

Turkey Arrests 32,000 People 'in Connection With July Coup Attempt'
 ANKARA (FNA) – Turkish police have arrested 32,000 people in connection with the July 15 coup attempt.
 A total of 32,000 people have been arrested in connection with a July 15 attempted coup in Turkey, Justice Minister Bekir Bozdogan said, Sputnik reported.
 "To date, 32,000 people have been arrested," Bozdogan said in an interview with the NTV broadcaster.
 Ankara also claims that the U.S.-based opposition leader orchestrated the failed coup d'etat in Turkey. Fethullah Gulen has dismissed the allegation.
 "A total of about 70,000 people have faced legal proceedings on suspicion of links" to Gulen, Bozdogan also said.

Thought for Today
 Daily prayers are the best medium through which one can seek the nearness to Allah. Hajj is Jihad (Holy War) for every weak person. For everything that you own there is Zakat, and Zakat of your body is fasting. The Jihad of a woman is to afford pleasant company to her husband.
 Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

More Yemeni Civilians Killed in Fresh Saudi Raids

Syrian Army Jets Pound Terrorist Bases in Aleppo



Yemenis carry belongings they recovered from the rubble of buildings destroyed during Saudi air strikes the previous day in the Yemeni Red Sea port city of Hodaydah.

SANAA (Dispatches) – At least four civilians, including a child, have lost their lives and several others sustained injuries in Saudi air strikes against residential areas across conflict-ridden Yemen.
 Saudi military aircraft struck an outdoor market in the Haydan district of the northern mountainous province of Sa'ada,

leaving three people dead and three others injured, Arabic-language al-Masirah television network reported.
 A child was later killed when Saudi fighter jets bombarded al-Sharqabi village in the same Yemeni district.
 Saudi warplanes also carried out multiple air strikes against Bayhan

District in the central province of Shabwah as well as Attan, Hafid and Nihm districts in the west-central province of Sana'a.
 Additionally, Saudi warplanes bombed a fuel station in the Majz district of Sa'ada. The massive explosion shook the area and caused material damage to a

number of nearby buildings.
 Three civilians, including an elderly woman, were also killed and another two injured in a Saudi aerial attack a day earlier against the Kitaf wa Al Boqe'e district in Sa'ada Province.
 Yemeni army soldiers also thwarted an attack by militiamen loyal to former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi against the Usaylan district in Shabwah Province, killing scores of pro-Saudi gunmen in the process.
 Elsewhere in the Karsh region of Yemen's southwestern province of Lahij, Yemeni forces targeted a battle tank belonging to Saudi-backed militiamen.
 Yemen has been under Saudi military strikes since late March 2015. The onslaught was launched in a bid to reinstate Hadi, who has stepped down as Yemen's president but is now seeking to grab power by force.
 The United Nations puts the death toll from the military aggression at about 10,000.
 Yemeni forces are fighting back the Saudi military aggression and occasionally launch retaliatory attacks on the kingdom's soil.



Terrorists are seen during clashes with government forces on the southwestern edges of Syria's northern city of Aleppo on August 6, 2016.

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – Syrian aircraft have started launching "concentrated airstrikes" against terrorist-held areas inside and around the northwestern city of Aleppo.
 A source within the Syrian military said the raids are underway against terrorist bases in the town of Khan Touman to the south of the city and elsewhere in the area, AFP reported.
 The strikes led to "the destruction of armored vehicles and (other) vehicles, some of which were equipped with machine guns."
 A week-long ceasefire in the war-weary Arab country, which had been brokered by Russia and the United States ended last Monday. It ushered in several days of relative calm, including in Aleppo, which has been divided between government forces and terrorists.
 In another development the U.S.-led coalition warplanes launched airstrikes on two main bridges on the Euphrates River in Deir Ezzur province, days after they killed at least 90 Syrian soldiers in an air assault in the same region in southeastern Syria.

solution to the crisis have so far failed. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has voiced skepticism over the implementation of a no-fly zone over Syria.
 "Given the way the situation is at the moment, I'm skeptical that we can enforce a no-fly zone right now," she said following a meeting with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak.
 She noted that given the current situation only negotiations can ensure progress towards halting the conflict in the country.
 "Syrian authorities and Russia must take a step toward strengthening, renewing the ceasefire and humanitarian support," she added.
 Her remarks directly contradicted those of German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who recently called for the implementation of a seven-day no-fly zone after a UN aid convoy was hit in Aleppo.
 On Thursday, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said that his country was firmly against a no-fly zone in Syria, noting that a solution must be found that would benefit all parties engaged in the conflict with the exclusion of terrorist groups.
 Russia also criticized the United States for not doing enough to rein in terrorists in Syria and protect the truce deal, saying continued violations of the ceasefire by terrorists made "senseless" for Damascus to stick to the agreement.

21 Killed in U.S. Drone Attack in Afghanistan

KABUL (Press TV) – A U.S. drone strike has killed at least 21 people in the eastern Nangarhar province, with Afghan sources saying that more than a dozen of them were civilians.
 Esmatullah Shinwari, a Nangarhar lawmaker, told the Associated Press that a crowd had gathered at the tribal leader's house in the Achin district to welcome home his return from the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia when the drone struck.

