Iran accuses US, Britain, Israel of deadly suicide bomb attack

TEHRAN. — Iran on Wednesday accused the United States, Britain and Israel of being involved in the deadly suicide bomb attack in the country which left 39 killed and more than 50 others wounded.

The attack occurred in front of the Imam Hussein mosque in southeastern port city of Chabahar on Wednesday when people gathered for a mourning ceremony on the religious occasion of Tasua, local satellite Press TV said.

Tasua is commemorated by Shi'ite Muslims, marking the eve of the day when Hussein ibn Ali, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, was killed.

According to media, the Pakistan-based Sunni rebel group Jundallah (God’s soldiers) has claimed responsibility for the deadly attack.

Meanwhile, Iranian Deputy Interior Minister Ali Abdollahi Boroujerdi accused the United States and Britain of involving in the attack, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

“The experience from the past incidents indicate that the U.S. and U.K. intelligent services are behind the crimes like the Wednesday morning bombing in Chabahar,” Boroujerdi was quoted as saying.

According to the KCNA, a spokesman for the National Peace Committee of Korea said in the statement released Saturday that the recent moves of the U.S. indicated that it was fully joining in South Korea’s moves for a war of aggression against the DPRK after “throwing away the disguise of a hypocrite”.

It was clear that if the South Korean army mobilized all flying corps, warships and missiles for a war against the DPRK, and the U.S. joined them with the latest weapons, it would develop into an all-out war, not a local war, he said.

The spokesman said South Korea and the U.S. fabricated the sinking of the South Korean warship the Cheonan early this year and the recent Yongpyong Island shelling incident was aimed at sparking an all-out war.

It was ridiculous for the south to talk about a “right to self-defense”. It was no more than “war servants and colonial stooges” of the U.S., he said.

“Should an all-out war break out again on this land, it will not be confined to the boundaries of the peninsula,” he said.

The army and people who are ready for both escalated wars and an all-out war will “deal merciless retaliatory blows” to the provocateurs and aggressors and blow up their bases and thus honorably defend the dignity and security of the nation, he said.

He warned South Korea and the U.S. to bear in mind that their ignition of a dangerous war would bring them nothing but self-destruction.

It was reported that the U.S. and South Korea held a meeting of the chairman of the joint chiefs of Staff of South Korea and the U.S. in Seoul on Dec. 8 over a military attack on the DPRK under the pretext of “deterring provocation”.

Tension on the peninsula increased after the exchange of artillery fire on Nov. 23 between South Korea and DPRK, which killed four people.