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 1753 GMT, 15 July 2010)

At 1753 gmt Iranian TV's channel one started to broadcast a recording of the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamene'i's address to the participants of the international Koran recitation competition.

- "Iran's strength, resilience and influential power will increase as a result of following the Koran."
- He said "Look at the enemy front. It is a huge front consisting of all the evil forces of the world from the Zionists, to the Americans, to the most evil Western powers to the most dependent and pettiest non-Western countries." He added: "And they are doing all they can against the Islamic Republic... and anything they do not do is because they cannot do." He stressed that the Iranian nation is standing firm against all evil powers.

(Sources: Islamic Republic of Iran News Network, Tehran, in Persian 0530 GMT, 15 July 2010; Press TV, Tehran, in English 0600 GMT, 15 July 2010)

- [Presenter] Shahram Amiri, an abducted Iranian scientist, returned to his homeland this morning. Shahram Amiri was welcomed by a deputy foreign minister and a deputy minister of science, research and technology and entered Tehran through the Imam Khomeyni international airport.
- "I was abducted in front of my hotel in the city of Medina by members of the American and Saudi intelligence services. They took me to an unknown location in Saudi Arabia. They injected anesthetic drugs into me. They took me to the USA on a military plane. During the first two months of my stay in America, I was subjected to

heaviest psychological and mental tortures by investigative groups of the Central Intelligence Agency”

- “By the grace of God, I resisted them, and I believe that no other Iranian would agree to sacrifice his honor and dignity for his financial wishes and to sell his own country to a foreign country.”

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0230 GMT, 15 July 2010)

- According to IRNA correspondent in Beirut, Roknabadi who was speaking at a commemoration ceremony at Boqa'a in east Lebanon, addressed the issue of UN-dynamics: "Although the Islamic Republic of Iran has paid dearly during the past 30 years due to its unrestricted support for the Palestinian cause and for Lebanon, it is still committed to its fundamental stands resolutely."
- He added, "We have not backed off from our stands despite the internationally imposed plots, pressure, sanctions, siege, and war."
- "The sanctions won't leave any negative aspects against Iran that has been pursuing the self sufficiency policy, while before the revolution we were importing almost everything."

July 14, 2010

State-Run Media Source

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1439 GMT, 14 July 2010)

- Addressing thousands of personnel of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) on Wednesday [14 July], Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamene'i likened the United States to a 'bully' who is running an extortion racket around the world while his situation gets worse day by day.
- "Some (countries) pay extortion money to this world bully to keep their businesses safe", said the Leader.
- "Some others are relatively powerful, but are reluctant to confront the US and simply turn into political-military stooges for Washington", Ayatollah Khamene'i underlined.
- "However, some stand up to this bullying, and the Islamic Republic (of Iran) has been at the forefront of this resistance", added the Leader.

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0930 GMT, 14 July 2010)

- Reporting on the return of the Iranian scientist Shahram Amiri to Iran, the main bulletin of the state-run Iranian TV channel one contended that Israel wanted to take charge of his case. The state TV used Amiri's televised interview to say that Israel wanted to use fabricated intelligence against the Islamic Republic.
- The correspondent said: "Although Shahram Amiri was abducted by American and Saudi elements and taken to America, he nevertheless exposes the cooperation of the Zionist elements too."
- The next part of the clip was a statement by Amiri pointing to Israel's alleged role: "In reality the government of Israel wanted to take charge of the situation saying that if you are not capable of persuading this person to cooperate we are ready to take responsibility for this abduction."

July 13, 2010

State-Run Media Source

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1530 GMT, 13 July 2010)

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad said on Tuesday [13 July] that the Islamic Republic of Iran with reliance on its pious people now enjoys one of the most powerful political systems in the world.
- Ahmadinezhad made the remarks in a meeting with top commanders and officials of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) in Tehran on Tuesday.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran is now challenging the global arrogance which is regarded as its point of strength, he said.
- The enemies of the Iranian nation are too weak to deal a blow on this brave nation, he said, adding that they never stop masterminding plots and conspiracies but to no avail.
- "Our enemies will soon understand that the Iranian nation has turned into a global power," underlined the Iranian president.

July 12, 2010

State-Run Media Sources

(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 12 July 2010)

Text of report by Iranian news website Rahana on 12 July headlined "Kurdish civil rights activist Nemat Asadi detained"

- Nemat Asadi, son of Habibollah and a discharged teacher, has been detained by the security forces and transferred to an unknown location.
- Nemat Asadi, a discharged accounting teacher and a civil rights activist, was detained by the security forces at his house, 20 days ago.
- The security agents searched his house and confiscated his books, computer, and his notes. They have threatened his family not to contact the media.
- According to the RAHANA reporter, Asadi was a contributor to the weekly magazine, Zhivar. He had been detained for acting against national security in the past. Despite their efforts, his family members have not been able to get any information as to his location and the alleged charges.

(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 12 July 2010)

- Journalist and CHRR [Committee of Human Rights Reporters] member Shiva Nazar Ahari is still held in Evin prison in an uncertain condition, while her trial which was supposed to be held on 23 May 2010 has been postponed for unknown reasons.
- Mr. Pir-Abbasi, the judge who was supposed to preside over Shiva's postponed hearing, has promised her family that he would hold this court session upon aggregating all of her cases.
- According to Free Journalist weblog, Shiva Nazar Ahari has been confined in solitary for over 100 days and is currently detained in women's ward of Evin prison.
- Shiva was arrested and sent to Evin on 13 June 2009, one day after the disputed presidential election.