

US exploits Kurdish Elements against Iran

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Certain elements within Kurdistan and the Kurds are being manipulated and exploited in covert Anglo-American and Israeli operations within Kurdistan and against Iran and Syria.

The United States also used the Kurds in the past against the pre-2003 Iraqi government. The United States and Britain have encouraged the Kurds on many occasions to revolt against Saddam Hussein. The U.S. government and military encouraged the Kurds, Iraqi military officers, Arabs identifying themselves as Shia Muslims, and various other groups in Iraq to revolt, after the Gulf War, but watched as they were defeated.

The reason the United States stopped short of helping to remove Saddam Hussein was a fear of democracy returning to Iraq. If Saddam Hussein were to be removed from power prematurely after the Gulf War in 1991 the United States government feared of a genuinely democratic government taking power in Iraq, which in reality, despite what is said and claimed, is contrary to what the United States in actual fact wanted or wants in Iraq.

Now the Kurds and other groups are being used once again to further Anglo-American foreign policy in the Middle East. History may be doomed to repeat itself.

This does not mean that all Kurdish individuals in Iran are hostile to Iran as a national entity. There exists a wide spectrum of ideas, opinions, political ideology, and perspective amongst the Kurds of Iran and all Kurdish peoples from Syria and Turkey to Iraq, Iran and the Caucasus.

It should also be noted that the Medes, a people of Iranian (Iranic) stock, the ancestors of the modern Kurds are conventionally recognized as the founders of the historical and national entity of Iran.

Kurds have also had exceptional and immensely important roles in the history of Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria, and the entire Middle East. In fact, the eagle that is represented on the coat of arms, flags, and national symbols of many Arab states, including Egypt, Syria, Palestine, and Iraq, is the insignia of Saladin—one of the greatest leaders of both the Middle East and the Arab World.

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So far, the C.I.A. has found no evidence of secret nuclear weapon program of Iran, Seymour M. Hersh wrote in the article released by *The New Yorker* yesterday. Nevertheless, the United States and Israel are staging the attack on Iran and are involved in conducting clandestine cross-border forays into that Islamic state, the famous journalist made clear. The White House rebuffed by calling the information a blatant lie. And this response of the Bush administration echoed its reaction to Hersh's article about Abu Ghraib prison.

"The C.I.A. found no conclusive evidence, as yet, of a secret Iranian nuclear-weapons program running parallel to the civilian operations that Iran has declared to the International Atomic Energy Agency," Seymour Hersh wrote.

According to the journalist, the assumptions of C.I.A. are based on "technical intelligence collected by overhead satellites, and on other empirical evidence, such as measurements of the radioactivity of water samples and smoke plumes from factories and power plants."

Regardless, republican President George W. Bush is apparently resolved to go the whole hog against Iran despite the recent victory of democrats in the Congress. In interpretation of today's White House, it means the enforced coup d'etat in that Islamic state.

According to Hersh, the United States and Iran have been conducting clandestine activities in Iran for half a year already. In Iran, the United States acts via the Party for Free Life in Kurdistan group of Kurdish resistance. "The group has been conducting clandestine cross-border forays into Iran, I was told by a government consultant with close ties to the Pentagon civilian leadership, as "part of an effort to explore alternative means of applying pressure on Iran," the journalist wrote.

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