
 A portrait of Mr Abolfazl Khaki, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt. He is seated at a desk with a microphone in front of him. A red and white flag is visible in the background.	<p>Mr Abolfazl Khaki Head of Qom Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Form of Address: Your Excellency Pronunciation: Khakee s 47F(1)</p> <p>Education: -</p>
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Summary

An official visit to Qom highlighted opportunities for Australia to engage across different sectors in Iran, particularly outside the capital. Although limited by sanctions, business is eager to engage with Australia, with an eye to the future. Iranian cities s 33(a)(iii) want Australian expertise on waste and water management. Qom's religious institutions want interfaith dialogues with Australia. HOM's explanation of Australian religious diversity and the possibilities for business engagement was echoed in local media.

On 7 December, HOM (accompanied by DHOM) visited Qom, a city of religious and political importance in Iran. It was the Ambassador's first official trip outside Tehran in two years and it highlighted the importance of engagement outside the capital.

2. HOM met with the Qom Chamber of Commerce; Qom Mayor, Mr Seyed Morteza Saqaeian Nejad; Chancellor of Al-Mustafa Seminary for men, Dr Ali Abbasi; and Senior Director of Jamiat al-Zahra Seminary for Women, Dr Seyedeh Zohreh Borqei. HOM also made an official visit to the Holy Shrine of Hazrat Masouma. s 33(a)(iii)

3. The Qom Chamber of Commerce and Mayor were eager to explore avenues for engagement with Australian business in the future. Qom province has vast agricultural lands, producing olive oil, a variety of fruits, saffron and pistachio. Business people were interested in importing wheat and fertiliser from Australia. Although cognisant of the limitations imposed by sanctions, Qom province trades with 49 different countries.

4. The Mayor was eager to learn from Australian expertise on waste and water management s 33(b)

We endeavoured to share our best practice models and offered to make possible introductions.

5. s 33(a)(iii) HOM's engagement opened the door to further discussion on interfaith dialogues. Dr Abbasi and Dr

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Borqeie welcomed us warmly and were eager to connect with faith institutions in Australia to explore commonalities in their faiths. The women's seminary in particular was receptive to HOM's messages.

6. The visit was very well received. It was covered broadly in the media, which highlighted HOM's explanation of Australian religious diversity and the possibilities for business engagement. s 33(a)(iii)

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Subject: RE: New story about HOM and DHOM's visit to Qom-11 December [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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on 22 December:

Australian Ambassador in Qom: Will Canberra shift role?

Australia a country for which security is more important than independence.

Kangaroos, Koalas, Melbourne epic [soccer match], Sydney Opera House and study in Australia maybe the only images in Iranians' mind about Australia. Images that portray Australia as a peaceful country away from political disputes. Such images are gradually changing. Ambassador Lyndall Sachs' recent visit to Qom serves an excuse to review Australia's changed role.

AKUS agreement on 15 September put an end to France dream and its Paris contract to sell submarines to Australia in order to strengthen its footsteps in Asia-Pacific. Australia made the choice to join UK-US alliance. Australia became independent in 1942 of course on paper and not in practice.

Australia has realised that France is neither capable nor intend to confront China and that is why it decided to protect its security by following the US. Alliance with US will strengthen Australia's military power and its national security against China.

Australia changed position from a passive player that only reacted every now and then to China and others to an effective and active player not only regionally, but also internationally. This alliance has not just targeted China but Russia as well and not only maritime traffic but also energy transportation which is vital to China.

Australia was assigned to affect China's routes in its region and UK has the same role in West Asia. US's absence made France and UK compete in West Asia as well.

Despite Australia's primary colonialist role to oppress its indigenous people, West Asian and African nations have a rather positive attitude toward Australia than the US and UK. Australia will follow similar path to Canada as far as human rights is concerned. Iran-Canada ties was very good with no political issues until Canada started criticising human rights in Iran in recent years.

Unlike the black mark in UK and US history in this regard, Canada and Australia might be able to make human rights allegations much more easily than others and play a more active role as far as humane norms and values are concerned.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 December 2021 2:40 PM**To:** Sachs, Lyndall <Lyndall.Sachs@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Pictures of Australian Ambassador with hijab at Masouma Shrine-Qom (positive post by s 33(a)(iii) Persian Gulf News site) – Text and photos had been covered part of HOM's visit to shrine.

<https://pgnews.ir/module/news/435568/>

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Importance: High

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s 33(a)(iii) Khabaronline reported from s 33(a)(iii) Javan (close to IRGC) on 15 December:

From Kylie to Lyndall! Proxy espionage under women's cover/Intelligence bodies to be vigilant.

Local outlets have posted Australian Ambassador's visit to holy shrine in Qom and meeting with seminary students of Jameat-o-Zahra. Although Ambassador Sachs has been to Iraq and Lebanon with Chador/Islamic dress code, the pictures remind all of the Australian citizen Kylie Moore Gilbert with taken photos at religious centres in 2018. Later it was found out that she was a British and Israeli citizen and travelled to Iran under cover of academic activities from Melbourne University and that she planned to detect and connect to Bahraini fighters in Iran and complete her previous mission of identifying 'Resistance Front' group network and their financing resources.

Kylie was a trained intelligence officer and managed to take advantage of her gender as a young woman interested in Shiism to push forward her project led by ICT-Israel. She visited Iran on two occasions and focused on visits to religious centres in Shahr-e Rey and Qom and met with Islamic Studies Centres, Universities and Seminaries. She spread her infiltration into Shiism courses at University of Religious Denominations. The outcome of her attempts was to attract trust and get connected to non-Iranians in Qom.

