

Britain's Betrayal: Siding with Trump Against Iran

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The US/UK special relationship is longstanding. Throughout the post-WW II era, both nations have been imperial partners, the US calling the shots, Britain saluting and obeying.

During his March 1946 Fulton, MO "Iron Curtain" address, Winston Churchill noted the special relationship, saying the following:

"Neither the sure prevention of war, nor the continuous rise of world organization will be gained without what I have called the fraternal association of the English-speaking peoples...a special relationship between the British Commonwealth and Empire and the United States."

In November 1945, he said "(w)e should not abandon our special relationship with the United States..."

In 1930, British Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald affirmed it long before Churchill. It dates from the 19th century, notably after America's Civil War, its modern form emerging post-WW II.

The imperial record of both countries, hostile to peace and stability, stands in sharp contrast to their lofty rhetoric, including support for global terrorist groups instead of combatting them, using them as proxies to advance their common agenda, Britain assuming a junior partner role to dominant America.

When the US goes to war against nations threatening no one, or engages in other hostile actions against them like imposing illegal sanctions, Britain virtually always partners in its criminality.

That's how things are playing out in the run-up to possible US aggression against Iran, a lunatic action if occurs.

Based on its hostile actions against Iran after Trump illegally pulled out of the JCPOA, it's increasingly clear that Britain only pretends to support the landmark agreement while siding with the White House against it.

The US/UK partnership against Iran increases the likelihood of dooming the JCPOA, negating years of negotiations to produce the landmark agreement if things turn out this way.

At the behest of the Trump regime, Britain seized Iran's Grace 1 supertanker on July 4, a

hostile act of maritime piracy, likely timed with DJT's militarized Independence Day commemoration.

Impounding the vessel, seizing its documents and electronic devices, along with arresting its captain, chief officer, and two other crew members were bandit actions, flagrant violations of international maritime law.

Britain compounded its hostility toward Iran in deference to the White House by falsely accusing the IRGC of attempting to seize a UK tanker passing through the Strait of Hormuz, its transponder improperly turned off, the vessel followed by a British frigate.

In cahoots with the Trump regime, Britain likely aimed to entrap Iran, wanting it to commit a hostile action its political and military authorities were too savvy to fall for.

They surely won't give the White House a pretext to unjustifiably justify war on the country, just the opposite by consistently following international laws, norms, and standards in dealings with other nations — polar opposite how the US, Britain, Israel, and their imperial partners operate.

On Friday, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi explained the following:

"We have told the British authorities that their move would increase tensions and is in line with those hostile policies of the US," adding:

"From the first day the oil tanker was seized, Iran started taking legal and diplomatic measures. We summoned the UK ambassador twice, and he appeared at the Iranian foreign ministry for several other meetings to provide some explanations."

"We have given the case to a lawyer who is currently taking legal and judiciary procedures."

Sino/Russian "(s)ignatories to the JCPOA, as well as other countries, have done their best to preserve the deal."

"Iran's next step, within the two-month deadline to Europe, is planned and will be implemented" if Britain, France, Germany, and the EU remain in breach of their JCPOA obligations — binding international law they violated by their unacceptable actions, siding with the Trump regime against Iran.

On Friday, Iran again demanded the release of its Grace 1 supertanker, calling Britain's action a "dangerous game under the influence of the Americans with no end in sight."

President Rouhani warned Britain that it "initiat(ed) insecurity, (unspecified) consequences in the future" to follow if they remain in breach of maritime and other international law.

Foreign Minister Zarif slammed Britain for "creat(ing) tension." Its fabricate "claims (against Iran) have no value," he stressed.

Through his spokesman, one-sidedly pro-Western/pro Israel UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres issued his typical unacceptable response to Britain's hostile action against Iran in

cahoots with the Trump regime, calling for “maximum restraint” — while suggesting Iranian responsibility for their unacceptable actions, adding:

“We want...everyone to allow for the freedom of movement of vessels, and we’re hopeful that they will abide by that” — instead of squarely laying blame where it belongs.

Because of US-led hostility toward Iran, on top of its endless wars in multiple theaters, the Middle East remains a tinder box of possible greater US, NATO, Israeli aggression than already.

Note: Four Grace 1 crew members unlawfully arrested by Britain were released on Friday uncharged, with unexplained “conditions.”

The vessel remains illegally impounded — its status unlikely to change unless permitted by Trump regime hardliners, Britain submissive to its unacceptable demands.

Separately, a second UK warship is en route to the Persian Gulf. Will its mission be to push the envelope toward war on Iran?

The US, UK, other NATO nations, Israel, and their imperial partners are archenemies of world peace!

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