

Iraq:

Haraniya Bridge Area Liberated From ISIL



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BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Maj-Gen Qassim Atta, the spokesman of the general commander of Iraq's armed forces, announced purging the area of Haraniya Bridge from the terrorists of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Diyala province.

"The brave security forces were able to liberate the area of al-Haraniya Bridge as they are going on liberating the other areas in Diyala province," Atta said at the press conference that he held in Baghdad on Tuesday, Alforat News Agency reported.

Meanwhile, Iraq's counter-terrorism forces killed several terrorists affiliated to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Tikrit. "The counter-terrorism dept. clashed with the ISIL terrorists, who attacked the military checkpoints in Tikrit, and killed many

of them and burnt five of their vehicles," a source said.

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Undersecretary for Bilateral Relations Nizar Al Khairullah met with the Swedish ambassador to Baghdad, Jorgen Lindstrom.

"During the meeting, the two officials discussed bilateral relations and ways of enhancing the economic cooperation between them, particularly the investment side in light of the presence of many Swedish companies operating in Iraq," a statement by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs cited, Alforat News Agency reported. "The two sides reviewed the latest political and security developments in Iraq and the democratic process outcomes which resulted in the election of the Parliament Speaker and his two deputies," the statement continued.

"For his part, the Swedish ambassador stressed his government's support for the efforts of the Iraqi government in its war against terrorist gangs and their inhumane practices against the Iraqi people," the statement concluded.

pretext of Israel eradicating political parties and resistance to the occupation and siege they impose."

The letter states that tightening blockades imposed on Gaza by the occupying regime of Israel in the last year have not only caused starvation and poverty for residents of Gaza, but have also resulted in a dangerous lack of access to medicine and healthcare.

On Wednesday, Zionist forces pounded Gaza, sending thousands of residents fleeing as U.S. secretary of state John Kerry flew to Tel Aviv to push ceasefire talks.

In a blow to the occupying regime's economy, U.S. and many European air carriers halted flights to the Occupied Territories citing security worries after a rocket from Gaza hit near Ben Gurion airport.

The Zionist army announced the deaths of three more soldiers bringing the toll since the ground invasion on Thursday to 30. The military says one of its soldiers is also missing and believes he might be dead. Hamas says it has captured him.

Hamas says it has killed more than 50 Zionist troops. On Wednesday, the Izz el-Deen Al-Qassam said its fighters had detonated an anti-personnel bomb as a Zionist army patrol passed, killing several troops.

There was also violence in the occupied West Bank, where a Palestinian was shot dead by Israeli troops near Bethlehem.

Muslim...

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Afkham said that Iran has fully tapped into its potential to support the Palestinians, especially the people of Gaza.

The spokeswoman also said that Tehran backs any proposal of a truce between Palestinian resistance groups and Israel that would respect the viewpoints of the Palestinian nation.

Meanwhile, a rally was held outside the Egyptian interests section in Tehran to protest Cairo's move to close the Rafah border crossing in Gaza.

The protesters expressed their solidarity with the oppressed Palestinian people and called on the Egyptian government to open the Rafah crossing to the Gaza Strip.

They said Egypt's decision to prevent the delivery of essential supplies to the besieged Gaza Strip amounted to connivance with the Israeli regime.

The demonstrators issued a statement, saying the Zionist regime is committing war crimes by killing the oppressed people in Gaza, including women and children.

Western powers, particularly the U.S., and international bodies are giving a green light to the Israeli regime to carry out such heinous and savage crimes, the statement read.

It expressed regret that Muslim and Arab countries are involved in political conflicts and trivial matters, and have so far adopted no effective measure to support the Palestinians.

At the UN, Iran's Deputy Ambassador Gholam-Hussein Dehqani said Israeli atrocities over the past six decades are the result of "leniency" with the regime.

He made the remarks in an address to a UN Security Council meeting on the situation in the Gaza Strip.

The Iranian diplomat, who was speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), said that Israel's attacks against Gazans are a clear example of the collective punishment of civilians and a blatant violation of interna-

tional law.

Dehqan strongly condemned the occupying regime's slaughter of Palestinians and called on the international community to take immediate measures to send relief aid to the people in the besieged enclave.

Israeli crimes have gone unpunished due to the UN Security Council's inaction to stop the regime's brutalities, Dehqani said, urging the international body to live up to its commitments and take action to guarantee the implementation of international law. He called on the UN Security Council to take swift action to stop Israel's ongoing attacks on the Gaza Strip and help lift the blockade on the enclave.

Iran...

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issue and called for the immediate delivery of basic aid and medicines to blockaded Gaza.

Za'noon, for his part, praised Iran's support for the Palestinian nation and hit out at the West for backing the Israeli regime.

He also called on all Islamic countries to dispatch humanitarian aid to the people in the Gaza Strip.

Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian also pledged Tehran's strong support for the Palestinian nation, saying the occupying regime of Israel will be the absolute loser of the Gaza war.

Abdollahian made the remarks in a meeting with Qatar's Assistant Foreign Minister for political affairs Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Rumaihi here.

Abdollahian expressed confidence in the Palestinians' moral and military power, adding that regional and international efforts must continue to force Israel to put an end to its attacks on the Gaza Strip.

