

The Effect of Great Middle East plan on foreign politics of I.R. of Iran

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Abstract: Middle East has always been for various reasons one of the major regions of the world prone to crisis and for this reason has been attended of great powers in the history of the world. Thus, any change in the political conditions of the region has been able to influence the whole world. One of the issues that policymakers of the world have been attended in recent years is Great Middle East plan by the United States of America. The study also seeks to analyze the causes of formation performing and how to effectively the Middle East plan on the countries in the region and analyzed the effects on national security of the Islamic Republic of Iran. So the main question of this study is that Is the Middle East plan will affect the strategy of the Islamic Republic's foreign policy? In order to answer this question, the main hypothesis is that the Great Middle East Seems to be a great opportunities for Iran's foreign policy. In general, the Great Middle East plan is based on several major assumptions first; it seeks to destroy the source and origin of extremism and terrorism in the Near East, the Middle East and North Africa which Threat the West National Interest and international security. Second, the threat of the loss of freedom and democracy, low levels of knowledge, lack of scientific development, the unrighteous status of women and the dire situation of human rights. Thus eliminating these menaces and the priorities of Regional development policies should be focused on policy development by encouraging and guiding the country towards democracy liberal regimes and development of scientific and educational centers, economic liberalization and privatization. And altogether the policies will be big challenges for all countries in the region.

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It stated:

Because of the importance of particular geopolitical the Middle East region has been historically the focus of great power. Today, this area due to the strategic location and its geopolitical and prevailing political status it considered as one of the factors affecting international equations. Superior geopolitical and placed between the great international powers, cheap raw materials, rich sources of energy, especially oil and gas, in all these cases, the area has become a major focus of power. Another important element that has added to the importance of the middle east region, existence different cultures, including Islamic civilization in the region that as a civilization, competing with the west, especially is considered the ruling liberal Christian civilization of Europe and America. On the other hand, people in this region due to a history of colonialism and Western domination, don't have very positive attitude and policies of the Western powers in the Middle East and consistently conflict with the positions of Western policies in the region. Altogether the regard, the Great Middle East plan as a comprehensive plan for modernization of the political, economic and cultural in the Middle East region have a great importance. Proposed this plan in the region, in general, will create a new atmosphere in relations with the countries of the developed world and specifically America. Regional and supra regional reactions towards the plan, opened the new season of

positions and subsequently consultations in regional and international and Subject of the plan as a core issue in regional diplomatic moves, On the one hand, have made Western countries as sponsors this plan on the other hand. In total, can be gives the various opportunities and challenges facing the countries in the Middle East region. So the main question of this study is that the Middle East plan will affect the strategy of the Islamic Republic's foreign policy? In order to answer the above hypotheses have been proposed

Main hypotheses:

It seems the Great Middle East plan can be gives great opportunity disposal Iranian foreign policy that can be used to increase the level of solidarity between Iran and countries of the region.

Definition of concepts

1 - Middle East: a vast region in Southwest Asia which includes countries from North Africa to the Indian subcontinent and between the Red Sea and the Caucasus. (Ashuri, 1997: 60).

2 - The Great Middle East plan: this plan is driven policies of America in the Middle East region is responsible for reception America's policies in the region, The basic pillars of plan with the aim of creating a free and modern Middle East provided based on four basic principles that are Education,

economy, civil society and the increase of women's rights. America after the events of September eleventh and the invasion of Kuwait and Iraq and has raised , the Great Middle East plan with the aim of creating a platform in political, social, cultural and economic affairs according to their interests in the region. In general, are considered the following general objectives of the project. 1-to provide a free flow of energy in the region 2-advance the peace process in the Middle East 3-Israel's provide security and national interests. 4-Counter-Terrorism 5-fight against the converse country's interests and America's policies 6-Western developing culture under the banner of liberalism, civil liberties, increase women's rights and promoting democracy and human rights. (Moen Alddin, 2007: 66)

3- Renovation: Renovation Include of the social change, In line with the development of new patterns of life in industrialized societies and visible and lasting change over time, so that the construction and impact Duties of social organization of a community that may change the course of history. (Ashurian, 1997: 67).

