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THREAD

1)

This has been making a lot of noise among #Iran's netizens.

Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-Zahder said in a recent interview that in 2006 Qassem Soleimani gave them $22 million in cash.

This is how the regime spends the Iranian people's



2)

Why is this important?

The West may further appease Iran's regime & the mullahs are demanding the U.S. lift sanctions in order to gain access to billions of dollars.

Reminder:
Iran Spends $16 Billion Annually to Support Terrorists and Rogue Regimes
https://t.co/CMObHvZESe

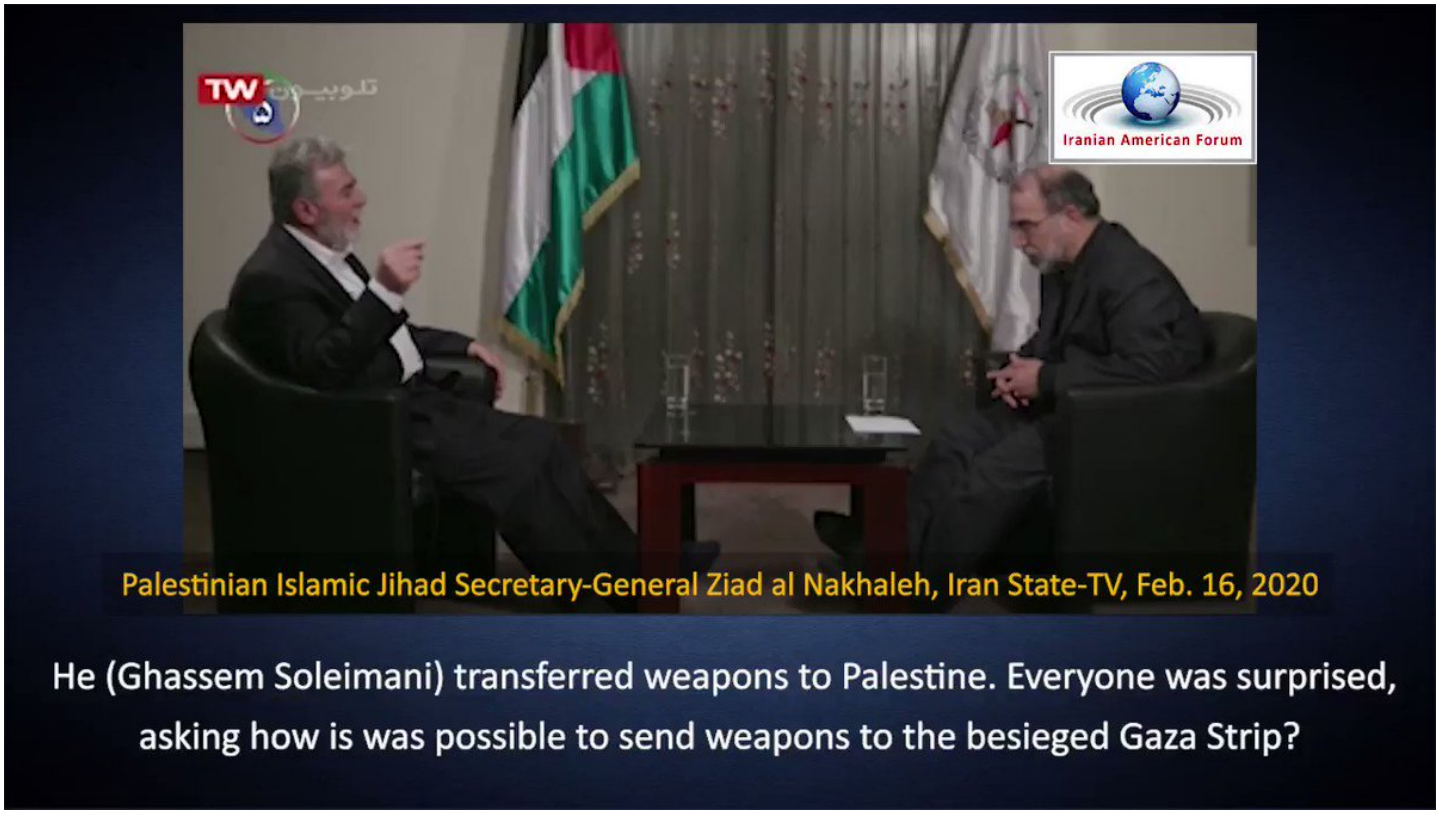
3)
"As long as Iran has money, that means we here have money, too," said Lebanese Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah.

Obama's 2015 Iran nuclear deal provided $150 billion in credit & $1.8 billion in cash for Tehran's mullahs.



4)
Feb. 16, 2020
Islamic Jihad Secretary-General Ziad al-Nakhaleh

Qassem Soleimani personally supervised the transfer of weapons, missiles & technology into Gaza.



5)
Pro-Iran Lebanese political analyst Anis Al-Naqqash

#Iran armed [Hamas & Islamic Jihad] & provided tech assistance to the Houthis in Yemen



6)
#Iran has spent about $30 billion in Syria since the start of the war in the country in 2011, said a former Iranian lawmaker in

rare remarks about Tehran’s spending in support of Bashar al-Assad’s regime.
https://t.co/jC2MYyyst3

7)
#Iran’s apologists/lobbyists have long said—“There’s nothing to see here!”

@AliVaez says the $700 million/year that Iran provides for Hezbollah “is truly not that much at all” (!)

Of course, he lives in the US & cares not that 60 million of Iran’s 84 million live in poverty.



8)
But don’t be surprised. Vaez is a protégé of former Iranian regime president Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Note: Iran's officials only allow pictures with Iranians who are their utmost loyalists.

See thread below for more on Vaez.
https://t.co/B8Qo4DqYyP



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Let\u2019s talk about a recent WaPo piece written by #Iran apologist/lobbyist @AliVaez teaming up with a former Iranian FM Ardeshir Zahedi.

Question: Why don\u2019t they ask Iran\u2019s mullahs to run a \u201cstable\u201d & \u201cnormal" country? pic.twitter.com/5RFFgajpAl

— Heshmat Alavi (@HeshmatAlavi) June 22, 2019

9)
Iran’s network of apologist/lobbyists are busy pushing @JZarif’s talking points that U.S. sanctions on Iran’s regime must be lifted.

They claim sanctions are killing ordinary Iranians.

Yet they will never talk about how money going into Iran fuels terrorism.



10)
As we speak Iran is delaying any purchase of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Why? If they do, it will reveal that U.S. sanctions do not prevent the import of food & medicine.

Then they, nor their apologists/lobbyists, can no longer demand the U.S. to lift sanctions on Iran.

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ADDENDUM:
#Iran's regime provided at least $20 billion to $30 billion to the Bashar Assad regime in #Syria.
https://t.co/xe1m3SChON

> On May 20, the state-run Etemad Online published an interview with Heshmatollah Falahatpisheh. In March, in his interview, Falahatpisheh admitted #Iran has granted $20-30 billion to prop the Assad regime in #Syria while 60% of Iranian families have pushed below the #poverty line. pic.twitter.com/mE11FsEiSc
>
> — IranNewsUpdate (@IranNewsUpdate1) May 22, 2020