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Well now...Persia is busy busy busy stirring up strife everywhere:

Iran's Dangerous New Terror Proxy: Sudan

Iran's Encirclement of Israel, Control of Red Sea, Almost Complete

by Pete Hoekstra

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While the Biden administration is preoccupied trying to win re-election this November, as well as putting out a series of fires it helped start in Ukraine, the Middle East and the Indo-Pacific, a new area of urgent concern, largely flying under the public's radar, has been brewing: Iran's increasing penetration of Sudan.

Pocketing Sudan would provide Iran with more oil, gold and rare minerals, as well as another port on Red Sea from which to continue blocking maritime commercial passage. Sudan would also provide Iran with proximity to Israel, and serve as an additional launching pad from which to swarm Israel with more lethal drone attacks – at least until its nuclear weapons program is complete.

Iran could also add Sudan to the list of the four other countries it already effectively controls in the region: Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen.

Sudan, with Iran's backing, would then be well on its way to being another Hamas, al-Qaeda or Taliban, and spreading its inclinations to the rest of the African continent. Areej Elhag recently wrote for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy:

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Bloomberg reported on January 24 that Iran has been supplying the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, with military drones – everyone's new "cheap, instant air force," more accessible than a real one. Iran has also been teaching the Sudanese how to make them locally.

The SAF, reportedly linked to the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists, is currently embroiled in a civil war.

The Sudanese regime, headed by al-Burhan, is a dictatorial one. It has reportedly committed atrocious crimes against the Sudanese population, including bombing entire neighborhoods and killing civilians.

Worse still, this regime signed a strategic agreement with Iran, an enemy of democracy that has been killing and wounding American troops to try to force the US out of the region.

It is crucial that the US not comply, as it did in Afghanistan. Whatever modest US force is presently in the Middle East, it sends a strong a message that the entire area does not belong to the most aggressive predator.

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The SAF, with Iran's help, is attempting to defeat the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), headed by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, and apparently not much better. Dagalo, also known as "Hemedti," appears aligned with Ethiopia, Chad, and the Libyan National Army of Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar (an ally of Egypt).

The Iranians evidently see the sale of weapons and new economic agreements as the initial steps to leverage chaos in the world to enhance its geostrategic aims. That is what it appears to be doing in deepening its ties to Sudan. Reports indicate the extent to which these Iranian activities already are taking place. Iran has also reportedly offered Sudan a "helicopter-carrying warship" in exchange for allowing Iran to construct a naval base in the country. The request was reportedly turned down out of fear of the response by Israel and the United States.

After the Biden administration relaxed sanctions on Iran, Iran was able to reenergize its treasury. From being cash-strapped, Iran has bolstered its cash reserves by billions through increased oil sales. It has used these extra funds to help finance the Houthi's threat to shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, fund the brutal attack by Hamas against Israel on October 7, fund its own massive drone and missile attacks against Israel on April 14, and fund the ongoing build-up of arms caches by Hezbollah.

Iran now seeks to use its money to buy influence with the Sudanese government as it wages a violent and deadly civil war. Sudan and Iran have a complicated history, but the civil war there has created an opening for Iran to build stronger and closer ties with Sudanese leaders. These efforts could well result in Sudan itself, or groups in the country, becoming the latest proxy for Iran in its efforts to spread conflict and distract the West.

Given Sudan's strategic location, Iranian efforts to weave the nation into its sphere of influence must be blunted.

In a world seemingly on hair trigger, it is essential that the U.S. and our allies in Europe not let the chaos exploding in Eastern Europe and the Middle East spread. The Russia-Ukraine war has strained Western military supply capabilities, revealing shortcomings in both the stockpiles and defense industrial base of the West. It also has caused growing divisions in Washington, D.C. as was witnessed by the months-long delay in Congress to approve the latest arms package for Ukraine. This same arms package included funding for a key U.S. ally, Israel, in its ongoing war against Hamas in Gaza and the threat posed by Hezbollah in Lebanon. The other issue gaining significant attention in the region is the ongoing threat to international shipping posed by the Houthis in Yemen.

There is one constant in all of these areas of unrest—Iran. Iran's support for its armed proxy groups, and its provision of weapons to Russia, have provided the necessary kindling to fuel conflict across a large chunk of Eurasia.

Curtailling Iran's malign influence is critical to putting an end to the current conflicts in the Middle East, but it is also imperative that the West wise up and halt the spread of Iranian influence into other areas of the world.

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These are dangerous and escalatory steps being taken by Iran to increase its influence and ability to project chaos and terror in the region. The U.S. government has publicly called for a halt to weapons sales to Sudan, and added that Sudan faces "a crisis of epic proportions." U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Linda Thomas-Greenfield, noted that the city of El Fasher is "on the precipice of a large-scale massacre." These official U.S. statements highlight the desperate situation in Sudan today, a situation that is being worsened by and for the benefit of Iran.

