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## 'Iran attack will expedite US demise'

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Any US aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran will precipitate the demise of the US empire, a senior Russian political analyst tells Press TV.

The United States dreads to engage in an act of aggression against the Islamic Republic as Iran is a leading hub of anti-Western revolutions and a key source of Islamic Awakening that will spell doom for America, said Alexander Prokhanov in a recent interview with Press TV.

Commenting on recent threats made by the United States and the Israeli regime against Iran, the Russian analyst said that Washington is fearful of Tehran's growing momentum in the international arena and struggles to curb Iran's clout by providing “an excess of pretexts and

provocations.”

“This force (Iran's Islamic Revolution) can, in the short or long run, bring about the demise of the US empire. That's why the United States is fending for itself, fearing that the Islamic Republic might serve as a model for other nations to amalgamate,” considering that Iran opposes the US establishment, Prokhanov noted.

His remarks come in the wake of the latest anti-Iran publicity campaign by Washington and Tel Aviv in which the duo have once again threatened Tehran with the "option" of a military strike, based on their rhetorical allegation that Iran's nuclear work may consist of a covert military diversion.

Iran, however, has persistently argued that it has the right to develop and acquire nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and a long-time member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Prokhanov further touched upon Iran's nuclear issue and dismissed US-led Western allegations over the case, saying that in his discussions with Russian nuclear experts operating in Iran, the experts have repeatedly emphasized the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program.

The Israeli regime, however, is widely believed to possess over 200 atomic warheads and does not allow any inspection of its controversial nuclear program by international inspectors. Moreover, the Israeli regime has refused to join the International Atomic Energy Agency or the Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty, boasting its public policy of "nuclear ambiguity."

The US and its European allies have never raised any concerns about Israel's highly suspected atomic warheads and nuclear program and refuse to address growing international calls to look into the matter.