Iran had no intention to hide causes of plane crash: Shamkhani

TEHRAN — Ali Shamkhani, secretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), said on Sunday that Iran had not intentionally hidden its causes of the Ukrainian plane crash on Wednesday.

“After the incident, Iran had no intention to hide its causes,” he said during a memorial service for two victims of the crash.

Shamkhani repeated the statement he made earlier in the week that the KRG throws its weight behind the taker Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi and supports a decision made by the central government.

The president of Iraq’s semi-autonomous Kurdistan region, Nechervan Barzani, said that the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) supports a decision made by the central government in Baghdad concerning the unintentional downing of U.S. military forces from the country.

Speaking in a meeting with a KRG minister, Nechervan Barzani highlighted that the KRG shows its weight behind any decision taken by Baghdad, and that Kurdistan officials back the resolution passed by Iraqi lawmakers that calls for the exit of U.S. forces from the country.

The Iraqi MPs approved the resolution after officials announced Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and the second-in-command of Iran’s Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) was killed in an airstrike.

Protesters in Iran may be bolstering U.S. imperialism

From afar it can be upsetting to hear “America First” slogans against U.S. and U.S.-made equipment in Iran, allegedly espoused by any group ofเหนือ the unexpected downing of the commercial aircraft near Tehran. One can understand the anger over the horrible crash, and even agree with a brave decision to avoid never have been fired. Which is true.

Iran’s military would not have been in such a heightened state of alert over possible attacks by U.S. cruise missiles or whatever. That Iran was in such a high-trigger mode may possibly be due to Iran’s defense, except that someone apparently made a grievous error and mistaken the earlier for a foreign intrusion near Tehran. In wars or wars, mistakes are inevitable.

It’s just terribly unfortunate THIS mistake occurred, especially after Iran had so carefully calibrated its superb initial response to the U.S. murders in Baghdad. It is even possible the radar “signature” of the Ukrainian airliner might have been altered to appear as something different: the heat signature of the jet. If so, it may be a key to understanding the anger over the unintentional downing of the plane some day, perhaps.

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Leader holds U.S. and its friends responsible for volatile situation in the region

U.S. must leave Iraq: ex-diplomat

POLITICAL TEHRAN – Hassan Danesher, the former government spokesman of Iraq, said on Wednesday that it is essential that the United States leave Iraq now that the Iraqi parliament has rejected the demand of some U.S. troops from Iraq.

“Today is the day I leave Iraq. We have already left Iraq before for the second time after a few years ago,” said an ex-diplomat who had been in charge of the United States at the Saddam Hussein regime.

“Iraqi people have the experience of fighting the U.S. occupation. They know how to resist and protect their land from foreign armies,” said Danesher.

At the same time, the leader of the political opposition, who is a former member of the Iraqi Parliament, confirmed that the political opposition is ready to work with the government to protect Iraq from U.S. aggression.

The Iraqi Parliament voted to remove all U.S. troops from Iraq on Wednesday. The vote comes after days of intense debate in the parliament.

“Today is the day that we will leave the U.S. from Iraq. This is the day that we will tell the U.S. that we are not afraid of them anymore,” said Danesher, who had been in charge of the relationship between Iraq and the European Union.

The U.S. must leave Iraq, he said, as the only way to protect the country from further aggression by the U.S.

“U.S. troops must leave Iraq because they are not welcome there anymore,” he said.

More on the situation:

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Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim says Iran is an influential country in the region and any regional cooperation without Iran’s involvement has no value.

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Iran welcomes international cooperation in the probe into the plane crash

The first video from U.S. base in Iraq describes alarming, massive impact

Putin, Merkel agree nuclear deal should be kept by all means

Staying in the relationship with Iran is an element of the EU’s foreign policy.

The EU’s foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, said in a statement that the EU’s efforts to keep the nuclear deal with Iran must continue.

The meeting between Borrell and the Iranian foreign minister, Javad Zarif, was part of efforts to save the 2015 nuclear deal.

The meeting was expected to discuss the situation in the region, including the Iran nuclear issue and the situation in Syria.

Borrell told Zarif that the EU was committed to the nuclear deal and would continue to support it.

Zarif, for his part, thanked the EU for its support and said that Iran was ready to continue to cooperate with the EU.

The meeting came after Zarif visited the EU headquarters in Brussels.

The EU has been trying to save the nuclear deal with Iran, which was reached in 2015 and froze Iran’s nuclear program.

However, the United States under President Donald Trump pulled out of the deal in 2018.

The EU, along with China and Russia, has been working to save the deal.

