

Yemeni Protesters Denounce UN 'Complicity' in Saudi War

SANAA (Press TV) – Hundreds of demonstrators have staged a mass protest in Yemen's capital Sana'a, denouncing the United Nations' "complicity" in Saudi Arabia's deadly campaign against its impoverished neighbor.

Large crowds of protesters, who gathered outside a Sana'a hotel where UN Special Envoy for Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed was staying, accused him of "sympathizing with Al Saud."

"Leave, leave Yemen," the demonstrators chanted. "The UN and the Security Council are complicit in the killing of the Yemenis," read one of the banners at the protest.

The protesters, dressed in shirts showing pictures of the victims of an October 8 Saudi airstrike on a funeral in Sana'a, blamed the UN for inaction in the face of the Saudi aggression.

"Yemenis are massacred and we hold the UN responsible for the actions of Saudi Arabia, America, and Israel," shouted the protesters.

On October 8, in one of the deadliest attacks on Yemen, Saudi warplanes bombarded a funeral hall packed with mourners in Sana'a, killing at least 140 people.

Washington has been providing logistic and surveillance support for Saudi Arabia in its bloody campaign.

Witnesses said the mass demonstration ended peacefully as the UN envoy was to leave the hotel for Sana'a airport.



UN Special Envoy for Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed (C) steps out of a UN airplane at Sana'a International Airport upon his arrival for a two-day visit on October 23, 2016, in the Yemeni capital.

A statement published by local Yemeni media said the demonstrators "condemn the UN envoy's intentional obstruction of the [peace] talks" and his "silence on the crimes and massacres committed by the Saudi aggressors" against Yemenis.

Despite renewal calls by the UN envoy, a 72-hour ceasefire ended on Saturday. The truce had been brokered by the UN to allow aid to reach

families trapped in areas cut off by the war in Yemen.

More than 10,000 people have been killed since the regime in Riyadh launched its campaign in March 2015. The military aggression was meant to undermine the Houthi Ansarullah movement and reinstall Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, a staunch ally of Riyadh who has resigned as Yemen's president.

Zionist Settler Runs Over Palestinian Family in West Bank



An armed Zionist settler and a member of the Zionist regime's forces walk on a road in the occupied southern West Bank at the entrance of the Kiryat Arba settlement on September 23, 2016.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A Zionist settler in a car has run over a Palestinian family of three members in the occupied West Bank, leaving them injured.

According to the Palestinian Information Center, the incident took place near the Qalqilya city in the northern part of the occupied West Bank on Tuesday.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society identified the victims as a Palestinian mother and father and their son.

There have been scores of "hit and run" incidents targeting Palestinians in different parts of the occupied West Bank. The incidents have largely gone uninvestigated by the occupying regime's authorities even as some of them have resulted in fatalities.

On September 10, a Zionist settler ran over and killed a six-year-old Palestinian girl on a road leading to an illegal settlement in the southern part of the occupied West Bank.

Over half a million Zionists live in more than 230 illegal settlements built since the 1967 occupation of the Palestinian territories.

All Israeli settlements are illegal under international law but Tel

Aviv is defying calls to stop their settlement expansions.

The new incident came as Zionist troops arrested 12 Palestinians in several dawn raids in the West bank and East al-Quds on Tuesday.

Zionist troops also arrested Mohnad al-Zaghal, a guard at the Bab al-Silsila gate of the al-Aqsa Mosque.

The occupied territories have witnessed new tensions ever since Zionist troops introduced restrictions on the entry of Palestinian worshippers into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in August 2015.

Nearly 240 Palestinians have lost their lives at the hands of Zionist troops since the beginning of last October. The violence has also killed at least 32 Israelis, two Americans, an Eritrean and a Sudanese.

Hamas: Lieberman Threats Worthless

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Hamas says threats made by the Zionist war minister over destroying the Palestinian resistance movement are "worthless."

During an interview with the Palestinian al-Quds newspaper published on Monday, Avigdor Lieberman said he would "completely destroy" Hamas in any future conflict with the Gaza Strip.

Lieberman also made a series of controversial remarks during the interview, such as a death threat against senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, and also about Hamas' disarming.

In reaction to Lieberman's remarks, Hamas spokesman Hazem Kassem said that its military capabilities were legitimate means for resistance. "The tunnels, rockets and weapons are legitimate resistance to Israel's occupation."

Hamas official Fathi Hammed also slammed the remarks made in the interview. "Neither Lieberman nor others; all previous defense ministers have threatened us and all of them have died. The last of them is (Shimon) Peres who is resting in the tombs of hell. So we are in no way afraid and this is a

powerful message from Gaza to Lieberman," he said.

The Palestinian Ministry of information also censured the interview, stressing that it gave a platform to Lieberman, whom it referred to as a murderer. Likewise, the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement about Lieberman's comments. "Lieberman is trying to subtly drive a wedge between the Palestinian people, the Palestinian leadership and repeats his attacks on (President of the Palestinian Authority) Mahmoud Abbas like a broken record. He is deluding himself that he has the ability to find a Palestinian partner for peace that suits his own views," it read.

