

Zionist Bus Driver Kills Palestinian, Injures Another

WEST BANKN (Dispatches) – A Zionist driver has run over two Palestinians in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin, killing one and injuring another.

Palestinian security sources said on Tuesday that a Zionist bus hit two Palestinians near the al-Jalama checkpoint in Jenin, killing 22-year-old Noor Hassan Naim Salim and wounding 20-year-old Alaa Kayid

Salim.

The occupying regime’s police says the bus driver was detained.

Over the past weeks, the occupied West Bank has been the scene of clashes between Palestinians and Zionist troops over the al-Aqsa Mosque.

Some Jewish settlers have been urging the regime to allow them to pray in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

Palestinians are extremely angry at

such provocative acts, considering them as part of Israel’s plan to Judaize and desecrate the holy Islamic site.

Palestinians argue that al-Quds is the capital of a future Palestinian independent state, and that its heritage should remain intact.

Over the past decades, Israel has tried to change the demographic makeup of al-Quds by constructing

illegal settlements, destroying historical sites and expelling the local Palestinian population.

The al-Aqsa compound, which lies in the Israeli-occupied Old City of al-Quds, is a flashpoint. The location of the compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, is the holiest site in Judaism. The mosque is Islam’s third-holiest site after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

Turkey Criticizes US for ‘Impertinence’ on Syria Crisis

ANKARA (Dispatches) – Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has slammed the United States over what he called its “impertinence” on the Syrian conflict, further exposing the extent of divisions between Ankara and Washington on the foreign-sponsored militancy in Syria.

On Wednesday, Erdogan accused the US of being “impertinent” for pressuring it to help save the northern Syrian city of Kobani, where Kurdish fighters are battling the ISIL Takfiri terrorists.

“Why is somebody coming to

this region from 12,000 kilometers (7,000 miles) away? I want you to know that we are against impertinence, recklessness and endless demands,” he told a group of businessmen in the Turkish capital, Ankara.

“We will resolve our problems not with the help of a ‘superior mind’ but with the help of our people,” Erdogan stated.

Erdogan’s comments come as US Vice President Joe Biden concluded his three-day visit to Turkey on Sunday, without a breakthrough on military cooperation in the Syrian

crisis.

On November 19, the Turkish president criticized the United States for failing to meet Turkey’s conditions to play a more influential role in the Washington-led so-called coalition against the ISIL terrorists.

Syria has been gripped by deadly violence since 2011. The United States and some of its regional allies -- especially Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey -- have been supporting the terrorists operating in Syria.

The ISIL terrorists, who were

initially trained by the CIA in Jordan in 2012 to destabilize the Syrian government, now control large swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria.

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.

Syria’s Kurdish city of Kobani has been under siege by the ISIL for weeks while the Turkish army stands watching the plight of the Kurds inside the city.

Afghan Mom Avenges Son’s Murder, Kills 25 Taliban



Taliban militants in Afghanistan

KABUL (Press TV) – An Afghan woman has killed at least 25 Taliban militants in revenge for the killing of her

son, who was shot dead before her eyes in western Farah province, local media report.

The woman, identified as Reza Gul, picked up arms after her son, who was leading a small group of police forces in a village in Farah, was killed by Taliban militants.

Five Taliban militants have also been injured in the gun battle, which lasted for almost seven hours.

The mother of the slain police officer was supported by her daughter and daughter-in-law in her battle against the militants.

The Taliban terrorist group has not made any comments about the incident so far.

Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Siddiqui said the woman’s armed battle was a symbol of a major revolution and public uprising against the Taliban militants.

Farah is one of the most insecure

provinces in western Afghanistan where armed militants frequently carry out insurgency operations against the government.

Taliban militants have recently stepped up their attacks against Afghan government troops, foreign forces and civilians.

They have vowed to escalate the assaults on Afghan forces and US-led troops, their bases, diplomatic missions and vehicle convoys before the draw-down of US-led foreign forces by the end of the year.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Washington’s so-called war on terror. The military offensive removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity continues across the country despite the presence of tens of thousands of US-led troops.

Qaeda Affiliate Releases Hezbollah Captive

BEIRUT (Press TV) – Hezbollah says the al-Qaeda-linked al-Nusra Front in Syria has released one of its members in exchange for two militants.

“With the grace of Almighty Allah, and after weeks of nego-

tiations... Brother Imad Ayyad was freed in exchange for two militants who were in Hezbollah custody, today afternoon Tuesday, 25/11/2014,” the Lebanese resistance movement said in a statement.

Hezbollah wished that all prisoners and hostages “would be granted freedom and safety.”

Hezbollah has sent thousands of fighters to support Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s army’s bid to quell a nearly-four-

year-long conflict across the country.

