

Hamas:

Palestinians Will Rise Up to Defend al-Aqsa Mosque

GAZA STRIP (FNA) – The Hamas Movement warned that the Palestinian people, their resistance and political forces would not stand idly by watching Israel's violations against the Aqsa Mosque and would rise up to defend it.

This came in a press release issued by the Movement on the 24th anniversary of the Aqsa massacre in 1990, PIC reported.

Hamas stated that the Aqsa Mosque with its courtyards, premises and walls belong only to Muslims and will remain purely Islamic.

The Movement called on the unity government to assume its responsibilities towards Jerusalem and the Aqsa Mosque and adopt a national strategy to protect them.

It also urged the Palestinian natives of Jerusalem and the 1948 occupied lands to necessarily intensify their efforts in defense of the Aqsa Mosque, and remain more steadfast in the face of the occupation and more adherent to their rights and lands.



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Ex-Premier:

Hundreds of Jordanians Join ISIL Terrorists



The file photo shows ISIL Takfiri terrorists.

Marouf al-Bakhit says hundreds of Jordanians have joined the ranks of ISIL Takfiri terrorists fighting against the Iraqi government.

Some 1,300 Jordanians have so far joined the terrorists out of whom more than 200 have been killed, Bakhit said in speech in the Jordanian capital Amman on Sunday.

The former premier estimated that there are between 2,000 and 4,000 Jordanians active in the Takfiri stream.

Bakhit added that Iraq's status quo is dangerous and would have security consequences for Jordan and other regional countries.

The ISIL Takfiri terrorists currently control parts of Syria and Iraq. They have threatened all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds, Christians, Izadi Kurds and others, as they continue their atrocities in Iraq.

Senior Iraqi and Syrian officials have blamed Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and some Persian Gulf Arab states for the growing terrorism in the region.

The terrorist group has links with Saudi intelligence and is believed to be indirectly supported by the Israeli regime.

The United States started conducting airstrikes on the ISIL only after US interests were threatened by the terrorists.

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On Monday, terrorists unleashed attacks on Iraq's majority Shia community, killing at least 33 people, the latest in relentless assaults that have challenged the government as it battles the insurgency by ISIL.

A bomber hit a mosque in Baghdad as Shia worshippers left after noon prayers, killing 17 people, while a triple car bombing in the holy city of Karbala killed 16.

In Baghdad, the bomber blew himself up among Shia worshippers as they were leaving a mosque in a commercial area in the city center after midday prayers Monday, killing at least 17 people and wounding 28, a police officer said.

In Karbala, three separate car bombs went off simultaneously, killing at least 16 people and wounding 41, another police officer said. The city, about 90 kilometers (55 miles) south of Baghdad, is home to the tombs of two most revered Shia imams and the site of year-round pilgrimages. The explosives-laden cars were parked in commercial areas and parking lots near government offices, the officer added.

The attacks in Baghdad and Karbala came a day after a bombing targeted another Shia mosque in the Iraqi capital, in the western Harithiya neighborhood, killing 28 people.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the latest attacks but they bore the hallmarks of the Al-Qaeda-breakaway ISIL group, which has recently claimed several other large bombings in Baghdad and elsewhere, particularly in Shia areas.

Meanwhile, ISIL militants took control of two districts in Iraq's northern province of Nineveh as the Iraqi army is battling the terrorists for nearly six months now.

Iraqi military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ISIL members seized two districts in the town of Sinjar, situated over 400 kilometers (250 miles) northwest of the capital, Press TV reported.

They added that the Takfiri terrorists have besieged civilian houses in these districts.

Also on Monday, an unnamed Iraqi security source said the ISIL militants are laying siege to about 700 Izadi families on Mount Sinjar. The source added that the militants are deploying more forces to the area, and are about one kilometer (0.6 mile) away from Sinjar.

Tens of thousands of Izadi refugees took up residence at makeshift sites and villages across the Kurdish region of northern Iraq after fleeing into Mount Sinjar in August.

The United Nations confirms that more than 5,000 Izadi Kurds were gunned down in a series of massacres by the ISIL Takfiri terrorists. Some 4,800 women and children are thought to be held captive, and that the number is expected to rise to above 7,000.

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especially in infrastructure-critical sectors of the economy.

Berlin is working on legislation to stop small groups of employees from paralyzing large parts of the transport system, and a draft law is expected in November.

The flight chaos compounded weekend disruptions when train drivers halted at least two-thirds of passenger and cargo services nationwide.

The GDL train drivers' union launched their biggest stoppage since 2008 in demand for more pay, shorter hours and the right to also represent conductors and other rail personnel.