The Gaza Strip has been under a siege imposed by the Zionist regime since June 2007. The blockade has caused a decline in the standards of living as well as unprecedented levels of unemployment and poverty.

The occupying regime has also launched several wars on the Palestinian sliver, the last of which began in early July 2014. The 50-day military aggression, which ended on August 26, 2014, killed thousands of Palestinians and injured many more.

attempt, and 29 are connected to the Kurdish media, Alaraby reported.

The report criticizes the Turkish government for its strong-hand tactics against journalists, and labels Turkey as the "world's biggest journalist-prison".

"The State of Emergency declared following the coup attempt on July 15, and the Statutory Decrees issued within the State of Emergency, have led to various

unlawful and excessive practices like closures, detentions and arrests," BIA said in the report.

A total of 155 media outlets have been closed down in the period since July 15, while 775 press cards and 49 passports have been cancelled.

The report claims that 22 journalists have been charged with "defaming the president" or "defaming Recep Tayyip Erdogan" in the last three months, while two

reporters were found guilty and fined 3,130 euros each.

The Turkish state immediately clamped down on journalists, academics and economists in the months following the coup in a purge which saw more than 13,000 people arrested.

One of the biggest cases was the closure of the Zaman newspaper, which was famously critical of President Erdogan and the arrest of 47 of its journalists.

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Pakistan maintains that militants fleeing army operations in the tribal regions regularly escape across the border, finding safe havens inside Afghanistan. For his part, Ghani has been deeply critical of Pakistan, saying it has provided safe havens to the Taliban and in particular the violent Haqqani network.

For over a decade, Baluchistan has been the scene of a low-intensity insurgency by nationalist and separatist groups demanding a bigger share in the regional resources. Takfiri militants also have a presence in the province.

Pakistan has carried out several military operations against militants in country's lawless tribal regions along Afghanistan border, including a major push that started mid 2014 in North Waziristan, a militant base. The Takfiri militants have killed tens of thousands of people in their bid to overthrow Pakistan's government and install their own harsh brand of Islamic law.

Later Tuesday, a roadside bomb killed a police official escorting a polio team that was travelling in north-western Pakistan as part of a vaccination campaign, according to Furqan Bilal, a police superintendent in Peshawar. Militant attacks on polio teams are common in Pakistan as Taliban and other extremists denounce such vaccination campaigns as a Western conspiracy.

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to Raqqa and partly to allow Turkey to keep control of 70 kilometers (43 miles) of its border with Syria," he said.

"We cannot go and fight in Raqqa when the Turkish army is bombing us... Conditions are not in place to take Raqqa," he said.

Accusing the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of "rushing to Daesh's rescue," Issa called on France and other permanent members of the UN Security Council "to put an end to Erdogan's irresponsible actions which hamper the fight against Daesh."

On Saturday, the Turkish military said it had hit Kurdish militia targets in northern Syria for the second time in less than 72 hours.

Turkey is keen to prevent the creation of an autonomous Kurdish "canton" in northern Syria because of the presence there of Kurdish

groups -- the People's Protection Units (YPG) and the Kurdish Democratic Union (PYD) - which it deems terrorist organizations with links to Turkey's banned insurgent Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

Ankara has also accused the YPG and PYD of attacking militant forces which are allegedly fighting Daesh in Syria.

Issa said the Turkish military had again attacked SDF positions on Monday night.

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There was no immediate reaction from the government to the report. But Turkish authorities have for months been facing allegations of rights violations and have denied them.

Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag tweeted Sunday that there is no ill-treatment or torture in Turkey's prisons, arguing that Turkey was being unfairly accused and that a special unit was established to investigate all claims.

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Pakistani government and nation and extended his sympathy to the bereaved families of the victims.

At least 61 people were killed and more than 110 others wounded after militants attacked the police college in Quetta in the restive Pakistani province of Balochistan late on Monday.

The Takfiri Daesh group on Tuesday claimed responsibility for the attack after authorities said the attackers belonged to a militant group affiliated with the Pakistani Taliban.

It was one of the deadliest attacks on Pakistan's security forces in recent years, sparking a ferocious gun-battle with troops that lasted into early hours Tuesday.

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in both Tehran and Washington in the absence of diplomatic relations in more than three decades, the website of the UK-based Royal Institute of International Affairs, commonly known as Chatham House, reported.

The Chatham Prize is presented annually to the person, persons or organization deemed by members of the Royal Institute of International Affairs to have made the most significant contribution to the improvement of international relations in the previous year.

Over 100 Journalists Jailed by Turkey in Post-Coup Crackdown

ANKARA (FNA) – A new report on Turkish media freedoms found that 107 journalists are currently in jail, while another 2500 journalists are unemployed after the government shut down 155 media organizations.

The Independent Communication Network (BIA) said that of those 107 journalists, 71 are accused of supporting Fethullah Gulen, whom the Ankara has accused of orchestrating the July 15 coup