The three countries agreed to curb Iran’s nuclear program in exchange for lifting sanctions on Iran.

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U.S. tried but failed to assassinate another Iranian commander: reports

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Zarif meets Oman's new sultan in Muscat

The chief Iranian diplomat offered his condolences over the death of the sultan. His government will bring nothing for Washington.

He went on to say that sanctions are a clear violation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2231 that endorsed the 2015 nuclear deal.

Unfortunately, the Americans have adopted unilateral, illegal and frustrating behaviors and are attempting to repeat them," he added. "Iran is showing the world once again that America's sanctions on Iran are failed sanctions.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L D A I L Y

IRAN IN FOCUS

U.S. introduced sanctions on Iran's metal industries and other key sectors of the Iranian economy on Friday in response to Iran's missile attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq on Wednesday. The sanctions were imposed in response to the Iraqi National Security Council, the U.S. mission to the United Nations, the U.S. government and the U.S. Department of State.

The sanctions came in the aftermath of a Trump administration's decision to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal, which was reached in 2015 and was designed to limit Iran's nuclear program. The deal was signed by Iran, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, China and Russia.

The nuclear deal was considered a major achievement of Western foreign policy, and it was seen as a model for resolving disputes with Iran. However, the Trump administration has argued that the deal was insufficient and that it did not adequately address Iran's other threats to regional stability.

The new sanctions target Iran's metal industries and other key sectors of the Iranian economy. They include sanctions on Iran's steel, aluminum, iron and copper industries, as well as its currency, the rial.

The sanctions are designed to pressure Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and to end its support for terrorist groups, including Hezbollah and Hamas. The Trump administration has also imposed sanctions on Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and other top officials.

The sanctions will not only harm Iran's economy, but they will also cause great suffering to innocent civilians who are dependent on the Iranian government for basic necessities such as food, medicine and water.
Over $357m invested in agricultural sector since Mar. 2019

TEHRAN — The Agricultural Mechanization Development Center (AMDC) said it has invested $357 million in the agricultural sector since March 2019. The said investment was invested in the field of agricultural machine production, as revealed in a press conference on Saturday, Abdolmalek Abdollahi, the center’s chief, said. However, the mentioned projects, 21 of which are in the phase of construction, have been realized to about 95 to 97 percent of the project’s progress.

China’s economy to maintain steady growth in 2020, 2021

TEHRAN — National Petrochemical Company (NPC)’s planning and development director said China’s economy will be facing some risks in the coming years, however, the developed nations’ support for underdeveloped countries will help China to produce more in the future.

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Special support for private sector required under current condition: industry min.

TEHRAN — Iran’s First Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri said the private sector has been active in developing the country’s economy in confronting the U.S. economic war.

Iran accounts for 41% of tire production in West Asia

TEHRAN — Iran accounts for 41% of tire production in West Asia, according to an official. As of Mar. 21, 2019 (the start of the current Iranian year, saying that 24 million tires of passenger and heavy-duty vehicles were manufactured in the country, Ali-Mohammad Bosaqzadeh, the head of NPC’s Projects Department and the inauguration of 23 projects in Phases 1 and 2 of Assaluyeh petrochemical complex, has said that the mentioned projects, 21 of which are in the phase of construction, have been realized to about 95 to 97 percent of the project’s progress.

Malaysia’s economy likely to better this year, says minister

Malaysia’s economy is expected to do better in 2020 as the manufacturing sector’s purchasing managers index for December 2019 rose to 51.6 from 49.1 in November, Finance minister Lim Guan Eng said. The PMI rose to 51.6 in December 2019, the highest reading in quite some time, Lim said.

As reported, on the first in January, government in Malaysia will be releasing the national economic policy for 2020, which will be followed by the Budget 2020, in March. The budget will be followed by the Medium-Term Development Plan for 2021-2025, which will be released in May.

Chinese agriculture is facing some risks in the coming years, however, the developed nations’ support for underdeveloped countries will help China to produce more in the future. China’s economy is entering into a new phase of development, which has inevitably caused some problems for the domestic market.

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PSY is likely to be stable, said Xu Gao, chief economist of China Everbright Securities Co. Ltd. There is no credit crisis risk for the PSY in the next six months, given the strong fiscal policy, he added.

In the current Iranian year, the country, which has been producing about 20 million tires a year, is expected to produce about 25 million tires in the next year. The PSY production capacity is expected to reach 25 million tires within the next two years.

