

Mogadishu (Press TV) – Somalia's internationally-backed government is reportedly planning to file a legal case against the rulers of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for setting up a military base in the unrecognized breakaway republic of Somaliland.

The Somali government's Auditor General Nur Jimale Farah announced Mogadishu's plans to file the complaint against the UAE on charges of violating international law for entering a deal with the Somaliland government to establish the military installation in the port of Berbera.

Among the characteristics of the believers there is neither flattery nor envy, except in the pursuit of knowledge.

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Amnesty Warns of Human Rights Catastrophe in Bahrain



This file photo taken on February 19, 2011 shows people holding up flags as thousands of Bahraini anti-government protesters return to Pearl Square in Manama.

MANAMA (Dispatches) – Amnesty International has warned that Bahrain is on the verge of a human rights catastrophe amid a pattern of increased violence against demonstrators, executions, and detentions.

The rights group gave the warning as nationwide protests were underway in Bahrain to mark the sixth anniversary of the 2011 popular uprising.

"Bahrain is at a tipping point. The first two months of 2017 alone saw an alarming upsurge in arbitrary and abusive force by security forces

as well as the first executions since the uprising in 2011," said Amnesty International's Beirut office Deputy Director Lynn Maalouf.

She added if the Al Khalifah regime does not put further control on its security forces, does not respect protesters rights, and does not halt its executions, it will be dealing with a full blown human rights crisis.

"For six years, the Bahraini government has been claiming that it has taken meaningful steps towards reform and upholding its human rights obligations, including by prosecuting those who

were responsible for the violations that took place during the 2011 uprising. But the past few weeks have seen a very concerning renewed pattern of violations, including arbitrary detention and torture, facilitated by a continuing climate of impunity," she added.

In another development, Bahrain's main Shia opposition group, the al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, denounced violent measure taken by Manama regime against peaceful protesters, calling for the continuation of rallies in the Persian Gulf country.

According to Arabic-language Bahrain Mirror news website, al-Wefaq's Deputy Secretary General Sheikh Hussein al-Daihi on Tuesday urged negotiations under the supervision of the United Nations and a referendum in the island.

Daihi also accused the Al Khalifah regime of having violated all political, civil and religious rights of the citizens, who are seeking their legitimate rights.

He further appreciated the people's patience, resistance and sacrifice inspired by al-Wefaq's spiritual leader, Shia cleric, Sheikh Isa Qassim.

Anti-regime protests have been held on an almost daily basis ever since the popular uprising roared into life in 2011. Manama has gone to great lengths to silence dissent. In March 2011, troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were deployed to assist Bahrain in its crackdown. Scores of people have lost their lives and hundreds of others sustained injuries or been arrested since then.

Yemeni Forces Shoot Down Saudi Arabian Drone Over Ma'rib



The file photo shows the wreckage of a Saudi drone shot down by Yemeni forces in an undisclosed location.

SANAA (Dispatches) – Fighters from Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah movement have downed a Saudi Arabian drone over the war-torn country's central province of Ma'rib.

According to Yemeni military sources, the unmanned aerial vehicle was shot down while engaged in operations over the province's Sirwah district.

On Saturday, nearly a dozen civilians lost their lives when Saudi military aircraft carried out an airstrike against a residential neighborhood in Yemen's southwestern province of Ta'izz.

Meanwhile, 3 people, including a child, have been killed in a bomb attack in Yemen's central province of Bayda.

According to Yemen's official Saba news agency, the bombing was carried out near a checkpoint in the center of the town of Rada' on Tuesday, when Yemeni soldiers fired at an advancing car, suspected of carrying explosives, to bar it from striking itself against a nearby sports and culture club.

The huge blast killed the assailant on the spot and claimed the lives of

a fighter with the Houthi Ansarullah movement and a child. It also injured at least eight other people.

The explosives-laden car was heading to target the club, in which a ceremony was held in commemoration of martyrs from the Yemeni army and the Ansarullah movement.

The explosion also damaged a nearby school and shattered the windows of houses that were in the vicinity of the blast site.

No individual or group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but it was carried out in a province where terrorists belonging to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) are present.