The Lebanese group has played a key role in fighting around Damascus, especially in Qalamun, a Syrian region bordering Lebanon.

Egypt Temporarily Reopens Rafah Border Crossing

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – The Egyptian government has temporarily reopened the Rafah border crossing, which had been closed by Cairo following deadly attacks in the Sinai Peninsula.

“The crossing is being opened for two days to help traffic mainly from Egypt to Gaza,” a government official said on Wednesday.

The crossing will open for four hours on Wednesday and Thursday, the official added.

Egyptian authorities sealed the crossing, which is Gaza’s only land terminal that bypasses Israel, after the attacks targeting Egyptian military personnel and killing 33 Egyptian soldiers

in Sinai on October 24.

Early in November, the Palestinian ambassador to Egypt, Jamal al-Shobaki, asked Cairo to reopen the border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian envoy said he had asked the Egyptian foreign minister to reopen the crossing for special cases, such as enabling the return of the Palestinians who had received treatment abroad for injuries sustained in Israel’s summer war on Gaza. The war killed about 2,140 Palestinians and left more than 11,000 others injured.

Gaza has been blockaded since 2007, a situation that has



Palestinian men in Gaza look at Egyptian security forces over a border wall as the latter conduct an operation in the Egyptian city of Rafah near the border with Gaza Strip.

caused a decline in the standard of living, unprecedented levels

of unemployment, and unrelenting poverty.

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While the Ferguson mayor and Missouri’s lieutenant governor bristled that state officials hadn’t done enough to stop the rioting, others said the destruction to businesses was a case of anger spiraling out of control.

Since mid-August, this middle-class, predominantly black suburb has grown accustomed to tense standoffs between police and protesters. But what happened Monday far exceeded — in cost and damage — all that had come before, and it left Ferguson bracing for more waves of unrest. At least a half-dozen businesses were torched Monday. Sixty-one arrests were made, 32 for felony charges.

At a news conference early Tuesday afternoon, Ferguson’s mayor, James Knowles, criticized state officials for not doing enough to protect property. Though police had trained for months to better handle mayhem and Nixon a week earlier had declared a state of emergency, the National Guard all but ignored the major commercial areas along South Florissant Road and West Florissant Avenue.

Nixon vowed at a news conference with a half-dozen other law enforcement officials that there “will not be a repeat” of what happened Monday. He said 2,200 National Guard members would be available Tuesday, three times the total of a night earlier.

By Tuesday night, crowds were again on the streets in Ferguson. Officers emerged from the building and confronted them. Two were arrested — a man and a woman who were chased and tackled by officers after being told to get out of the street.

Meanwhile, attorneys and representatives for Brown’s family complained of the grand jury proceedings, saying evidence presented was flawed and biased. They also called the decision to release the grand jury’s findings at night irresponsible. “It was unnecessarily provocative, but I think it only cleared up why many of us said ‘let’s go to the federal government’ in the first place,” said the Rev. Al Sharpton.

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And some analysts believe that the organization will on Thursday agree to trim such excess rather than cut its official ceiling.

Ahead of the OPEC meeting, the world’s top oil producer Saudi Arabia has cut what it charges U.S. customers, in a move seen as a bid to maintain its market share amid increasing competition from oil extracted from shale rock in the United States.

Officials from Saudi Arabia met with their counterparts from Venezuela and non-OPEC oil producers Russia and Mexico in Vienna on Tuesday.

Following the surprise gathering, Russian oil giant Rosneft said it had trimmed its daily output by 25,000 barrels because of “market conditions”.

The token reduction represented less than one percent of the behemoth’s total and did nothing to boost energy prices on depressed global commodity markets.

On Wednesday, U.S. and Brent crude futures declined sharply. Benchmark Brent futures were down 38 cents at \$77.95 a barrel by 1540 GMT, having hit a low of \$77.30 in the session. U.S. crude was down 24 cents at \$73.85.

Al-Naimi told reporters that he believed the oil market “will stabilize itself eventually”, increasing speculation his country would not support an output cut.

His comments were echoed by United Arab Emirates. “The market will fix itself ultimately,” UAE Oil Minister Suhail bin Muhammad al-Mazroui told Reuters in an interview.

Zanganeh said OPEC should comply with its agreed production ceiling, but Iran has no plans to cut its own production.

He said “it’s very clear. OPEC decides to comply not to” breach its ceiling.

Iran, however, has no plan to reduce its output and instead is trying to boost it, Zanganeh said.

The oil producers’ group is currently considering a proposal to abide by a ceiling of 30 million barrels a day agreed in 2011—implying a production cut of 300,000 barrels a day from October levels.

The current lower prices would put out some expensive oil production out of the market, he said. The abundant supply (including U.S. output at a three-decade high) and weaker demand as the economic recovery stutters along have seen prices fall 30% since June.