

Syrian Gov't Forces Seize Daesh's Cargo of Grad Missiles

DAMASCUS (FNA) – Syrian Army soldiers and National Defense Forces sized a pickup of the Daesh terrorist group carrying several Grad missiles in western Sweida, provincial sources said.

“A pickup of Daesh carrying at least four Grad missiles was stopped and its cargo was seized by the Syrian government forces after minutes of chasing in the western Sweida to eastern Badiyah (desert),” the sources said.

Thought for Today

When I feel angry with a person how and when should I satisfy my anger; whether at a time when I am not in a position to retaliate and people may advise me to bear patiently or when I have power to punish and I forgive.

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Iraqi Artillery Fire Now Hitting Daesh Inside Mosul



A member of the Iraqi security forces keeps watch in the al-Shoura area, south of the northern city of Mosul, October 24, 2016, during an operation to retake the city from the Daesh terrorist group.

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – With the start of the second week of operations aimed at liberating the northern Iraqi city of Mosul from Daesh, Iraq's top anti-terror commander says military forces have started targeting the terror outfit's positions in

side the city with artillery fire. Abdul-Ghani Asadi, the commander of the Iraqi army's anti-terrorism contingent, made the announcement on Monday. Iraqi forces have, meanwhile, liberated more than 70 percent of the

territory lying to the south of the Daesh-held northern city of Mosul, and are weeding out explosives planted by the terrorist group on their way to the city proper. On Tuesday, the joint military and volunteer forces liberated three

more villages, located to the city's south, from Daesh, the country's war news media reported, with Tweeter pictures showing children rejoicing after the areas' liberation. Footage also showed a military Abrams tank ripping through a bomb-laced Daesh vehicle, which had been left at one entrance to the city to block the forces' advance. Overwhelmed by casualties, the Takfiris threw 40 bedridden patients, most of them elderly, out of the Mosul General Hospital, filling its aisles and emergency ward with their own wounded members, Iraq's al-Sumaria TV network reported. Locals, meanwhile, said the bodies of most of the victims of the city's clashes had been taken to the al-Qabat district, situated in the city's east. On Monday, Iraqi forces were engaged in a push toward the center of the strategically-important al-Hamdaniya district in the north-east of Iraq's Nineveh Province, of which Mosul is the capital, as part of the larger-scale push to retake Mosul. Large numbers of the terrorists are, meanwhile, reported to have fled Mosul as the group is said to have lost the power to confront the advancing Iraqi forces.

UN Distributes \$1.7 Million Among Gazan Refugees



A man stands on top of a building destroyed in the 50-day war by the Zionist regime on the Gaza Strip during a winter storm in the al-Shejaiya neighborhood of Gaza City, January 6, 2014.

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The United Nations has distributed more than 1.7 million dollars in aid among Palestinian refugee families, who lost their homes in the Zionist regime's latest military onslaught on the Gaza Strip. The United Nation Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

said in a statement on Monday that it had allocated 951,000 dollars for reconstruction and 759,000 dollars for intensive repair work to 242 refugee families in the impoverished Palestinian coastal enclave. The Zionist regime launched its latest war on the Gaza Strip in early July 2014. The 50-day

military aggression, which ended on August 26, 2014, killed nearly 2,200 Palestinians, including 577 children. Over 11,100 others — including 3,374 children, 2,088 women and 410 elderly people — were also wounded in the war. The regime continues to carry out airstrikes against the Palestinian sliver from time to time. Zionist troops also shell Palestinian lands in the northern and eastern sectors of the terrain on a fairly regular basis, preventing farmers from working on their own lands. Additionally, the Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli siege since June 2007. The blockade has led to a dramatic decline in the standards of living as well as high levels of unemployment and poverty. Bo Schack, the director of operations for UNRWA in the Gaza Strip, warned last week that the Zionist blockade on the Gaza Strip and restrictions on the en-

try of construction materials into the enclave “are negatively impacting the lives of Palestinians there.” He said the Zionist regime's actions are hindering peace and stability in the Gaza Strip, calling for measures to alleviate the sufferings of Gazans. The Zionist war minister threatened on Monday that the Tel Aviv regime's next war on Gaza would be the “last” one, and that it would “totally destroy” the Islamic resistance movement, Hamas. Fathi Hammad, a political leader of Hamas, later dismissed the remarks by the extremist Israeli politician. “All previous defense (war) 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.

