

## **Explanation of UAE Claims Against three Iranian Islands**

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### **Extended Abstract**

The United Arab Emirates began a series of activities as from April 1992 to expand its territorial differences with Iran (the only non-Arab State of the Persian Gulf), originally arguing about ownership of Abu Musa Island, expanding the disputes to include islands of Great Tunb and small Tunb and which were returned to Iran, according to an Anglo-Iranian-Sharjah agreement which was signed as a Understanding Memorandum in November 1971. Since then, Abu Dhabi has begun extensive propaganda against Iran and has asked the dignitaries to visit the UAE to support its territorial claims. From the Iranian points of view the operational difficulties arising from the terms of the 1971 Memorandum can be settled peacefully through mutual negotiations, with regard to Iran's established rights of sovereignty over these islands are not negotiable. Moreover with regard to Iran's historical and legal rights of sovereignty on the mentioned islands, we will attempt in this study to show the nature and aims of the United Arab Emirates continuous propaganda to build territorial disputes with Iran, in order to attribute Arabic identity to the three islands and by aggravating these disputes with Iran to access these islands to Emirates territory.

### **Methodology**

The method of research is descriptive - analytical by using documentation and data collection through instruments, interviews, and valid publications. So the questionnaire is designed to track the results. Statistical community, is composed of teachers and experts in this field. It should be noted that the data analysis carried out by using SPSS. In fact, this study seeks to answer the main question that is the UAE claims to Tunb and Abu Musa islands.

### **Discussion and Results**

United Arabic Emirates and the Arab political leaders with strategic measures are trying to proceed with Nation building and State Building policy. The UAE leaders seek to attain this policy through their claims to Tunb by means of: Establish and strengthen Arab nationalism through education in the island; Using Arabic titles and symbols in the island; Affecting the

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public media through speeches in foreign and domestic forums. The formation of the UAE after formation of trans-regional colonial as a nation state requires national identity attached to territory, the character that UAE lacks, so it seeks to find without any legitimacy and effective sovereignty.

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