

'Russia, Zionist Regime to Talk Syria in Tel Aviv'

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – A high-ranking Russian military delegation is set to hold talks with Israeli officials in Tel Aviv on Russia's operations in Syria, an Israeli officer says.

The Israeli military officer said on Monday that the Russian delegation will visit Israel on Tuesday for talks on ways Israeli and Russian military forces can avoid clashes while operating in Syria.

Lack of friends means, stranger in one's own country.

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Saudi Air Raids Continue to Kill Yemenis

SANAA (FNA) – Saudi fighter jets conducted more airstrikes in the Yemeni province of Sa'ada on Tuesday, killing at least 3 civilians.

Some 3 Yemenis were killed, dozens others injured in Saudi airstrikes on two districts in Sa'ada.

On Monday, Saudi Arabia also conducted several airstrikes on Sa'ada. Five air raids hit Razih district in Sa'ada, while another two targeted areas in Bani Ma'ad district of the same province.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the airstrikes.

At least five civilians were killed and 10 others injured in airstrikes in the capital, Sana'a, on Sunday. Areas in Hajjah province also came

under attack.

Saudi Arabia has been striking Yemen for 195 days now to restore power to Hadi, a close ally of Riyadh. The Saudi-led aggression has so far killed at least 6,448 Yemenis, including hundreds of women and children.

Hadi stepped down in January and refused to reconsider the decision despite calls by Ansarullah revolutionaries of the Houthi movement.

Despite Riyadh's claims that it is bombing the positions of the Ansarullah fighters, Saudi warplanes are flattening residential areas and civilian infrastructures.

Russia Looking Into Turkey Airspace Violation Claims



The undated photo shows a Russian Sukhoi Su-30 fighter jet landing at the Hmeymim Airbase in Syria.

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – Moscow says it is investigating the allegation by Ankara that Russian jets targeting terrorists in Syria have violated Turkish airspace for a second time, re-

ports say.

According to the Russian TASS news agency, the Russian embassy in the Turkish capital, Ankara, said Moscow was looking into the claim.

Turkey summoned the Russian ambassador after it accused a Russian aircraft of violating its airspace for the second time over the past three days on Sunday.

Following the first incident, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Major General Igor Konashenkov said the jet had accidentally entered Turkish airspace while returning to its base "for several seconds" due to weather conditions on Saturday. Konashenkov added that Moscow had taken measures aimed at preventing "any such incidents in the future."

Meanwhile, Syrian state television announced that Russian jets had targeted the country's historical city of Palmyra, which is currently held by ISIL terrorists.

Moscow launched its airstrike campaign against ISIL terrorists operating in Syria on September 30.

Turkey and Russia have been at odds over the developments in Syria. Reports indicate that Turkey has been actively supporting the terrorists working to topple the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, while Russia has repeatedly stressed that the Syrian leader must be included in a solution to the crisis in the country.

Afghan Officials: Clashes Disrupting Delivery of Food to Kunduz



Afghan special forces arrive as they launch a counteroffensive to retake Kunduz from Taliban militants.

KABUL (AP) – Afghan officials have warned that heavy clashes between Taliban militants and government troops in the northern city of Kunduz are hindering the delivery of food and humanitarian aid to the people there.

According to Afghan officials, vital aid such as food and other emergency supplies are not getting through to Kunduz residents due to the ongoing fighting between Afghan troops and the Taliban on the outskirts of Kunduz, the capital of a province with the same name.

Deputy Head of the Afghan Disaster Management Aslim Sayas told AP that conditions were too dangerous and volatile for aid supplies to be trucked into Kunduz.

According to him, local and state authorities were immediately assisting those who have fled the city.

On September 28, Taliban mili-

tants overran Kunduz, the city, but were later forced to withdraw from much of it in the face of a government counterattack. Sporadic clashes continue as Afghan troops struggle to clear remaining pockets of militants.

The capture of Kunduz by Taliban is perceived by some observers as one of the worst setbacks for the country since the Taliban forces were ousted in the 2001 invasion by the US and its allies.

