

Behind the Scenes

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Excerpts:

"Americans have obtained information that shows Iran has not only incited Moqtada As Sadr, but it is also active in the events in Iraq.

"Hassan Kazemi Qomi, the Islamic Republic's Charge d'affairs in Iraq, is not a diplomat but an officer of the Revolutionary Guards Corps working with the Iranian regime's security apparatus. He would soon be expelled from Iraq. Iraqi security forces have obtained documents that show Kazemi was the liaison between Hezbollah and Hamas with Moqtada As Sadr. He also acted as the contact between Iranian security forces and the firebrand cleric.

"The trail of the Islamic Republic's charge d'affairs could be traced to Fallujah. Kazemi has provided weapons and safe houses for terrorist elements in Fallujah. Kazemi was the mastermind of a project, dubbed "dagger" to support the mutilation of the Americans in Fallujah. The scheme was to have started by the Shiites as soon as the U.S. began its operations against terrorists in Fallujah. Kazemi succeeded in arranging a meeting between Sadr's deputy and the forces in Fallujah in the past month.

"Iran has so far spent 49 million dollars to spread the influence of Sadr in Mosques and seminaries in Iraq. The effort included providing food and gifts. In this way, Sadr and his followers have spread their influence to more than 800 places, where clerics deliver sermons.

"Iran has been paying for the expenses of "Al- Mahdi Army," which Moqtada As Sadr has been leading. Documents on this pay-off fell into the hands of Iraqi Kurds...

"Iran and As Sadr forces prepared themselves for post June 30th Iraq and were planning to get into action after transfer of power to the Iraqi. But the exposure of some of the documents and the arrest of Kazemi has pushed the time table forward. Iran has not yet announced the arrest of Kazemi."