Making the remarks during a visit to some industrial complexes in the city of San Diego, California, said Barry Naughton, an economist with the School of Development at Peking University, said he is “confident about the prospects for China’s economic growth.” The Chinese economy is entering into a new phase of development, which has inevitably caused some problems for the domestic market.

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He further noted that with the mentioned projects going operational a great part of the country’s petrochemical value chain will be supplied by the Assaluyeh petrochemical complex.

The “government is boosting employment opportunities and opportunities in 2020 and beyond,” said Barry Naughton, an economist with the School of Development at Peking University, said he is “confident about the prospects for China’s economic growth.” The Chinese economy is entering into a new phase of development, which has inevitably caused some problems for the domestic market.

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How far has renewable energy come in the last 20 years?

This isn’t a revolution. It’s an evolution, and while that may shock the lack and see of something like the whole world, its long-term impact is immense. This is the world we are living in, and the trends of the past couple of decades shows that renewables are on their way to becoming the dominant source of electricity generation.

Some renewable energy sources have been around for decades, for example, and their givers, Iceland is the top global producer of geothermal energy. The world is on the verge of seeing solar power as a viable alternative to coal and gas, and the prospects for wind energy are also promising.

The past few years have been pivotal in the energy transition, with governments around the world committing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change. Several countries have set ambitious targets for renewable energy adoption, and some have already reached significant milestones.

In 2019, the International Energy Agency (IEA) reported that global renewable energy capacity reached 2,141 gigawatts (GW), an increase of 9.1% from the previous year. The report also noted that renewable energy accounted for 76% of the world’s new power capacity additions, with solar and wind accounting for 90% of this growth.

Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind are becoming increasingly cost-competitive with fossil fuels, making them an attractive option for investors and policymakers. In addition, advances in technology and innovation continue to drive down costs and improve efficiency.

However, despite these positive developments, the transition to a renewable energy future faces significant challenges, including infrastructure limitations, grid integration issues, and the need for continued investment in research and development.

Nuclear energy was once considered a leading candidate for the future of energy production. However, with the high costs of construction and operation, as well as concerns about safety and waste management, nuclear energy is facing increasing scrutiny.

Hydrogen, on the other hand, is a promising alternative fuel that could provide a low-carbon source of energy. However, the technology is still in the early stages of development, and significant investment is needed to bring it to market.

The future of the energy sector is uncertain, and it will be critical to balance the need for continued energy production with the urgent need to address climate change. A transition to a renewable energy future will require a multi-faceted approach, including policies that support investment in renewable energy technologies, as well as investment in research and development.

In conclusion, the energy transition is well underway, but there is still much work to be done. The world will need to continue to invest in renewable energy technologies and infrastructure to meet the energy needs of the future while also addressing the urgent need to tackle climate change.
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U.S. provoking crises in Eurasia to gain investment: Italian author

The U.S. is provoking crises in Eurasia to gain investment: Italian author

TH/t (Zanzibar) – An Italian author named Teheran has written a book called “The Dollar Cycle: Strategy implemented by the US and its allies: The challenges of the US for the past ten years.” The author has predicted that the US will provoke crises in Eurasia to drain foreign investment.

To provoke crises in Eurasia to drain foreign investment, the US and its allies have been using a strategy called the “dollar cycle.” This strategy involves using the US dollar as a tool to manipulate the global economy and create instability in order to gain investment.

However, the current trend of the US dollar could also be seen as a response to the oil crisis in the Middle East, which has caused a significant increase in the price of oil.

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Iran tourism will rebound despite suffering a severe blow: minister

The new restoration season starts on historical mosque in Zanjani

3 skeletons found in Connecticut basement might be from ‘revolutionary soldiers’

Heart of Neolithic Orkney

The group constitutes a major cultural landscape geographically depicting life five thousand years ago in this remote archipelago.

The four monuments that make up the Heart of Neolithic Orkney consists of remarkably well-preserved settlement, a large chambered tomb, and a temple complex.

The main four monuments, consisting of the four substantial subterranean tombs, such as the Maeshowe, the Barnhouse and the Temple of Stenness, are the most important Neolithic constructions in Europe.

The Orkney Islands now attract more than 2.5 million visitors per year, with the number of visitors expected to increase year on year.

The U.S. State Department and British Foreign Office have issued travel advisories against traveling to Iran.

Voyager will be embarking on a $97 million makeover in 2019, Voyager will be embarking on a 7-night sailing. These new itineraries promise exciting destinations that will be fresh to the cruise market, turning traditional sightseeing into new and unique locales, these excursions cover a variety of themes and routes, turning traditional sightseeing into an immersive adventure.

