

UN Urges 'Humanitarian' Truce in Yemen's Ta'izz
SANA (Press TV) – The United Nations has called for a humanitarian truce in Yemen's southwestern province of Ta'izz as heavy fighting continues in the embattled region.
UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen Jamie McGoldrick on Wednesday expressed alarm at increasing bloodshed in Ta'izz Province, particularly the al-Sarari area, and urged all warring sides to agree immediately to a "humanitarian pause" to protect civilians.
He also called for cooperation with humanitarian agencies to help treat and evacuate the wounded and deliver much-needed medicine to the embattled region.

About atonement of sin He says Allah accepts the repentance of those who have ignorantly committed vice and then soon repent for it, Allah accepts such repentance's, He is Wise and Omniscient.

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Bahrain Postpones Trial of Shia Cleric; Activist Faces 12 Years in Prison



A file photo of senior Bahraini Shia cleric Sheikh Issa Qassim

MANAMA (Dispatches) – A court in Bahrain adjourned the trial of top Shia cleric Sheikh Isa Qassim amid widespread protests against the move, but human rights campaigner Nabeel Rajab faces up to 12 years in prison in Bahrain.

The tribunal held a session which lasted only 10 minutes without the cleric's presence on Wednesday, deciding to put off the trial until August 14.

The Bahraini regime has pressed charges of "illegal fund collections, money laundering and helping terrorism" against Sheikh Qassim. He has rejected the accusations.

Manama has also revoked the cleric's citizenship.

Bahrain has already sentenced Sheikh Ali Salman, another revered opposition cleric, to nine years in prison on charges of seeking regime change and collaborating with foreign powers, which he has denied.

Sheikh Salman was the secretary general of the al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, which was Bahrain's main opposition bloc before being dissolved by the regime earlier this

month.

Both the trial of Sheikh Qassim and Sheikh Salman are viewed as part of Bahrain's crackdown on political dissent.

Since February 14, 2011, thousands of anti-regime protesters have held numerous demonstrations in Bahrain on an almost daily basis, calling on the Al Khalifah rulers to relinquish power.

In March that year, troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were deployed to the country to assist the Bahraini regime in

cracking down on the protests.

On the eve of Sheikh Qassim's trial, hundreds of people rallied in Bahrain to express solidarity with him. Shop owners also closed their stores on the streets and at various shopping malls.

Additionally, local residents switched off the lights of their houses in response to calls by opposition groups and chanted slogans on rooftops in condemnation of Sheikh Qassim's trial.

Human Rights Watch says Bahraini human rights campaigner Nabeel Rajab faces up to 12 years in prison in Bahrain over tweets critical of the Saudi war on Yemen.

The U.S.-based international non-governmental organization said on Wednesday that the charges leveled against the 52-year-old president of the Bahrain Centre for Human Rights constitute a serious violation of his right to freedom of expression.

It added that Rajab's prison condition amounts to arbitrary punishment, as he was kept in solitary confinement for more than two weeks after his arrest in mid-June and denied compassionate leave to take part in a relative's funeral.

Saudi Arabia has been waging a non-UN-sanctioned war on Yemen since March 2015.

"Unlawful Saudi-led airstrikes bombed markets and hospitals, killing hundreds of civilians, but the person facing prison time is the one who criticized them," said Joe Stork, the deputy Middle East director at Human Rights Watch.

Bomb Kills Scores in Syria's Qamishli

DAMASCUS (Press TV) – A massive bomb has killed at least 44 people in the northern Syrian town of Qamishli, state media say.

At least 140 people were also injured when a terrorist in a vehicle laden with explosives blew himself up in a western neighborhood of the city on Wednesday, the official SANA news agency said.

The Takfiri terrorist group of ISIL claimed responsibility for the attack which was initially described as a double bombing.

The area targeted houses where local Kurdish officials live.

Qamishli, on the border with Turkey, is dominated by Syrian

Kurds but Syrian government forces are present and control the town's airport.

According to the so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the explosion targeted a center of the local Kurdish police and a nearby government building.

The explosion came as Kurdish forces pressed ahead with their offensive on the ISIL-held town of Manbij also in northern Syria.

The Syria Democratic Forces, a coalition of Kurdish and Arab fighters, have been the main force fighting ISIL in northern Syria, capturing significant territory from the Takfiri terrorists over the past two years.

Families of Detained Turkish Soldiers Camp Out to Demand Answers

ANKARA (Press TV) – The families of hundreds of Turkish soldiers detained in the wake of a July 15 failed coup have camped outside a detention center in Istanbul to urge information on the fate of their loved ones.

They have gathered outside the Silivri prison, and their numbers are growing ever since a first group arrived last Monday.

It is believed that 1,600 young conscripts are being held in the detention facility in connection with the coup attempt.

Turkish officials have launched a large-scale crackdown follow-

ing the attempted coup d'état. A three-month state of emergency has also been declared in the country.

Almost 9,000 soldiers and several thousand other people have been arrested on charges of affiliation to the movement of U.S.-based opposition cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom the Ankara government accuses of having orchestrated the botched putsch.

Gulen has denied the accusation.

