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Iran, KSA,
Iraq, Syria
envoys hold
meeting in
Oman

IRNA- A quadrilateral meeting of the ambassadors of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria in Oman was held in the Iraqi embassy in the Persian Gulf Sultanate on Tuesday, Iraqi local media reported. The Iraqi ambassador to Oman has reportedly said that during the meeting in Muscat, he and the other three ambassadors discussed the major chances that are awaiting the regional countries in the light of peace.

The meeting takes place less than a month after top security officials from Iran and Saudi Arabia reached an agreement in China to restore relations after seven years.

Tehran and Riyadh severed ties in 2016 after angry protesters rushed into Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran following the Saudi execution of a prominent Shia cleric Sheikh Nimr Baqir al-Nimr.

Foreign ministers of Iran and Saudi Arabia are also expected to meet within the next couple of weeks to reopen embassies in the two capitals.

Spox:
Israeli
existence
based on war

Political Desk

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Nasser Kanaani has said that the existence and survival of the fake Israeli regime are always dependent on war, insecurity, and fomenting discord in the region.

Kanaani wrote on his Twitter account on Tuesday that the more the path of diplomacy and convergence is strengthened in West Asia, the more the adventurous moves by the usurping Zionist regime are increased, adding that the reason of it is quite clear.

The spokesman went on to say that the existence and survival of the fake Israeli regime is always based on conflict, insecurity and creation of discord in the region and of course there is no escape from internal collapse for the regime.

The tweet came following a recent wave of military raids on Syria, which killed more than a dozen people, including two Iranian military advisors.

Iranians bid farewell
to IRGC men fell in Syria

People from all walks of life bidding farewell to two Iranian military advisors martyred by the Israeli regime in Syria

● IRNA

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Tens of thousands of mourners poured out onto the streets of Tehran to pay their respects to two military advisers of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), who lost their lives in an Israeli airstrike near the Syrian cap-

ital Damascus last week. The massive ceremony started in the Iranian capital city on Tuesday morning, with people carrying the coffins of Milad Heidari and Meqdad Mehqani, draped with the Iranian flag, en route from iconic Imam Hussein Square to Shohada Square.

Chief Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hossein Salami, Commander of the IRGC Quds Force Brigadier General Esmail Qa'ani, and many other high-ranking Iranian officials were in attendance.

The Iranian IRGC military advisers were martyred during Friday's aerial assaults conducted by Israel on the suburbs of Damascus.

Heidari, a 32-year-old father of two, was from Kurdistan Province. He was living in Tehran's Qarchak County. Mehqani, 31, later died of the wounds he sustained during the Israeli attack. He was from Golestan Province and had a two-year-old son.

Iran maintains an advisory mission in the Arab country, helping it in the face of

foreign-backed terrorism. Back in 2017, the advisory assistance helped Syria vanquish the Takfiri terrorist group of Daesh.

VP: Israeli strike
blatant violation
of int'l law

Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Mokhber has decried the killings of two IRGC officers, saying that the air raid was a flagrant violation of international law and attests to the fact that the occupying Tel Aviv regime is close to implosion.

Israel's fatal air raids in Syria came at a time of mass protests against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's now-shelved plans to overhaul the judiciary.

Known as one of the main supporters of terrorist groups that have battled the government of Presi-

dent Bashar al-Assad since foreign-backed militancy erupted in Syria in early 2011, the Israeli regime frequently violates Syrian sovereignty and conducts attacks in the Arab country.

The targets usually include residential buildings. Military positions, especially those of the Hezbollah resistance movement, which has played a key role in helping the Syrian Army in its fight against foreign-backed terrorists, are also frequently hit by Israeli strikes.

Israel largely remains silent about the attacks. Damascus has repeatedly complained to the UN over Israeli assaults, urging the Security Council to take action against Tel Aviv's crimes. The calls, however, have fallen on deaf ears.

Iran to take necessary measures to protect interests in Syria

Political Desk

Iran's ambassador to the United Nations has warned that the Islamic Republic will take decisive measures to protect its forces and interests in Syria against any threats posed by the United States or others.

