

US Drone Strike Kills 3 in South Yemen

SANAA (AP) – A US drone strike has killed three people in Yemen's southern province of al-Bayda, tribal sources say. The sources said the pilotless aircraft targeted suspected al-Qaeda-linked terrorists in Manasseh area. While local sources say the victims were al-Qaeda-linked militants, officials have yet to comment on the report. The attack is said to be the first US airstrike against militants in Yemen since Houthi fighters took control of the capital Sana'a. Scores of Yemenis have lost their lives in similar attacks over the past few months.

Thought for Today
No knowledge is superior to deep thinking and prudence; no worship or prayers are more sacred than fulfillment of obligations and duties.
Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Iraqi Forces Make Fresh Advances Against ISIL

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – **Iraqi troops, supported by volunteers, are making advances in their fight against the ISIL Takfiri terrorists in the province of Salahuddin, north of the capital, Baghdad.**
The government forces, who have been battling the terrorist group for nearly six months now, pushed ahead toward two districts in the province. They had earlier mopped up one of the main roads leading to the districts of the Takfiris.
The forces, meanwhile, cleared the area during their anti-ISIL offensive in Salahuddin, discovering and defusing dozens of explosive devices and car bombs.
The fresh gains came after Iraqi armed forces recaptured the town of Jurf al-Sakhr, southwest of Baghdad, from the ISIL terrorists.
More than 40 terrorists were also killed in fierce clashes with Iraqi soldiers in a district south of the capital. The army troops also seized a large cache of ammunition from the ter-

rorists.
The Iraqi troops have pledged to make more gains in the coming weeks.
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.
Kurds to Send Forces to Kobani
Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan Region has decided to send reinforcement troops to the Syrian city of Kobani next week to aid Kurds fighting against the ISIL Takfiri terrorists.
"The forces that will be sent are support forces and their number will not exceed 200 fighters," AFP quoted Halgord Hekmat, a spokesman for the ministry responsible for the Kurdish fighters also known as Peshmerga, as saying on Friday.
"We are not able to specify the day

but it will definitely be during the next week," he added.
The Kurdish official declined to provide details on the exact route through which the forces will be sent to Kobani. Reports, however, said that the forces will be probably sent to the strategic border city via Turkey.
The Kurdish spokesman also said the Peshmerga forces will be equipped with automatic weapons, mortars and rocket launchers.
The decision could be a turning point in the battle in the Syrian Kurdish city.
Meanwhile, Syrian Kurdish fighters in Kobani denied reports of an agreement with Turkey to allow in the so-called Free Syrian Army (FSA) terrorists to fight the ISIL terrorists.
Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had earlier said that the Syrian Kurds had "accepted 1,300 people from the Free Syrian Army and they are holding talks to deter-

mine the transit route."
The Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD) has accused Ankara of helping the ISIL terrorists by turning a blind eye to at least 120 terrorists crossing the border into Syria earlier this week.
Kobani and its surroundings have been under attack since mid-September, with the ISIL terrorists capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages.
The ISIL advance in the region has forced tens of thousands of Syrian Kurds to flee into Turkey, which is a stone's throw from Kobani.
Turkey continues to block any delivery of military, medical or humanitarian assistance into Kobani where the ISIL terrorists are feared to be aiming at massive bloodletting.
Analysts say Ankara, having already won the US green light, plans to let the terrorists seize the Kurdish town of Kobani before sending tanks and troops to fight them in a bid to capture and possibility annex the Syrian territory.

Fresh Clashes Erupt Between Army, Terrorists in Lebanon



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BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Fresh clashes have erupted between the Lebanese army and terrorists in the northern city of Tripoli.
The clashes broke out early Saturday, two days after government troops raided an apartment in the Dinniyeh region to capture a defecting soldier.
Lebanese troops raided the historical market of Tripoli to arrest terrorists holed up there.
Reports say several people including soldiers were wounded in the Saturday fighting.
The army also seized weapons, ammunition and explosive belts during the raid.
On Thursday, the army arrested Ahmad Miqati, one of the most senior commanders of the ISIL Takfiri terrorist group in Lebanon, and his fugitive son accused of beheading troops taken hostage in August. The fighting between Lebanese soldiers and terrorists claimed the lives of at least three people.

Miqati recently pledged allegiance to ISIL leader Ibrahim al-Samarrai, also known as Abubakr al-Baghdadi. He has been recruiting Lebanese terrorists to fight alongside the ISIL terrorists in Lebanon and Syria.
Tensions have soared in Lebanon since August when the army fought deadly clashes with the Al-Qaeda-affiliate Al-Nusra Front in the border town of Aarsal.
The Takfiri terrorists have abducted more than three dozen soldiers and security forces in Lebanon. They have executed at least three of the hostages.
They also demand the release of a number of terrorists in Lebanese jails in exchange for the captive Lebanese soldiers and policemen.
Over the past months, Lebanon has been suffering from terrorist attacks by al-Qaeda-affiliated terrorists as well as random rocket attacks, which are viewed as a spillover of the conflict in Syria gripped by a deadly crisis since 2011.