GDL chief Claus Weselsky announced a seven-day pause, but warned of more stoppages after that if rail operator Deutsche Bahn (DB) does not offer "real negotiations".

His union earlier rejected an offer of a five-percent wage increase over 30 months.

DB said the strike had caused damage "in the tens of millions of euros" due to lost business, reimbursement payments, extra staffing for a customer hotline and hotel and taxi vouchers for many customers. As train carriages stood idle, it said,

"vandals took advantage and sprayed graffiti on 69 suburban train cars at eight stations in Berlin alone", also defacing trains in Hamburg, Leipzig and elsewhere.

DB personnel chief Ulrich Weber charged that the small union "has not moved one millimeter, has applied pressure, angered millions of customers and damaged the company".

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that would impose further sanctions on Iran if a nuclear deal isn't inked by the Nov. 24 deadline set by the negotiating countries.

The talks are still haggling over such issues as the scope of international inspections and details of the nuclear-related facilities Iran will continue to have.

Iran also wants broader relief from United Nations sanctions that, for example, bar it from importing dual-use equipment.

On Monday, the head of the UN atomic energy agency suggested little headway in talks with Iran to settle outstanding issues.

Nearly two months after an Aug. 25 deadline for answering questions about alleged activity that might be used to develop atomic arms, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) claimed that Iran had not yet fully done so.

"In order to resolve all outstanding issues, it is very important that Iran implements, in a timely manner, all practical measures agreed under the Framework for Cooperation," Yukiya Amano said. That accord was reached with Tehran last year to help advance the talks.

Addressing a conference at IAEA headquarters on nuclear safeguards, he said the UN agency was not in a position "to provide credible assurance about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran".

The IAEA claims to be trying to get to the bottom of Western intelligence reports suggesting Iran was designing a nuclear warhead. Iran say the intelligence was fabricated by its foes but it has promised to work with the IAEA to remove any doubt.

Tehran said last month the IAEA lacked "substantiated" evidence. Diplomats say the United States and its Western allies as well as the occupying regime of Israel have provided information on Iran to the IAEA which they obtained from the terrorists Mujahedin Khalq Organization.

A Russian envoy called on the UN agency to disclose the origin of data it wants to use that is not obtained through its own inspections.

Without naming any country, Russian Ambassador Grigory Berdennikov told the safeguards conference that "some states" may wish to turn the IAEA into their intelligence branch.

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Iran's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said Tehran supports Iraq's unity, integrity, security and all-out development and will cooperate with the country for the elimination of terrorism.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran pursues the expansion of all-out strategic ties with Iraq based on the common interests and expediencies of the two countries and the region and will cooperate with Iraq in countering the challenges ahead, particularly for the establishment of security and the eradication of the ominous phenomenon of terrorism," Afkham said.

"Close consultation between the two countries in view of the sensitivity and complicated nature of regional developments, and also the effective role of Tehran and Baghdad in restoring peace and stability to the region as well as the need for the integration of ongoing efforts in fighting terrorism are very important issues," the Iranian spokesperson pointed out.

She added that the Iraqi premier was scheduled to hold talks with senior Iranian officials on the latest developments in the region and ways to settle regional problems during his visit to Tehran.

Turkey Concealing Press TV Reporter Death Suspect

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Iraq Army Recaptures Several Areas From ISIL

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – The Iraqi army says it has liberated several areas in the north of the war-torn country from the ISIL Takfiri terrorists, inflicting heavy losses on the insurgents.

"The military operations, which began on Friday, have succeeded in their first phase in liberating some areas," Khaled al-Khazraji, a senior army commander in the northern Salahuddin Province, said on Sunday. Reports say Iraqi military forces

secured a route between the northern cities of Tikrit and Baiji during an operation, which left dozens of terrorists dead.

They also conducted a military operation in Diyala province, killing a large number of ISIL terrorists there.

Khazraji went on to say that the operations "will continue to liberate other areas and cut the supply routes for the terrorist ISIL gangs." The new army operations are

mainly focused on areas near the northern oil town of Baiji and the city of Tikrit, situated 140 kilometers northwest of the capital, Baghdad.

The new developments come as the Iraqi army, backed by volunteer forces, continues to gain more ground in the fight against the ISIL terrorists, inflicting heavy losses on them on several fronts.

The Iraqi army has been fighting the terrorist group for nearly

six months now. The troops have pledged to gain more ground in the coming weeks.

The US-led coalition has also conducted several airstrikes on ISIL positions across Iraq, but the air raids have so far failed to dislodge the terrorists.

The ISIL terrorists have seized large swathes of land in Iraq and Syria, terrorizing all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds and Christians, in the areas they are controlling.