

# ISLAMIC STATE, AL-QAEDA ARE PRODUCTS OF U.S. ADVENTURISM, SAYS IRAN

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Terror groups such as the Islamic State and al-Qaeda and lingering conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq were products of American adventurism in West and South Asia, Iran said on Thursday, in response to allegations of terrorism made by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in New Delhi.

“The rise of extremist groups like the Taliban, al-Qaeda and ISIS are contemporary demonstrations of U.S. adventurism. The crises in our region, including in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen, are rooted in the occupation, illegal military interventions, hegemonic and social engineering policies of the United States,” said a statement issued by a spokesperson of Embassy of Iran here.

## Pompeo’s statement

Mr. Pompeo, during his press conference with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, had described Iran as the “biggest” sponsor of terrorism.

Iran said the U.S., through its actions and utterances, was trying to sow seeds of hostilities among friendly countries and described sanctions as a “brutal form of terrorism”. Ties between the U.S. and the rest of the world were affected by the U.S.’s actions, stated the Embassy. “...miscalculations and wrong understanding of the U.S. administration towards other nations and many international and regional issues have aggravated the situation between the U.S. and the rest of world.”

Iran has claimed it is a victim of terrorism, and urged for “regional dialogue” in the Gulf region for ensuring security for the stakeholders.

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