4 - Convergence: Karl Deutsch says that definition of convergence: Convergence include of a sense of community within the department and territory of a region and also access to a broad and powerful Activities and organizations. (Ashuri, 1997: 76).

5 - Democracy: Democracy is a Greek word and its Purpose is the Government of the People. Means the right of everyone to participate in decision-making in the public affairs of the community. Representative democracy is directly or indirectly it defined as participate in decision-making By the elected representatives of the people. (Ashuri, 2003: 52).

Impact of the Great Middle East Plan on Iran

Islamic Republic of Iran by the Terms and Conditions considered to be great powers in potential of economic, political and cultural and therefore has a special place in the Great Middle East Plan. Thus it can be said that new conditions and even the Great Middle East Plan could be create many opportunities for Iran. Iran's government has been introduced frequently by America as a adverse state and a part of the Axis of Evil. For example, fear of taking advantage by Iran from the situation in Iraq in 1991 lead to Semi putting projects of America in the region and the postponement of overthrow of Saddam Hussein was time of losing 10 years. Of course America at the time in Iraq was no substitute deputy for Saddam. Pro-Iranian forces took advantage of the opportunity and gradually could be influential in Iraq. But today a strong presence and investment by America for several years has away from Iran's

influence in Iraq. And even religious Shias in Iraq have been in situations that are not fully associated with Iran .On the other hand Americans are trying to not allow form an alliance between Iran and Arabic countries. Enlarge the danger of Iran and exacerbating the existing problems between Iran and countries of the region and the use of elements such action is deemed appropriate for America. For this reason, in recent years, issues such as nuclear weapons, the name of the Persian Gulf, as the Shiite Crescent risk and overcome Shia, Persian Gulf islands, Discussions of human rights and ... Of this issues. Also are expected to expand the discussions the rise of anti-Israel and anti-American mood in the region, Iran's popularity is spreading and Follow the pattern of religious democracy in Iran and can be viewed in positive and great opportunities to counter of policies of America. (Khosravi 2005: 52).

On the other hand encounter discussion directly and increasing pressure on Iran and regime change in Iran can solve these problems for America But it seems these issues cannot be put on the agenda of America. They just try to achieve their goals with plan it and put a sword on top of the head of the regional countries. Control of Iran and regional countries of the region to increase their power and deprive them of serious movement in Afghanistan and Iraq. Engaging Iran in such discussions will be deprive from Opportunities and beside the Great Middle East plan can provide great opportunities for Iran to show that some of them are mentioned below:

The National Opportunities in the Great Middle East plan for Iran

Greater Middle East plan, despite create great political-security challenges for Iran can providing multiple opportunities for security, political and even economic for the policy makers of foreign policy of Islamic Republic of Iran that Means of disposal for the strategic management of threats through the optimal use of opportunities, the national safety Iran all sizes and sectors can have Quad Some of the characteristics of the local and national opportunities for Islamic Republic of Iran. Some other effects on the structure and evolution of region outcome of these two national and regional opportunities to promote power and national security of Iran.

Islamic Republic of Iran based on three aims and goal of the Great Middle East plan is political development (Dal, 1995: 58)

have the capacity Economic, cultural and scientific and has a lot of potential and actual capabilities That they can rely on their own will repel and resolve security challenges. In the context of political reform and democratic, with overcome discourse of democracy and democratic, is providing a

unique opportunity for the Islamic Republic so the main advantage and the element of their national power, that is religious democracy benefit for the national security. Islamic Republic of Iran finds an opportunity to use with experience and history of democracy and strengthen the use of this tool for deterrence of security threats because the development of democracy in the country is hindered Of America's military and civilian policies and measures against it, under the pretext of defending democracy and freedom. On the other hand Islamic Republic of Iran can be prevented in International field in security. Also, by convincing world public opinion and implementation of persuasive active diplomacy can be foreign policy of Iran's not to security. In this case, the pattern of relations of conflict and battle mode the pattern will become interactive and collaborative. (Hassani, 2009: 254)

