Twitter Thread by Heshmat Alavi





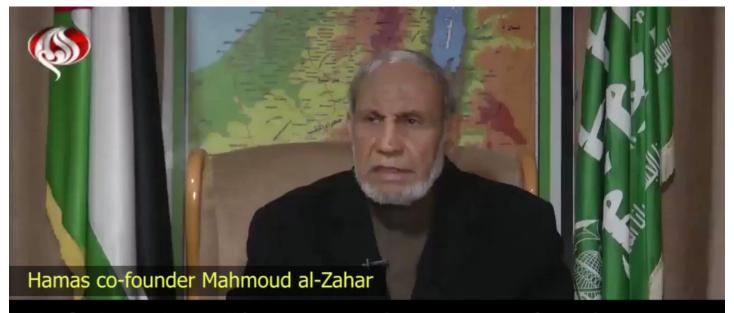
THREAD

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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



My first meeting with Qassem Soleimani was after I became the Foreign Minister of Palestine in 2006.

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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.



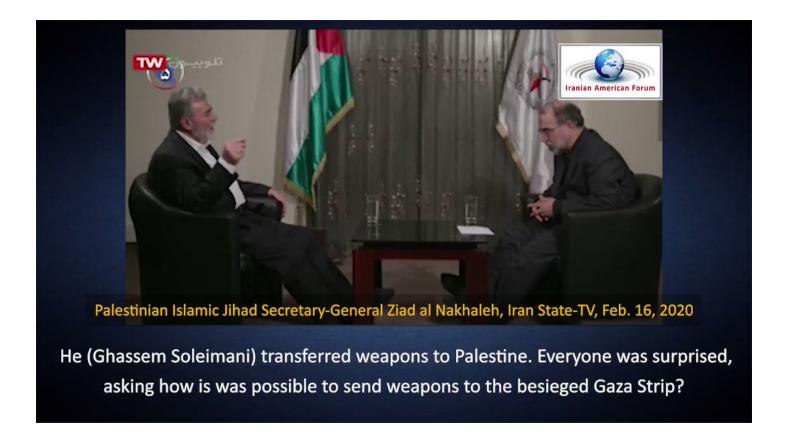
All of Hezbollah's budget, expenses, wages, food, drinks, weapons and rockets are all supplied by the Islamic Republic of Iran...

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



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.



Look, the policy that Iran has pursued in the region during these past years has been a very low-cost policy. Even the Trump administration, that exaggerates everything about Iran,

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 <u>#Iran</u> apologist/lobbyist <u>@ AliVaez</u> 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/5RFFgaipAl

- 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 <u>#Iran</u> has granted \$20-30 billion to prop the Assad regime in <u>#Syria</u> while 60% of Iranian families have pushed below the #poverty line. pic.twitter.com/mE11FsEiSc

— IranNewsUpdate (@IranNewsUpdate1) May 22, 2020