The bottom line for America and Europe is that the strategy of engaging and appeasing Iran has failed miserably. Not only is Iran a key supplier to Russia's war effort in Ukraine, it also has successfully destabilized the Middle East.

The war that is currently being fought by Iranian proxies has resulted in massive public demonstrations. These seem notably well-organized well-funded in the U.S. and Europe by outside agitators who are dedicated to overthrowing America, the rule of law and the West – in preference for terrorism and tyranny.

It is therefore doubly important to prevent Iran from extending its chaos and malign influence without delay. Tensions in the Middle East, and the growing pressure to appease terrorists, have also strained the relationship between the U.S. and Israel — the two main countries that stand in the way of predatory regimes, such as Iran, Russia and Communist China from achieving their goals.

Washington cannot allow this chaos to be the opening for Iran to expand its footprint in the Middle East and Africa. The lessons of the past five decades are clear. When Iran sees an opening — an opportunity in chaos — it will seize the initiative and leverage its resources to create more areas of chaos in additional parts of the world to further expand its influence.

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We cannot allow new "proxies of terror" for Iran.

Iran's New Proxy: American Universities

by Robert Williams May 19, 2024

"We are watching the demonstrations, and we like what we see, but it should not end with this.... These protestors are our people and will support Iran in an Iran-U.S. confrontation; Iran can repeat in the U.S. what it did in Lebanon but on a grander scale because the 'Hizbullah -style' groups in the U.S. are 'much larger' than in Lebanon.... America is the Great Satan and our enemy, but we have hope in these areas." — Foad Izadi, Teheran University, who studied at University of Houston and Louisiana State University, Ofogh TV (Iran), April 26, 2024.

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"We found evidence that the government of Iran really controlled everything about the [Alavi] foundation," Adam Kaufmann, investigations chief at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, November 22, 2009.

The Alavi Foundation, according to its website, has indeed funded many of the universities where protests were taking place. The universities include those of the Ivy league, such as Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers, as well as UCLA and many others.

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Hooshang Amirahmadi, the founder of the American Iranian Council (AIC), has admitted that the lobbying organization was created by the Islamic Republic of Iran to work for its interests in the US. Amirahmadi has had and continues to enjoy a successful academic career at Rutgers University....

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In addition, at least five US universities -- Virginia Tech University, the University of Washington, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clarkson University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette -- have allegedly been cooperating with Iranian entities that are sanctioned by the US and the European Union, including the Iranian Aerospace Research Institute, Iran University of Science and Technology, and the Sharif University of Technology. Iran can only be rejoicing at the moral and educational collapse they have helped create on American university campuses, which are grooming America's future teachers, judges and political leaders. Now, however, these campuses appear to be incubating America's future terrorists and creating a national security threat.

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U.S. campuses. They declared a "student intifada," conducted a Hamas-inspired "Day of Rage," bowed down to Allah and called for "Death to Israel" and "Death to America."

Meanwhile, Iran and the mouthpieces of its Islamist regime were paying extremely close attention. According to Tehran University Professor Foad Izadi, who is American-educated and considered one of Iran's main experts on the U.S. and a mouthpiece for the Iranian regime:

"...the demonstrations [on U.S. campuses] are important. What we in the Islamic Republic should do is... We are watching the demonstrations, and we like what we see, but it should not end with this... These protestors are our people and will support Iran in an Iran-U.S. confrontation; Iran can repeat in the U.S. what it did in Lebanon but on a grander scale because the 'Hizbullah -style' groups in the U.S. are 'much larger' than in Lebanon."

Izadi was educated at the University of Houston and received his doctorate from Louisiana State University before returning to Iran. In the West, he falsely poses as a peace activist, as a board member of the radical organization World Beyond War which calls itself "a global movement to end all wars."

Izadi urged the Iranian government to engage "on an operational level" with protesting students in the U.S. to try to "recruit connections and build networks" among them, adding

"Personally, I think that the potential to repeat in the U.S. what Iran did in Lebanon is much higher. Our Hizbullah-style groups in America are much larger than what we have in Lebanon. America is the Great Satan and our enemy, but we have hope in these areas."

Hezbollah in Lebanon is also paying extremely close attention. In a May 3 interview, Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem praised the pro-Hamas protests on American campuses.

"We appreciate and value this very much. Perhaps in the future, there will be cooperation among the youth of the world – in America, France, Britain, Germany, and all the activists. The [campus protests] are important, especially because they will have an impact on the U.S. elections. They will have an impact on the American position. Even if Biden says that he will not be influenced by this, he will whether he likes it or not. We will see him taking actions because of the protesters' influence on him."

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"Where do the members of Congress come from? From among the people. If the people's perspective changes... There were never such level [of protests] in America... This would mean embarking on a new stage, and maybe one of these days, America will no longer support Israel to such an extent. Without support, Israel is nothing. We would not have to work hard in order to destroy Israel. Without support, it will be destroyed."