In the economic sphere Iran has unique opportunities and capabilities that The Middle East plan and efficient use of it can actually help them. Firstly, the implementation economic terms, of the Islamic Republic's political and international And leads competitive national economy and reducing the role of government in order to accelerate economic development. Secondly, it will facilitate Iran's membership in WTO and the possibility of signing bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, allows for the country. Thirdly, according to the economic, industrial and technological and geoeconomical position capacity of Iran. In case plan and create a The Middle East plan Free Trade Area increased the access to new markets, and subsequently can be accelerated export development. Beyond this, the extent Iran's markets will increase foreign investment in its. The geographical position of our country It provides opportunities for Iran to become a regional energy hub. Because Iran in central plateau both north-south axis energy is Horizontal and Energy East- West. (Majidi, 1994: 53).

in the cultural field also Islamic Republic of Iran has many advantages and elements of national power. And this it provided a unique opportunity to create a positive and active to take advantage of them. Culture and civilization, history and religion in common and ethnic cohesion, equity is huge heritage. Beside political and economic development causes formation and strengthening of national identity and National unity. Especially when external threats and challenges, is more field of Strengthening and stabilization national identity and integrity. Moreover, the national unity also played an important role in creating political legitimacy of the government. Second, according to the proposed the plan Dialogue of Civilizations and Coalition for Peace in the Islamic Republic of Iran spread culture of peace in the region,

increases Diplomatic status and authority in the region and the world. Third, the rule of democratic values in the Middle East, Community and public safety In terms of the rights of individuals and minorities and promotes their provided freedom by the government. (Vaezi, 2005: 26).

The regional Opportunities in the Great Middle East plan for Iran

the Great Middle East plan In addition to national opportunities, also to provide an appropriate regional context And provided reinforce the foundation and elements of national security. The first security regional chance due to spreading democracy in the Middle East countries, , becoming more Peaceful and secure external security Iran And consequently increase its military security. Because based on the results of theoretical and practical experience, National Security of Iran has been threatened by neighboring dictatorships and undemocratic regimes. Therefore, with establishment of a democratic regime in surrounding communities of Iran And public participation in decision-making, reduced tendency to aggression and violent. Also will change Interaction patterns of conflict and cooperation as competition.

The second positive security outcome of the Great Middle East plan for the national security of Iran becoming Non-security Islamic Republic as a threat against regional countries security Especially emirates in south of the Persian Gulf. Since with advent of political -security common threats due to this plan are provided grounds for none—security. Beyond this, Necessity and the need to deal with the common threat of regional provided the perfect platform for creation of structures and security arrangements regional by the presence of Iran. In other words, regional countries actions to repel the common evil, Requires the security cooperation and the establishment of a multilateral security arrangement.

The third opportunity that this plan creates for the Islamic Republic of Iran in regional, Preparation and possible model for native democracy, to other countries in the Middle East. As mentioned before, one of the main achievements of the Islamic Revolution Practical integration of Islam and Democracy By reading the liberal and democratic has been of Islam and Iranian and native culture. On the other hand, regional countries forced to adopt democratic governance practices will be under pressure Democracy imposed from outside. As a result, increases the interest of the Arab world Pattern of Religious Democracy in Iran to relieve the pressure regional. As many of the commentators, Development of democracy in the Middle East, as they know Islamists coming to power. Examples of Algeria and Turkey have confirmed this hypothesis.

Fourth, economic development and free trade in the region, accelerates and facilitates the process of economic integration and the creation of economic institutions in regional trade. Financial capabilities and geo-economic position of Iran, this allows to the country that to act as the core and focus of regional integration and improve their economic standing. In addition, regional economic development will train the Economic interdependence of countries that led to the Patterns of interaction toward peace-seeking and collaboration. Also, the spread of democratic common values in Middle East societies, Promote economic and political integration that will increase safety factor of Countries including Iran (Amini, 2004 :125).