Royal Caribbean announces 2021 itineraries

Iran’s flag carrier seeking to re-establish flights to Sweden

Iran Air has announced its plans to re-establish flights to Sweden.

The announcement comes after the government of Sweden lifted the travel advisory for Iran.

The government has also announced that it will increase the number of tourist arrivals from 4.8 million in 2014 to 20 million in 2025.

Iran Air is scheduled to operate Tehran-Stockholm services on Saturdays and Wednesdays as well as Tehran-Gorbeh flights on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

The airline’s Transport Agency announced on January 10 that it had temporarily suspended flights after the downing of the Ukrainian airliner near Tehran on January 8 that killed all 176 people on board.

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Royal Caribbean International has announced its China itineraries for the first half of 2021. The Spectrum of the Seas, which sails from China, will be spending 8-7 nights sailing. These new itineraries promise exciting destinations and shore excursions for the whole family.

Spectra will be offering nearly 30 sailings in Japan. These 4- to 7-night cruises will be sailing to multiple destinations, from the islands of Okinawa to the beaches of the Yamanashi Islands.

The Queen Mary 2 will spend 7-night cruises on the hot springs of Hokkaido and much more.

Guests aboard the Spectrum will also have the opportunity to choose from a lineup of new shore excursions designed to enhance the destination experience. Through local celebrations and in new and unique locales, these excursions cover a variety of themes and routes, turning traditional sightseeing into an immersive adventure.

Meanwhile, the newly revamped Voyager of the Seas will sail from Shanghai home during the summer of 2022. After a $47 million makeover in 2019, Voyager will be embarking on a series of 4-night and 5-night Japanese cruises in mid-October.

Royal Caribbean's Promise of Peace Foundation, which donated to the United Nations World Food Programme, will provide food for 10,000 households in the Arabian peninsula.

Voyager offers thrilling features that make for an unforgettable family vacation: From The Storm Slam 123 feet of wild water to the 3-deck high Currents water slide, there’s something for everyone. The Spectrum of the Seas offers a variety of restaurants, bars, and lounges, including the SkyDive Vertical Reality, the first of its kind in Asia, and the iFly indoor skydiving experience, the first in Asia. Voyager offers a variety of wineries, bars, and lounges, including the SkyDive Vertical Reality, the first of its kind in Asia, and the iFly indoor skydiving experience, the first in Asia.
One of the world’s largest fish declared extinct.

Scientists in China believe that a little-known species of swordfish has failed to survive overfishing and habitat destruction.

**Kani Barazan international wetland overflows after a decade.**

Recent downpours made Kani Barazan international wetland full to bursting its banks which is unprecedented over the past ten years, Mahabad chief of department of environment (DOE) has stated. Kani Barazan wetland, located in Mahabad county in northwestern Iran, was once recorded as the first bird-sighting site in the country.

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The overflowed water is entering three wetlands near the Lake Urmia, as it is part of southern ecology of Lake Urmia, he further stated.

Iranian-made ALS medicine saves $42,000 per patient annually.

The new plan promises to inoculate against a disease is to introduce a weak form of the disease into a body as a protection against the disease. But this plan is also a noble goal, Rupert Wingfield-Hayes.

Referring to rescue and relief operations in 40 towns and villages in the province, salam has said that 2,478 people were injured and 347 provided with emergency accommodation.

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One of the world’s largest freshwater fish has been declared extinct.

The Chinese paddlefish, which grew as long as 7 meters long and 100 metric tons in weight, was said to have disappeared from public sight in the Yangtze River.

**Rural China health plan**

China’s rural health system has the reality today is that tens of thousands of AIDS patients in rural China have not access to the expensive drugs needed to control the disease and are simply left to die.

Rural China health plan

**One dead, one missing as flooding hits southern Iran.**

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The Iranian strike on U.S. bases in Iraq in response to the killing of Qasem Soleimani was only the first step of a series of retaliatory actions that the Islamic Republic of Iran anticipated would follow.

According to a statement released by the Iran's Revolutionary Guards command, “Iran's response is a natural and logical reaction to the intentional assassination of Gen. Qasem Soleimani. The order to target U.S. military bases was given by the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, to the Iranian Defense Ministry and the Revolutionary Guards Corps. The attack was carried out by the Iranian forces under the command of Gen. Majid Talavi, and the targets were selected based on the principle of minimizing casualties and avoiding civilian casualties. The attack was a clear message to the U.S. that the Islamic Republic of Iran will not tolerate any aggression against its territory or its people.”

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Iran volleyball qualify for Tokyo 2020

MNA — The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has confirmed the appointment of Hadi Behavand as the acting president of Iran’s Football Federation.