According to the United Nations humanitarian coordinator for Yemen, Jamie McGoldrick, the Yemeni conflict has claimed the lives of 10,000 people and left 40,000 others wounded.

Local sources, however, say the Saudi war, which was launched in March 2015 in an attempt to bring back the country's former government to power, has so far claimed the lives of at least 11,400 Yemenis.

EU Lawmakers Urge Action Against Zionist Regime

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) – Several members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have condemned the Zionist regime's settlement activities on occupied Palestinian territories, calling on the EU to take concrete measures against Tel Aviv's actions.

The new wave of condemnations against Tel Aviv came at a meeting in Strasbourg, France, during which the MEPs discussed the prospect of reviving the negotiations between the occupying regime and Palestinians.

At the event, head of the European Parliament's delegation for relations with Palestine Neoklis Sylikiotis highlighted the "futility" of mere EU condemnations, which have failed to prevent Tel Aviv from attacking Palestinian people, destroying their homes and stealing their land.

"Leniency from the EU has allowed the recent Knesset bill to legalize the theft of private Palestinian land for settlements. This decision violates international law and human rights conventions," he said.

The Zionist regime's parliament on February 6 rubber-stamped the so-called "Legalization Bill," which

retroactively legalized structures built on Palestinian land.

The move came barely two months after the United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a resolution declaring that settlement construction "constitutes a flagrant violation under international law."

Sylikiotis further said, "All the while Israeli occupation forces continue to expand settlements, attack and kill Palestinian civilians, demolish their schools and homes and imprison children. These actions undermine peace-making efforts in the region."

He also called on the EU to suspend the Association Agreement with the regime for its violations of the international law.

"No solution can be found unless Israel changes its policies," said Sylikiotis. "What we need is real pressure on Israel."

The Zionist regime has been setting up settlements across the West Bank and East al-Quds since occupying the Palestinian territories in 1967. The constructions have been widely condemned as a push toward facilitating the annexation of the lands.



A general view of buildings under construction in the illegal settlement of Har Homa in the occupied East al-Quds on March 7, 2016

Daesh Uses Izadi Children in Iraq as Bombers

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – The Daesh terrorist group is reportedly brainwashing abducted Izadi children in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul into becoming potential bombers to carry out counterattacks against government forces and allies.

Scores of Izadi children, who have been displaced from their hometowns in the northwestern Sinjar area, are now being trained in a Daesh terror training camp to conduct bombings, Arabic-language Shafaq news agency reported.

A video footage recently published by the extremists shows two young Izadi brothers moments before they carry out an assault against Iraqi soldiers in an unspecified neighborhood of eastern Mosul, located some 400 kilometers north of the capital, Baghdad.

One of the brothers, identified as Amjad Abu Yousef al-Sinjari,



This grab taken from an undated Daesh propaganda video footage shows two abducted Izadi brothers moments before a bombing attack against Iraqi government forces in the northern city of Mosul.

says in Kurdish that they received training at the camp before registration in Daesh lists of bombers.

The other brother, named As'ad Abu Khattab, says they come from Tell Qababeh village of Sinjar.

The video further shows the moment that the two are killed in a bombing against Iraqi troops.

Back in August 2014, Daesh

terrorists overran Sinjar, killing, raping, and enslaving large numbers of Izadi Kurds. The town was later recaptured on November 13, 2015, during a two-day operation by Peshmerga forces and Izadi fighters.

Around 3,500 Izadi Kurds are being held captive in Daesh-held areas, and a large proportion of

the abductees are women and children, the Office of Kidnapped Affairs in the northern Iraqi city of Duhok says.

Meanwhile, Daesh terrorists have kidnapped more than a dozen civilians from an area in the embattled western province of Anbar.

Muayyad Farhan told Arabic-language al-Sumaria television network on Wednesday that Daesh terrorists abducted 16 people as they were travelling on a road linking Ar Rahaliyah town to the provincial capital city of Ramadi, situated about 110 kilometers west of Baghdad.

Farhan then called on the Baghdad government to adopt proper measures aimed at securing the lives of Ar Rahaliyah residents.

Gruesome violence has plagued the northern and western parts of Iraq ever since Daesh terrorists mounted an offensive there more than two years ago, and took control of portions of Iraqi territory.