Amir Saeed Iravani made the remark in a Monday letter to the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the head of the Security Council, stressing that Iran's presence in Syria is totally

legal and at the request of Damascus.

His remarks came after two Iranian military advisers stationed in Syria were killed in an Israeli airstrike near the country's capital Damascus last Friday. Following the attack, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) issued a stern warning to the Israeli regime on Sunday, vowing retaliation for the killing of its military advisers in Syria. Iravani's letter came after the U.S. ambassador to the

UN wrote a letter addressed to the president of the Security Council in an attempt to legitimize his country's ongoing violation of international law in Syria by accusing Iran of supporting the so-called non-State militia groups.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its inherent right to self-defense under international law and will take decisive measures to protect its forces, interests, and facilities from any threat or unlawful act perpetrated

by the United States or others," Iravani said.

"The United States must bear its responsibility for committing such a heinous crime that has violated Syrian national sovereignty and territorial integrity, the UN Charter as well as the basic rules of international humanitarian law," Iran's UN envoy said.

The Iranian diplomat went on to say that Syria has explicitly and repeatedly stated that the presence of U.S. forces on its soil is illegal

and constitutes a violation of Syrian national sovereignty and territorial integrity. On the other hand, he said, "Iran's presence in Syria is fully legal and based on a formal request and consent from the Syrian government to provide assistance and support [to Damascus] in the fight against terrorism."

He emphasized that Iran is totally committed to "Syria's national sovereignty, territorial integrity, unity, and political independence."



'New chapter' opened in Iran-Saudi ties: MP

Last month, Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed to restore their diplomatic ties and reopen their embassies in Tehran and Riyadh following the Beijing talks mediated by China.

The two neighbors severed relations in 2016 in the wake of the Arab kingdom's execution of a Shia cleric which enraged protesters in Tehran and Mashhad where Saudi diplomatic missions

were stormed.

"The fact that the Saudis came to the conclusion that they will negotiate and reopen their embassy is a good starting point for resuming cooperation," the lawmaker said. He hoped that the two regional powers would continue to cooperate in order to ensure stable security in the region.

Heidari emphasized that Iran does not have any limitations on its relations with other countries,

especially its neighbors.

"Iran has always advised its neighbors to rectify their mistakes," said the MP, adding that "Iran is their true friend because the two share mutual interests as well as a common culture and religion."

Heidari said that the countries of the Middle East have realized that the intention and goal of the United States and Israel in the region is "nothing but looting, sowing discord, and creating conflict and

tension."

"The US and Israel have always tried to stoke Iranophobia in the region to pursue their interests. At the same time, the US intends to give legitimacy to the Zionist regime [of Israel] in this way."

The Iranian lawmaker also pointed out that the Middle East and the Persian Gulf have always been the focus of the world and global powers since it is crucial for these powers to gain a foothold in the

region to utilize its resources.

He concluded that Iran and Saudi Arabia, as two regional powers, can guarantee stable security in the region by uniting and cooperating, which would, in turn, encourage other countries in the region to join them.

"To achieve progress and stability, it is essential to interact and cooperate rather than waste resources on disputes and conflicts," he pointed out.



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Cartoonist

Moscow talks paves way
for FMs meeting

Political Desk

The deputy foreign ministers of Russia, Türkiye, Iran, and Syria held a meeting in the Russian capital Moscow to discuss the resumption of ties between Ankara and Damascus.

The parties discussed the issues related to the preparation of the upcoming meeting between the foreign ministers of the four countries.

In these meetings, each country expressed its po-

sitions and views clearly and explicitly, and the parties agreed to continue their consultations.

The Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported on Tuesday that a Syrian delegation headed by Ayman Susan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, attends the quadrilateral meeting, which will focus on the necessity of ending Türkiye's illegal presence in Syria, the need for stopping intervention in internal affairs of the



Arab country as well as the fight against all sorts of terrorism.

The Syrian delegation arrived in Moscow on Monday and held talks with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia Mikhail Bogdanov and Iranian Foreign Minister's Senior Advisor for Special Political Affairs Ali Asghar Khaji.