

Israeli and AIPAC Big Lies About Iran's Intended Use of "Unfrozen Financial Assets"

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<u>AIPAC</u> devotes a section on its web site to malicious Big Lies about Iran intending use of its unfrozen assets to spread its nonexistent "malign global influence," once international sanctions are lifted this weekend as expected.

An unnamed Israeli source claims Tehran will invest heavily in military, not civilian projects, citing no credible evidence.

Another unnamed Israeli source was quoted, saying "(t)he world powers are mistaken if they see Iran as a solution to regional stability, and not the source of the problem."

Fact: Iran prioritizes regional peace and stability, free from nuclear weapons.

Fact: Israel and Saudi Arabia complicit with Washington are the region's leading proliferators of endless wars, violence and chaos.

Netanyahu and other Israeli hardliners duplicitously call Iran an existential threat – not according to departing Mossad chief Tamir Pardo, saying:

"Everyone knows that Israel is a very strong nation. This is no longer a time when (it) is forced to deal with existential threats." It faces none.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini met with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif to "finalize" last year's nuclear deal. IAEA confirmation of Tehran observing agreed on terms is expected Saturday.

Netanyahu continues spreading Big Lies, claims about Iran's road to the bomb along with fostering terrorism and instability.

Zarif and John Kerry met on Saturday, Tehran's foreign minister, saying "(w)e're trying. We're working on" lifting international sanctions today or this weekend.

Nuclear talks "proved we can solve important problems through diplomacy, not threats and pressure, and thus today is definitely an important day. (N)aysayers are always wrong."

Separately on Saturday, Iran freed jailed Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian, former FBI agent Robert Levinson, Christian pastor Saeed Abedini and former US marine Amir Hekmati, accused of spying – ahead of imminent lifting of international sanctions.

They were freed "within the framework of exchanging prisoners," according to Iran's ISNA news agency.

In exchange, Washington will release seven Iranian-Americans lawlessly held, "languishing (in) US jails," according to Tehran's IRNA news service.

The exchange includes Washington agreeing to stop seeking extradition of 14 Iranians for alleged involvement in purchasing US weapons.

Dubai-based Iranian-American businessman Siamak Namazi's case remains unresolved. Iran hasn't publicly commented on his imprisonment.

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