Kunduz is one of Afghanistan's largest cities, and has long been a strategically important transport center for the country's north. It is located on a crossroad that connects key regions of the country. Kunduz is also along the country's border with Tajikistan and could offer the militants the opportunity to establish a base in the country's north

Zionist Troops Shoot, Critically Injure Another Palestinian Youth

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist troops have shot and wounded yet another young Palestinian man during clashes with a group of Palestinian youths in the occupied East al-Quds.

The head of the emergency department at the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Amin Abu Ghazalah, said the skirmishes broke out in the predominantly Palestinian neighborhood of Beit Hanina in East al-Quds on Monday evening.

An unnamed Palestinian youth was shot in the chest when Israeli troops fired live rounds to disperse the crowd. The young Palestinian was transferred to the al-Makassed hospital, where he is said to be in critical condition.

Meanwhile, the PRCS says nearly 500 Palestinians have sustained injuries during clashes with Israeli soldiers and settlers across the occupied Palestinian territories since Saturday.

The al-Bireh-based humanitarian organization said at least 180 Palestinians were shot by live rounds or rubber-coated steel bullets. Others were physically assaulted or suffered excessive tear gas inhalation.

On Sunday, the PRCS declared a level-three state of emergency in the West Bank and East al-Quds,



Zionist troops fire rubber bullets and stun grenades during clashes with Palestinian protesters in the Israeli-occupied Old City of al-Quds.

calling on the international community to take necessary steps and to force the occupying regime to comply with international law.

A 13-year-old Palestinian teenage boy, identified as Abed al-Rahman Shadi Obeidallah, was shot by Zionist troops during clashes in the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem on Monday.

He was taken to the Beit Jala hospital, where he was pronounced

dead shortly afterward due to the severity of the gunshot wound near his heart.

In a statement on Monday, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas slammed the Tel Aviv regime for the escalation of tensions.

The statement from Abbas' office said Israel has an interest "in dragging things into a cycle of violence" due to the turmoil in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

On Sunday morning, Zionist police officers shot dead a Palestinian teenager, identified as Fadi Samir Mustafa Alloun, near the Damascus Gate of the al-Aqsa Mosque compound, claiming that he had attempted to stab an Israeli settler with a knife, according to the Palestinian Ma'an news agency.

There are reports that Zionist settlers kicked Alloun's body later on, and dragged it along the street.

Amnesty Launches Petition to Demand Bahraini Activist's Release

LONDON (Press TV) – Amnesty International has launched a petition, calling for the immediate release of a Bahraini activist doctor currently in prison for denouncing Manama's response to 2011 anti-government protests.

In its petition, the rights group urged the unconditional release of Ali al-Ekri, a consultant surgeon, who is currently serving a five-year sentence under inhumane circumstances for peacefully exercising his rights to "freedom of expression and assembly."

Amnesty says Ekri is a prisoner of conscience as he was arrested for his "vocal denunciation of the excessive force used by the armed forces against peaceful protesters during February-March 2011 protests to the international media."

He was arrested while working in an operation room at the Salmaniya Medical Complex in the Bahraini capital, Manama, on March 17, 2011.

According to a testimony released in October 2011, the Bahraini surgeon said that he had been subjected to physical torture, including beating, kicking, sleep deprivation and sexual abuse.

"I was threatened with police dogs being brought to my cell and they made me imitate the barking of dogs, they made me lick the floor, the soles of their boots," Ekri had said.

Ekri also said he had been forced to "confess to possession of weapons, heading a militia, and occupying the hospital."

The rights group further called on Bahraini authorities to investigate Ekri's claims of torture and ill treatment while in detention and to bring those responsible to justice.

Ekri is among the 48 paramedics, nurses, and doctors detained by armed forces during the uprising for alleged involvement in protests.

This comes as Bahraini activists slammed Manama's eight-year delay in the release of a report on the Al Khalifa regime's fight against human rights violations and torture, as unacceptable.

Activists say Bahrain's report on torture and human rights violation, which was handed over to the United Nations Committee Against Torture last month, lacks credibility.