

## Anti-Iran comments by UK, S Arabia officials absurd: Activist

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Iran has slammed the remarks made by British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir in a joint press conference in Riyadh against the Islamic Republic. Tehran says they are making these comments in a bid to cover up their destructive roles in supporting Takfiri terrorism.

Jubeir accused Iran of supporting terrorism and interfering in the internal affairs of other countries. He also claimed that Tehran had ties with al-Qaeda terrorists and that the group's leaders had fled to Iran and had been living there since 2001. Johnson, meanwhile, said London and Riyadh share similar stances on what he described as the Iranian threat, particularly in Syria and Yemen.

Edward Corrigan, an international human rights lawyer, believes that comments by the top Saudi and British diplomats against Iran are "absurd" and not "accurate", adding that the whole notion of terrorism has really become politicized over the years.

"Saudi Arabia right now is probably the biggest supporter of terrorism because they have been spending hundreds of millions of dollars to overthrow the legitimate and worldwide recognized regime in Syria," the activist told Press TV in an interview on Monday.

“The British also have been supporting the Islamic State (Daesh) and other Islamic militant groups to overthrow the legitimate Syrian government and Britain’s history of using violence to accomplish political goals goes back to centuries,” he added.

Corrigan further stated Iran is supporting the legitimate government in Syria which is not an act of terrorism. However, he said, overthrowing a regime and supporting terrorist groups are acts of terrorism which the West and its regional allies are doing.

He also noted Britain has been supporting Saudi military aggression against Yemen, adding that it has been quietly profiting from it.

According to the activist, what the United States is doing in other countries, dropping bombs, sending CIA assassination squads, even using drone strikes are all acts of terror.

So what the West frequently calls terrorism is in fact legally not terrorism, he concluded.