At least 12 people were wounded in the attack, including the tribal leader, he said.
 Unnamed Afghan sources have said at least 13 of the victims were civilians.
 The spokesman for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, Brigadier General Charles Cleveland, confirmed that a "counter-terrorism airstrike" had been conducted in Achin district early Wednesday.

"U.S. forces did conduct one counter-terrorism airstrike in Achin district, Nangarhar Province, Sept. 28, and for operational security reasons, we do not discuss the details of counter-terror operations," he said in a statement.
 "We are aware of some claims of Afghan casualties," he said, adding that investigations were underway.
 Local Afghan sources said the U.S. drone attack left at least 25 civilian

casualties.
 The people of Afghanistan have been suffering from violence and insecurity since the U.S. and its allies invaded the country as part of Washington's so-called war on terror in 2001. Many parts of the country still remain plagued by militancy despite the presence of foreign troops. The military invasion removed Taliban, but militants still push to wrest control over the war-ravaged country.

Commander: U.S. Army Refusing to Bomb Daesh Terrorists in Anbar

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Commander of Iraqi popular forces in Haditha, west of al-Anbar, disclosed that the U.S.-led coalition forces continue to shrug off targeting Daesh terrorists.
 "The U.S. forces refuse to target the Daesh gathering centers near al-Ratba town in the western parts of al-Anbar under the pretext of the presence of Hashd al-Sha'abi (popular) forces in the region," Colonel Nazzem al-Juqaifi told al-Ma'louma news website on Wednesday.
 He said that his forces are responsible for safeguarding the security of a highway which links the 160km region to al-Ratba town.
 While the Daesh terrorists are preparing to attack the town, the coalition forces refuse to launch airstrikes on their gathering centers

which have posed a serious threat to the Iraqi security forces near al-Ratba, Juqaifi said.
 The Iraqi volunteer forces' commanders have continued to lash out at the U.S. and its regional allies for continuing their military and logistical supports for the Daesh Takfiri terrorists in Iraq all throughout the last two years.
 "Washington still continues its military supports for the terrorists in Iraq," Spokesman of Iraq's Ansarullah al-Nujaba Movement Hashem al-Moussavi told FNA in April.
 He reiterated that al-Nujaba Movement forces are collecting documents, photos and videos of supplies airdropped by the U.S.-led coalition forces for the Daesh terrorists in Iraq.

In another development, government and volunteer tribal forces in Iraq have kicked off an offensive to recapture a district in the conflict-ridden western province of Anbar from the Takfiri Daesh terrorists.
 Operations began to liberate the Dolab district on Wednesday, al-Sumeria news agency reports.
 The news agency added that Iraqi forces are advancing on the Daesh-held district from four separate directions and have so far met no resistance by the Takfiri forces.
 Dolab, which is located 10 kilometers west of the city of Hit, was occupied by Daesh forces in mid-2014 and used as a military base by the terrorist group to mobilize and launch terrorist attacks on people and security forces.

Saudi Workers Protest Over Unpaid Wages

RIYADH(Press TV)—Hundreds of angry laborers in Saudi Arabia, not paid for months, have staged a protest in Eastern Province.
 The oil-rich kingdom employs millions of foreign workers in various sectors. But facing a cash crunch, fueled by the steep fall in oil prices as well as the costly military offensive against Yemen, it has been unable to pay a large number of foreign staff for months.
 The protesters blocked the road linking Dammam, which is the largest city and capital of Eastern Province, to Abqaiq community, arguing that they were owed more than six months worth of unpaid wages, Arabic-language Akhbaar 24 news website reported.
 Security forces were later deployed to the protest site, and dispersed the crowd. No reports of casualties or arrests were

available.
 The protesters are reportedly employees of a subsidiary of Alsaad, a Jeddah-based general contracting company.
 On Monday, Saudi authorities announced a series of cutbacks in the public bonuses and the salaries of ministers.
 Saudi Arabia, once known for its lavish public spending, has been badly hit by the plunge in oil prices. Petrodollars account for the bulk of the kingdom's income.
 Additionally, the Riyadh regime has spent billions of dollars to purchase various types of munitions from Western allies, which is used to strike neighboring Yemen.
 The large population of expatriate workers has been affected by the Saudi budget deficit, with frequent reports

that many have not been paid in months. Major companies have started discharging their foreign workers.
 The Embassy of Pakistan in Riyadh said Monday that hundreds of its nationals, who have been waiting for months to receive their salaries from a Saudi construction firm, would fly home without any payment.
 Back in April, 50,000 foreign laborers were sacked by Binladin Group, and told to leave the kingdom without being paid for several months' work.
 The mass sacking constituted a 25 percent reduction in the private company's 200,000 workforce, according to its LinkedIn page.
 Angry former employees, in return, set fire to seven buses in Mecca, without causing any fatalities.