He also lashed out at certain regional countries and the U.S. for remaining silent in the face of crimes committed by ISIL terrorists in Iraq and voiced Iran's support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of, and the reinforcement of political process in the Arab country.

The Qatari official, whose country maintains relations with Israel, described Tel Aviv's continued attacks on Gaza as serious and called for Iran-Qatar cooperation to help end the sufferings of the Palestinians.

He also urged a political solution to the crises in Iraq and Syria.

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The minister said there might be a few number of countries raising some issues about Tehran's uranium enrichment activities, but the point is that two conferences held in 1990 and 2010 and attended by the parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty have acknowledged Iran's right to enrichment.

The minister explained that the industrial scale of Iran's uranium enrichment is a testament to the peaceful nature of its nuclear activities.

Iran says as a signatory to the NPT, it is entitled to nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Article 4 of the treaty guarantees countries the right to develop the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

This article stipulates that nothing in the NPT shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of all signatories to the treaty to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Syria Welcomes Appointment of New UN Special Envoy

DAMASCUS (FNA) – Syria welcomed the appointment of Staffan de Mistura as UN Special Envoy as it believes in a political solution to the crisis in the country through a Syrian-led dialogue among the Syrians.

"We wish that de Mistura's approach will be built on objectivity, honesty and the rules of the international law and the principles and goals of the UN Charter," the Ministry of Foreign and Expatriates Affairs said in a letter to

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon on Wednesday.

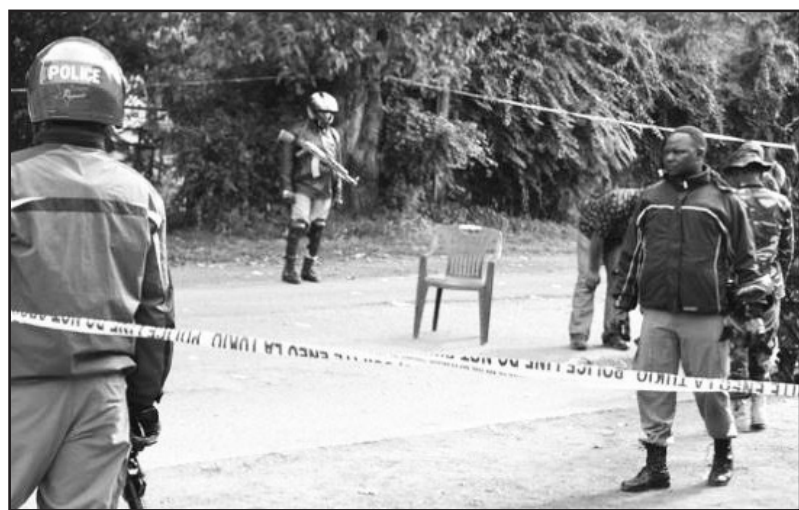
"On top of those principles," the Ministry added, "respecting the national sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs and respecting the Syrian people's will and choices."

UN Secretary General appointed de Mistura as the UN Special Envoy for Syria on July 10th after the resignation of former envoy Lakhdar Brahimi last May.



UN Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura

85 Bags of Body Parts Found in Tanzania



Tanzanian police cordon off an area in suburban Dar es Salaam, where 85 bags stuffed with human body parts were discovered.

DAR ES SALAM (Press TV) – Tanzanian police have detained eight people in a case involving the dumping of 85 bags stuffed with human body parts, including limbs, fingers and skulls, in a Dar es Salaam landfill.

The Tuesday arrests came after authorities discovered black trash bags a day earlier in a suburb of the African country's commercial

capital.

"We have arrested eight suspects in connection with the 85 bags found in Kinondoni area of Dar es Salaam," city police chief Suleiman Kova said.

According to reports, those arrested work at a private medical teaching college.

"We are detaining them for interrogation over the alleged dumping

of the human body parts," Kova added.

He further said that limbs, fingers and skulls were found in the bags, but that the flesh was not fresh.

"I can't say how many human bodies were there, but we have taken them to Muhimbili National Hospital for further testing," Kova said. "They were dry and produced no smell."

Police said they had no information as to why the body parts had been dumped, and would not comment as to whether they were connected to witchcraft ceremonies.

Attackers in Tanzania have reportedly killed a string of albinos in recent years. In Tanzania, albinos are killed and dismembered due to a widespread superstition that charms made from their body parts bring good fortune and prosperity.

There was no immediate indication, however, that any of the body parts found in the landfill belonged to albinos.

Zionists...

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If the resolution is passed, a process will be launched in which the inquiry commission's mandate will be determined, as well as its composition and timetable. Israel and the U.S. will attempt to delay its establishment for as long as possible or act for its mandate to be as limited as possible.

Meanwhile, more than 20 leading doctors and scientists from the UK and Italy denounced ongoing Israeli military aggression in Gaza in a letter to The Lancet.

"On the basis of our ethics and practice, we are denouncing what we witness in the aggression of Gaza by Israel," write the authors. "We ask our colleagues, old and young professionals, to denounce this Israeli aggression."

"We are appalled by the military onslaught on civilians in Gaza under the guise of punishing terrorists. This is the third large-scale military assault on Gaza since 2008. Each time the death toll is borne mainly by innocent people in Gaza, especially women and children under the unacceptable