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The Iranian "Thorn"

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I was and I am still convinced that Iran is stirring up religious and confessional sentiments, buying the allegiances of Arab movements and parties in order to serve its agenda and slogans and "protecting" a fifth column that defends its subversive behaviors and policies against the countries of the region. I have written about this earlier and I will continue to tackle it even further.

Iran is planting thorns in the region, not flowers. It spares no effort to meddle into the affairs of the neighboring countries, and support insurgent groups beyond state control. It also threatens with a new war that "would totally devastate everything," in a bid to make the Gulf at the mercy of its nuclear program which influences the Gulf States more than it influences its capital Tehran.

Last Thursday, the camel did its best and could only deliver a rat. This is not surprising about Iran's policies. Iran said that the three disputed islands with the United Arab Emirates "will remain Iran's property forever," as the semi-official Iranian News Agency Mehr quoted Hasan Qashqawi, spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry, as saying.

Qashqawi wonders regrettably: How can the 19th joint meeting between the European Union and the Gulf Cooperation Council address the issue of the islands, which pertains to the unity of the Iranian territory?

I do not know if Qashqawi wants to dictate for the Gulf people the issues they are entitled to discuss with other countries. As if the Gulf States are under

Iranian tutelage or as though they are a party under Iran's custody, one that should refer to Iran as is the case with the Lebanese Hezbollah.

This Iranian official knows how arrogant his country is over the dossier of these islands. He is certainly aware of its continued rejection of any Gulf attempts to hold negotiations or resort to the International Court of Justice to settle the dispute. All these attempts have failed, because of Iranian intransigence and confiscation of the Gulf attempts to reach a peaceful settlement to this issue. Qashqawi even believes that referring the issue to the international community or seeking the interference of a third party will not help resolve it.

In this statement, Qashqawi is seemingly trying to be smart or (...), because he knows that his country has been occupying these islands for 40 years, and refuses since then any diplomatic attempts by the Gulf countries or others.

Today, the Iranian regime is involved and supportive of subversive organizations. Many evidences have appeared in the testimonies of cells whose members were arrested in Iraq, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and elsewhere. For example, Al-Qaeda's field commander in the Arab peninsula Muhammad Al-Awfi confessed that Iran funds Al-Qaeda's schemes in the Arab peninsula. The Iraqi security authorities have also announced a week ago the arrest of an Al-Qaeda-affiliated cell that comprises six members from Al-Diwaniyah and Al-Anbar provinces with signs pointing to Iran's involvement.

The relationship between Al-Qaeda and the Iranian intelligence is no more secret or hidden. The Daily Telegraph has published earlier a report affirming the relations between the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and Al-Qaeda. The report discloses a letter sent by Ayman Al-Zawahiri to the Revolutionary Guard, whereby he lauded Tehran's support during Al-Qaeda's attack on the American Embassy in Yemen. This conforms to the recent report by the US State Department which kept Iran at the forefront of the countries that sponsor terrorism.

The Iranian threat is indeed obvious for every observer who is not driven by its "unacceptable" policies and ambitions in the region. However, there are still beneficiaries from Iran's subversive policies, those who dance to the rhythm of the slogans of the Iranian President Ahmedinejad when he attacks Israel, ignoring the devastation he might bring about to the Arab house, as part of the game of playing on ropes for personal and regional interests.