Photo of HOM's meeting with MP Mojtaba Zolnour posted

She managed to establish dialogue with some Bahraini seminary students as a researcher interested in Bahrain affairs. Although Kylie was successful in her mission and managed to send intelligence to her bosses to some extent, she failed to complete her mission and was eventually arrested in 2018 by security bodies charged with espionage for Israel. Of course Kylie was exchanged with three Iranian prisoners in Thailand charged to act against Israel's interests.

The most important characteristics of Kylie was to be a young, educated and motivated woman who travelled to Iran as a researcher interested in Shiism and under cover of Australian citizenship, and therefore attracted less sensitivity for spying on Iran on behalf of Israel.

Now the question is what is Australian Ambassador's goal to attend religious centres adopting just similar espionage methods to Kylie? Has Australian government decided to contribute to Israel's

project of infiltration and proxy espionage on Iran? Is taking advantage of being a woman and showing interest in religion and abusing religious emotions a defined method to push forward proxy (espionage) missions? This is an issue which requires serious vigilance of the Iranian intelligence bodies to identify and prevent development of this trend and fight it.

<https://www.khabaronline.ir/news/1582064/%D8%A7%D8%B2-%DA%A9%D8%A7%DB%8C%D9%84%DB%8C-%D8%AA%D8%A7-%D9%84%DB%8C%D9%86%D8%AF%D8%A7%D9%84-%D8%AC%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%B3%DB%8C-%D9%86%DB%8C%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%AA%DB%8C-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D9%BE%D9%88%D8%B4%D8%B4-%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%87-%D8%B3%D8%A7%D8%B2%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%86-%D9%87%D8%A7%DB%8C-%D8%A7%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%A7%D8%AA%DB%8C>

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Last picture of new Australian Ambassador with proper Hijab together with Moslem Iranian women in Qom

<https://www.bartarinha.ir/fa/news/1177507/%D8%AE%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%85-%D8%B3%D8%A7%DA%A9%D8%B3-%D8%B3%D9%81%DB%8C%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%84%DB%8C%D8%A7-%D8%AF%D8%B1-%D8%B3%D9%81%D8%B1-%D9%82%D9%85>

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***Australian Ambassador's suspicious visit to Qom-From private meeting with Mayor to visit to women's seminary! – Officials must look into the visit and meetings closely**

Australian Ambassador Lyndall Sachs and her deputy Denis Cairney visited Qom last week.

First, she had a private meeting with Qom Mayor. Security bodies must be informed of the meeting contents as it seems suspicious.

It was heard that she continued her visit by meeting with some seminary institutions, particularly that of women and had meetings with the officials which adds to the suspicious nature of the visit. Security bodies must review the visit and meetings with full vigilance.

It is worth mentioning that Lyndall Sachs was Ambassador to Lebanon and Iraq prior to Iran and is quite familiar with religious institutions. s 33(a)(iii) Shohadaye-Iran s 33(a)(iii) on 11 December)

Link to photo:

<http://shohadayeiran.com/fa/news/222860/%D8%B3%D9%81%D8%B1-%D9%85%D8%B4%DA%A9%D9%88%DA%A9-%D8%B3%D9%81%DB%8C%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%84%DB%8C%D8%A7-%D8%A8%D9%87-%D9%82%D9%85-%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%AC%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%87-%D8%AE%D8%B5%D9%88%D8%B5%DB%8C-%D8%A8%D8%A7-%D8%B4%D9%87%D8%B1%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%AA%D8%A7-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D8%AD%D9%88%D8%B2%D9%87-%D8%AE%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%87%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%86>

TRAVEL ADVICE FORM

No.: s 47E(d)

Date: 29 / 11 / 2021

* Embassy or Representative Office: Australian Embassy

1. First Name and Surname in Latin: Ms Lyndall Jane Sachs
 2. First Name and Surname in Persian: شاسم لیندل جین ساکس
 3. Date of Birth, according to Gregorian calendar: s 47F(1)
 4. Sex: Female 5. Nationality: Australia 6. Identification Card Number: s 47F(1)
 7. Passport Number: s 47F(1)
 8. Occupation: Australian Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran

9. Details of Accompanying Passengers.

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1. First Name and Surname in Latin: Mr Denis Patrick Cairney
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10. Destination Province: Qom - City: Qom

Name of Hotels and/or residence address and/or location of stops: One day trip

11. Date of Departure: Tuesday 07 December 2021 s 47E(d)

13. Date of Return: Tuesday 07 December 2021

15. Purpose of Travel: Official Visit
 Official meeting (with Provincial officials)

16. Way of Transportation :

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Visit Program to Qom
7 December 2021

- 08.30-09.30** Working breakfast with Head of Qom Chamber of Commerce Mr Abolfazl Khaki and Qom businessmen at Mehr-o-Mah tourist complex-10 km away from Qom
- 10.00-10.45** Meeting with Qom Mayor Mr Seyed Morteza Saqaeian Nejad
- 11.00-12.00** Meeting with Chancellor of Al-Mustafa International University for Men Dr Ali Abbasi
- 12.30-14.30** Meeting and lunch with Board member and senior director of Jamiat al-Zahra University for Women Dr Seyedeh Zohreh Borqeie
- 15.00-15.30** Visit to Holy Shrine of Hazrat Masouma

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Mr Morteza Saqaieannejad

Qom Mayor

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Pronunciation: Saqa-eeyan-nijad

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