The Iranian regime – the patron and sponsor of Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis -- has been working on just such an outcome since the Islamic revolution in 1979. Now, Iran and others appear to be actively seeking to turn American youth against the US by infiltrating American campuses.

The New York Post wrote as early as 2009:

"The deep-pocketed Alavi Foundation has aggressively given away hundreds of thousands of dollars to Columbia University and Rutgers University for Middle Eastern and Persian studies programs that employ professors sympathetic to the Iranian dictatorship...

"In one of the biggest handouts, the controversial charity donated \$100,000 to Columbia University after the Ivy League school agreed to host Iranian leader and Holocaust denier Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, according to the foundation's 2007 tax filings obtained by The Post."

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"This is all about Iran laundering their policies through academe," said Michael Rubin, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. "And the ivory tower is prostituting itself for money." According to Influence Watch, the Alavi Foundation has been investigated by the US government since 2003, and has funded several other institutions apart from American universities:

"It donated \$50 million from its founding through 2014, including to non-Muslim groups such as the Clinton Foundation, to which it sent \$30,000; Action Against Hunger, to which it sent \$500,000; New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund, to which it sent \$100,000; Harvard University, which received over \$600,000; and the Catholic University of America, which received \$375,000."

In 2020, the Education Department asked Harvard University to disclose more information about donations it received from the Alavi Foundation. In 2016, Harvard employed Ali Akbar Alikhani – who had warned about "the Jewish threat" -- from Tehran University's Faculty of World Studies, which is reportedly closely tied to the Iranian regime, as a visiting scholar at Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern studies. At Harvard, he claimed to be a "professor of peace," centered on a project about "peaceful coexistence in Islam."

In November 2023, the U.S. House Committee of Education and the Workforce launched an investigation into former Iranian official Seyed Hossein Mousavian, who is a Middle East Security and Nuclear Policy Specialist at the Program on Science and Global Security at Princeton University. "Higher education has bowed down to the radical left and enemies of America for far too long, and the mere fact that a former member of the Iranian regime is given a platform at Princeton is proof," said House Rep. Lisa McClain.

Mousavian served as Iran's ambassador to Germany from 1990-1997, during which time the Islamic Republic assassinated Iranian dissidents living in Germany. He remains employed at Princeton, while continuing to have close ties to the Iranian regime. According to Alliance Against Islamic Regime of Iran Apologists.

Mousavian, who attended the funeral of the deceased arch-terrorist Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps commander Qassem Soleimani in Tehran in 2020, also appeared in an Iranian TV tribute to him.

"Individuals who are aligned with malignant regimes continue to permeate America's postsecondary education system," said U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx, who chairs the Education and the Workforce Committee.

"Seyed Hossein Mousavian's refuge at Princeton for 15 years is a textbook example. These individuals pose a grave threat to America's national security posture, and they are left to fester without any intervening action or diligent oversight efforts. It's time for some much-needed sunlight to expose the blatant corruption and influence peddling that has become far too commonplace."

Similarly, Oberlin College, employed Iran's former UN ambassador, Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, who reportedly covered up the mass murder of 5,000 Iranian political prisoners in 1988 when he was the regime's ambassador to the UN. While at Oberlin, he called himself the "professor of peace." Mahallati taught at Columbia in the 1990s, where he was found guilty of sexually harassing a female student. Oberlin suspended him only in December 2023 after a three-year campaign by Iranian dissidents in the US. He taught students support for Hamas. According to the Alliance Against Islamic Regime of Iran Apologists. "We demanded Mahallati's immediate termination after an Amnesty International report identified him as a chief conspirator in the Iran regime's attempts to hide the 1988 massacre of an estimated 5,000 political prisoners. In late September, the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights revealed that it was investigating a complaint that Mahallati taught students 'support for Hamas and terrorism' as part of a larger probe into anti-Semitism on Oberlin's campus."

The list of Iranian professors working on behalf of Iran's regime continues to grow. Hooshang Amirahmadi, the founder of the American Iranian Council (AIC), has admitted that the lobbying organization was created by the Islamic Republic of Iran to work for its interests in the US. Amirahmadi continues to enjoy a successful academic career at Rutgers University, where he is Distinguished Service professor, former director of the Rutgers' Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the founder of the Rutgers Center for Iranian Research and Analysis, on which he served as director for many years. Rutgers describes him as:

"Acclaimed for his contributions to improving United States-Iran relations through promoting world peace and humanistic studies... and founder of the American Iranian Council, a nonprofit research organization devoted to improving dialogue and understanding between the peoples of Iran and the United States."

"The problem of terrorism is a true myth. Iran has not been involved in any terrorist organization. Neither Hezbollah nor Hamas are terrorist organizations," Amirahmadi claimed in 2008. Between 2005 and 2007 alone, the Alavi Foundation donated \$351,600 to the Rutgers Persian-language program, according to a spokesman for Rutgers. Students there may literally have been indoctrinated to love Hamas for at least a decade and a half. Some faculty members at Rutgers recently called for the genocide of Jews.

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