State Department Official: US Considers Bombing Oil Pipelines in Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – **The United States is considering bombing some Syrian oil pipelines, which are currently under ISIL control, a State Department official has revealed.**
According to the Independent, Julieta Valls Noyes, the US deputy assistant secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, recently said in London that Washington may target oil-related infrastructure inside Syria.
She said that the attacks would include "kinetic strikes against some of the pipelines" and other "physical action to stop the flow."
ISIL terrorists in Iraq and Syria are amassing a fortune of \$1 million a day through black market oil sales, according to the US Treasury Department.
Michael T. Klare, a professor at Hampshire College who has written on energy resources and US foreign policy, said that "bombing oil pipelines to get at ISIS's financing would be a very foolhardy move."
Noyes also mentioned some figures which show ISIL, or ISIS, is

generating up to \$2 million a day by selling crude oil under its control.
Since late September, the US and some of its Arab allies have been carrying out airstrikes against ISIL inside Syria without any authorization from Damascus or a UN mandate.
A US Marine Corps veteran says the United States' airstrikes in Syria

often target terrorists with "no military value" and actually aim at the country's infrastructure.
"What I can see happening is that the targets they're selecting are those that have, in many cases, no military value at all to ISIS or any other rebel group but really are intended to break whatever infrastructure the Syrian government will have when

the fighting is over," Alan Sabrosky told Press TV on September 30.
Sabrosky, a US Army War College graduate, added that Washington intends to inflict "such damage to the economic and industrial infrastructure within Syria that any Syrian government after the fighting will be so weakened that it will be vulnerable to further attacks."

Shia Cleric: Bahrain Elections Have No Value

MANAMA (Press TV) – **Bahrain's prominent Shia cleric Ayatollah Sheikh Isa Ahmed Qassim has questioned the country's upcoming parliamentary elections, saying they lack value.**
During his sermon at the weekly Friday Prayer in Imam Sadiq Mosque located in Bahrain's Diraz area, Qassim said the Manama regime's opposition groups can only take to the polls when there is some hope from participating in the elections, Bahrain's Lulu TV channel reported.
Raising questions about a claimed democracy in the small Persian Gulf kingdom, the cleric termed as "meaningless" a democracy that only allows those supporting the government to express their views. Opposition groups are not permitted to give their opinion, he said, adding that if none of these groups take part in the elections, "then the choice will be worthless."
Qassim also condemned explosions and the burning of cars as "unacceptable" and "an attempt to destabilize" the country. "It is the right of all opposition groups to have participation and supervision in the elections. ... what kind of democracy is it that only allows the government to express its views? The ability of candidates is more important than their numbers," he further stated.

Another Black Teenager Killed

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Police in Ferguson, Missouri, committed human rights abuses as they sought to quell mostly peaceful protests that erupted after an officer killed an unarmed black teenager, an international human rights organization said in a report released on Friday.
The Amnesty International report said law enforcement officers should be investigated by U.S. authorities for the abuses, which occurred during weeks of racially charged protests that erupted after white Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson shot and killed Michael Brown, 18, on Aug. 9. The use by law enforcement of rubber bullets, tear gas and heavy military equipment and restrictions placed on peaceful protesters all violated international standards, the group said. Amnesty said it sent a delegation to Ferguson from Aug. 14-22 to monitor the situation.
When asked about the allegations, Brian Schellman, a spokesman for the St. Louis County Police Department, which helped oversee law enforcement operations in Ferguson, said police "had one mission, and that was the preservation of life."
The report also criticizes a Missouri law that the group said may be unconstitutional because it allows police to use deadly force against someone even if there is no imminent threat of harm. The report calls on state lawmakers to make Missouri law comply with international standards making lethal force by police a last resort, said Rachel Ward, director of research at Amnesty International.

"What type of preservation of life is carried out by the American police?" remarked my friend Jamsheed, nicknamed Jimmy because of his simplemindedness." He added, "American police, it seems, enjoy destruction of life".
Najafi

Saudi Activists Set to Defy No-Women Driving Law



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RIYADH (Press TV) – **Activists in Saudi Arabia are set to defy a no-women driving law by getting behind**

the wheel amid warnings of punishment by officials.
Saudi activists are encouraging

women to drive themselves in public on Sunday on the anniversary of an October 26 campaign last year by female drivers in defiance of a driving ban in the kingdom.
In recent weeks, campaigners have been pushing on social media for women to get behind the wheel and post pictures or films online.
The call is part of a renewed right-to-drive campaign which is scheduled to culminate this weekend.
Saudi authorities have strongly warned women against any move which would violate the female driving ban.
In a statement on Thursday, Saudi Interior Ministry warned women against any move which violates the

kingdom's controversial ban on female driving and said it will "strictly implement" measures against anyone who "contributes in any manner or by any acts, towards providing violators with the opportunity to undermine the social cohesion."
Saudi Arabia is the only country in the world where women are prohibited from driving. The medieval ban is a religious fatwa imposed by the country's Wahhabi clerics. If women get behind the wheel in the kingdom, they may be arrested, sent to court and even flogged.
Saudi authorities have defied calls by international rights groups to end what has been described as its violation of women's rights.