Nevin Ilhan, a mother whose 23-year-old-son is imprisoned in Silivri, said, "My boy is innocent. He is just a private. They take orders."

"They have to do whatever they are told. My son is now paying the price for having done what they [politicians] told them to do," she added.

Ilhan added that his son was just five days away from finishing his conscription at a military base in Istanbul when the coup attempt was staged.

She said she has become increasingly concerned following reports of "credible evidence" that inmates detained after the failed military coup are subjected to torture and various forms of abuse.

"As a mother, I just want to hear that my son is safe. I just want to know that he is not being mistreated."

Ahmet Atas, another person who has camped outside Silivri, has traveled from the southeastern city of Van all the way to Istanbul in a bid to find out information about his 20-year-old nephew, Hayrettin Atas, also detained over the coup bid.

"Hayrettin's conscription would have ended today on July 26 if he hadn't been arrested. We have had no news of him. I just know he is here. I have nowhere to stay. No money to buy anything. But I won't return home until I see my nephew," Atas said.

Zionists Kill Hamas Member, Raze His Home in West Bank

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's troops have attacked the residence of a Hamas member in a village in southern occupied West Bank, killing him and razing his house to the ground.

The raid saw Zionist troops, police personnel, and members of Shin Bet spy agency attacking the house in Surif, north of al-Khalil, the Palestinian News Agency Wafa reported.

The victim has been identified as 29-year-old Muhammad al-Fakih, whom Hamas has acknowledged as belonging to the movement.

The Zionist troops also arrested three other Palestinians, including Fakih's brother, during the attack which reportedly lasted for seven hours.

The Zionist regime's military, meanwhile, alleged that the attack had targeted those responsible for the July 1 killing of rabbi Miki Mark in the West Bank.

Before launching the Tuesday raid, the military ordered a power cut to be imposed on the village.

The attack, in which at least 40 military vehicles were involved, saw the Zionist troops firing at least one anti-tank missile at the house.

The destruction of the house was followed by clashes with local Palestinians, during which six Palestinians were injured.

The occupied Palestinian territories have been the scene of heightened tensions since August 2015, when the



The damaged house of Hamas member Muhammad al-Fakih is seen here in the village of Surif in the occupied West Bank.

regime imposed restrictions on the entry of Palestinian worshippers into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in East al-Quds.

Palestinians say the Tel Aviv regime seeks to change the status quo of the sacred site.

More than 220 Palestinians have lost their lives at the hands of Zionist troops in the tensions since the beginning of last October.

Zionist Police Shoot Woman at Qalandiya

The Zionist regime border police shot and wounded a young Palestinian woman at the Qalandiya checkpoint between the occupied West Bank and Eastern al-Quds.

According to local sources, a Pales-

tinian woman, identified as an 18-year-old resident of the village of Kafr Aqab, was shot as she approached the security guards at the Qalandiya checkpoint" in the area where vehicles cross the checkpoint, Ma'an reported.

The sources said she had lost consciousness after being shot several times by Zionist troops.

Clashes erupted between Palestinians and Israeli security guards and border police following the shooting, before Israeli forces "evacuated" the protesting Palestinians in the area.

The Qalandiya checkpoint has been the site of violent clashes between Palestinians and Israeli forces and the site of a number of alleged attacks and attempted attacks against Israeli targets since a wave of unrest swept across the Palestinian territory in October.

ISIL Building Surface-to-Air Missiles Based on Zionist Technology

DAMASCUS (FNA) – Resistance forces in Mosul revealed that the ISIL terrorist group is making surface-to-air missiles based on an Israeli model to target Iraqi, Syrian and coalition fighter jets.

According to the Arabic-language Sputnik news website, the plan includes equipping the ISL missiles with cameras similar to the systems used in Rafael Python-5 missiles produced by Israel which can be fired both from surface and air.

The resistance forces also said that the ISIL group which has been entrusted with implementing the plan includes Iraqi and foreign members headed by Nineveh governor called al-Seidali who have equipped and armed the missiles in a region in Wadi al-Akab in Western Mosul and then fled to Raqqa in Syria.

They added that the ISIL group's activity is not limited to the equipment and enhancement of the missiles; "it also produces the chemical materials used in the bombs and mortars, including poisonous gases like chlorine and mustard gas, which were earlier discovered by the Iraqi and Kurdish forces

near Mosul and al-Anbar province.

By implementing the plan, the ISIL seeks to equip the missiles with tracking, tracing and controlling systems which include special electronic circuits and a micro computer chip that receives and processes the information and gives digital orders to the control circuit in the engine impellers through 5-volt micro computer chip.

Based on the information gained by the resistance forces, the ISIL uses Sony cameras to equip its missiles.

The reports came after evidence indicated in July 2014 that Japan's electronics giant, Sony, had assisted Israel in its deadly offensive against the besieged Gaza Strip.

A piece of an Israeli rocket was discovered in Gaza showing that Sony Corporation has provided the Israel regime with cameras and high-tech control boards to equip its missiles.

A camera apparently manufactured by Sony was mounted on the rocket piece to help Israeli warplanes choose their targets in the Gaza Strip.