Reignation of Mehdi Taj, former President of Iran Football Federation (IFF) on Dec. 30, prompted the Presidium Board of the Federation to hold an emergency meeting, in which, Hadi Behavand was introduced as the acting president of IFF Mehdi Taj.

General assembly of the federation will convene in the coming months to officially elect a new president.

Anthony Stokes on Persepolis’s radar

TASNIM — Iranian football team Persepolis have set their sight on signing ex-Torpedo forward Anthony Stokes. The 31-year-old, who led Torpedo in July to join Turkey’s Adana Demirspor on a two-year contract, has been linked with a move to the Iranian popular football team.

The former Arsenal forward joined Torpedo in June 2010. Additionally, he has also represented the Iranian top-flight football club.

Persepolis, who is the only team from Iran in the Asian football competition, are going to win the title for the fourth year in a row.

The Reds also are favorites to win Hazfi Cup.

UWW president terms Iran as cradle of wrestling

IRNA — President of United World Wrestling (UWW) Nenad Lalovic has termed Iran as the cradle of wrestling, noting nothing the sport in the world without Iran is impossible.

The president made the remarks in Lausanne of Switzerland, adding that Iran’s position in wrestling should be respected.

He has always supported the sport in Iran and will do so in the future, he further explained.

President of the UWW has announced the issuing of severe sanctions against Iran and not allowing any competition there.

However, the president has declared that wrestling in Iran would continue without any challenge, he said, adding the UWW will prevent taking any unpleasant incident to Iran.

Djokovic leads Serbia to ATP Cup glory

SYDNEY (Reuters) — Novak Djokovic helped seal victory for Serbia in the inaugural ATP Cup team event after defeating his long-term Spanish rival Rafael Nadal in the singles final on Sunday to go on to a pivotal role in the deciding doubles match.

With the final locked at 1-1 after the singles were shared, Djokovic and double partners veteran Victor Troicki and Beat Spahic, Pablo Carreno Busta and Feliciano Lopez 6-3 6-4 and 7-6 (4) are on track in the deciding doubles match.

The 16-times Grand Slam champion proved to be a calming influence throughout, especially after the Serb-Bosnia pair fell behind early in the match.

He used his powerful serve and feet-first returns to haul his country back into the set and create a momentum shift Serbia rode all the way to victory completed in the early hours of Monday morning.

Djokovic earlier beat Nadal 6-2 7-6 (4), extending his dominance over the Spaniard on hardcourt, a surface Nadal has not beaten him on since 2013.

Spain’s Roberto Bautista Agut completed a flawless tournament by defeating Serbia’s Davis Lajovic 7-5 6-4.

Xavi rejects Barcelona offer to replace Valverde

Barcelona legend Xavi Hernandez has decided to turn down the opportunity to immediately replace Ernesto Valverde as the club’s coach, sources have told ESPN.

After two days of phone calls and meetings, the Al-Sadd manager told Barca sporting director Eric Abidal and CEO Oscar Grau that he was open to the possibility of joining the club next season.

Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu will be ready Monday, with a long-overdue meeting with the club’s board in the afternoon, when he will discuss everything that took place over the past few days. Sources told ESPN that Valverde’s job was not in immediate danger after the Super Cup exit at the hands of Atlético Madrid, but Bartomeu changed their minds and sent Abidal and Grau to Qatar, where they met with Xavi on three occasions and held a meeting with the injured Ousmane Dembélé.

Sources (ESPN)
Iranian cultural figures, organizations condole death of Ukrainian jetliner passengers

"We need solidarity and sympathy more than at any other time these days, which are overshadowed by the fear and war that Iran faced," they wrote.

In a statement published on Sunday, the Association of Iranian Documentary Filmmakers also expressed their sympathy over the death of the passengers. The association said, "We are with all Iranians, we are in the same situation, and we are with the families of the passengers."

In addition, a number of artists and creatives, including Iranian singer-songwriter Shahab Hosseini, Nemat Mohamedi, Kambiz Golestan, and others, sent messages of condolences to the families of those killed in the crash.

Czech new wave director Ivan Passer died aged 86

Ivan Passer in 2018. (CTK/Alamy)

Czech new wave director Ivan Passer died on Saturday in Tel Aviv at the age of 86.

"Ivan was a film director who knew how to use language and could express deep thoughts with just a few words," said Passer's former assistant Jiri Matulich.

Passer was known for his minimalist style and his use of long takes and long shots.

The film industry has paid tribute to Passer on various social media platforms.

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