According to the foregoing, it is determined that the Great Middle East Plan in character has perfectly Security and strategic goals. As was explained, the plan is a part of the National Security Strategy, National role and America's foreign policy goals in the region, the top of the face and proactively deal with asymmetric threats against the country. So battle with terrorism and its roots means of Islamic radicalism, Weapons of mass destruction and Governments that do not follow American norms and values, constitute the most important and most fundamental goals of the project. Therefore, America that defines the Islamic Republic of Iran as a country that is a clear example of asymmetric threats, As a result of these projects directly and indirectly Affect the Iran National security.

According to United States, First, the source and origin of the Islamic Republic of Iran's revolutionary Islamist or fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic extremism, Secondly, contrary to the Middle East peace process and defending the rights of the Palestinian people, support groups and movements America's opinion seems to be terrorists. Third, leaders and policy makers of America believe that Iran is seeking to acquire weapons of mass destruction. Fourthly, George Bush has put Islamic Republic of Iran one of the axis of evil that are Perfect examples of rogue governments.

Therefore, there is no doubt that one of the main goals of the Great Middle East Plan is the Islamic Republic of Iran. This plan in two overall and relative species will be able to influence the foreign policy of Iran. On the one hand, with the creation national and domestic challenges and vulnerabilities and compromised Political and security dimension that If the solution is not expected, would reduce Iran National safety But on the other hand will be able provide suitable opportunities for Iranian politicians that with the proper use and take advantage of this opportunities To utilize them to strengthen security And increase regional solidarity between Iran and Middle East countries.

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Conclusions

Iran As the largest country in the Persian Gulf and One of the most influential countries in the region, Requires that its geopolitical significance in the shifting global Through Creation extensive links to determine Relations with the Persian Gulf states And binding more efficient.

Meanwhile, the U.S. National Security Strategy Rather than focused on international power symmetric is designed for the struggle and opposition with threats and asymmetric players. Especially, the fight against terrorism and Prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction. Achieving the purpose of strategy is achieved by adopting a proactive strategy in both military and civilian and through the following approaches:

- Support the ideals of human dignity.
- Strengthen alliances to defeat global terrorism and Action to prevent attacks against the U.S. and its friends.
- Cooperation with the regional and world countries to neutralize local conflicts.
- Prevent America's enemies from using weapons of mass destruction and Threats against the U.S. and its allies and friends.
- Beginning of a new era of global economic growth through free markets and trade.
- Expansion of Cycle of economic and political development through creates free Political space and Economic foundation of democracy and expansion of individual freedom.
- Expanded program of mass action By increasing the level of cooperation With other main centers of power.

Because our country, Iran is in a situation that it's National unity and integrity and power and pride, In such a way increasing being questioned by competing powers. Critical and pivotal location in the heart of region can be for occasion for our nation and can also be Catastrophic. If cannot intelligently Use into own advantage occurred opportunities and benefit from some states movements. Should be said in ultimately

concern and grievous which may Irreparable harm come in the body of our country. As a result of this project could have an impact on national security of Iran so for being ousted from the damages and indemnity should apply our knowledge and understanding of the realities, possibilities and limitations we act somehow that our national interest warrant. America for its consolidation and Complete the Control over the resources, control over the Players and control over the processes and world events, Require significant changes in circumstances, Actors and processes in the Middle East region. Middle East from the perspective of cultural issues and globalization, Ideological, economic and energy, geopolitics and especially from the perspective of national security has Special priority and fundamental importance for America. America to achieve its objectives in the foregoing discussion, following the Strategies, policies and Special plans in the Middle East That causes the Regional countries disparity Includes a wide range of government, monarchies, emirates governments, lifelong presidents and religious and native Democracy. On the other hand America's military performance in the region would causes the America's military presence in Afghanistan, especially in Iraq That this in the past few years left negative effects on the thought of the people of America and incorrect and violent performance of America Has outlined from that country Picture an occupation.

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