Palestinians Prepare to Mark 100 Years of Balfour Declaration

WEST BANK (FNA) – Palestinian officials and activists said that they were planning to launch a campaign of year-long activities in Palestine and around the world marking 100 years of the Balfour Declaration. The campaign will be launched

on November 2, the date marking 100 years since then British foreign secretary, Arthur Balfour, had promised in a letter to Zionist leaders a homeland for the Jews in Palestine, Wafa reported. The letter triggered the century-long Palestinian-Israeli conflict

and many wars in the Middle East. “The Balfour Declaration is in its essence a colonialist project,” Taysir Khalid, member of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), told the meeting held at the PLO's Ramallah headquarters.

He said the activities will continue until November 2, 2017 with a goal “to remind the world and particularly Britain that they should face their historic responsibility and to atone for the big crime Britain had committed against the Palestinian people.

UK to Resume Training Terrorists in Syria

LONDON (Dispatches) – UK Minister of Defense Michael Fallon says British special forces will soon resume training “moderate” militants in Syria to bolster the fight against the Daesh terrorist group. Fallon made the announcement on Tuesday, before meeting with defense ministers from a U.S.-led coalition which has been striking purported Daesh positions in Iraq and Syria since 2014. “Daesh are on the back foot. The RAF [Royal Air Force] is already playing a leading role in the air, hitting them hard in Iraq and Syria,” the top military official said. “Now we're stepping up our support to moderate opposition forces in Syria, through training them in the skills they need to defeat Daesh,” he added. Under the new program, Fallon said the Defense Ministry would send 20 more of its personnel to the Middle East “to provide vetted members of the moderate Syrian opposition with the skills they need.” Britain's decision came in response to a request by the U.S., according to The Independent. British and American military forces had carried out similar training programs for terrorists in Jordan. The new effort would be an extension of an expensive program by the Pentagon that was supposed to “train and equip” up to 5,000 terrorists every year. However, it was discontinued in November last year, after failing to attract enough volunteers. The \$500 million program's few trainees were no good as most of them either deserted or surrendered their arms to other terror groups. This time, however, Fallon said “strict vetting procedures” were awaiting the trainees in order to prevent similar problems.

“Trainees will be security and medically screened prior to the start of the training and will be assessed during and monitored after the training,” he noted. The UK's Special Air Service (SAS) forces have reportedly played a role in selecting the new recruitment. The efforts to promote terrorism in Syria come at a time when the West, mainly the U.S. and the UK, have come under fire for openly seeking to remove President Bashar al-Assad from power. Russia, which has been pounding Daesh across Syria upon a request from Damascus, says the Western-trained terrorists' only use is to oust Assad. Syria has been grappling with foreign-backed terrorism since 2011. The conflict has killed more than 400,000 Syrians, according to UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura. Turkey is one of main opponents of the Syrian government. Chairman of Syria's Democratic Union Party Salih Muslim Muhammad said that the Ankara government is in no way willing to see Daesh's collapse in Iraq and Syria because it will lose its arm in the region. “If Daesh is defeated Turkey will lose its instrument in the region,” Muslim Muhammad said, adding that the Ankara government is trying to increase its regional dominance through supporting the Daesh terrorist group. He blasted the international community for keeping mum about the Turkish military incursions in the region, and said, “We call on Washington to support the Damascus government in areas where it is fighting the terrorists.” The General Command of the Syrian Armed Forces in a statement issued on Saturday lashed out at Turkey for its continued aggression on Syrian soil, and described Ankara as a staunch supporter of terrorists.

‘Gunmen Kill Two Saudi Security Officers in Dammam’



Saudi policemen stand guard at the site where a bomber blew himself up in the early hours of July 4, 2016 near the American consulate in the Red Sea city of Jeddah.

RIYADH (Press TV) – Unidentified gunmen have shot dead two security officers in Saudi Arabia's eastern city of Dammam, state news channel Al Arabiya reports. The report said the attackers opened fire on the security officers who were returning from work in Dammam in a private car on Tuesday. The channel's website posted pictures showing police cars with flashing lights crowding the incident scene which is a residential street in Dammam. Saudi Arabia has seen a spate of deadly shootings and bombings targeting security forces or the country's Shia minority over the past year. In September, two other policemen were shot dead in Dammam which is the capital of the East-

ern Province, home to many Shia Muslims. There have been shootings of security forces in the Eastern Province in the past by militants angry at what they say is repression of their minority community in the Wahhabi-ruled country. The Saudi government, however, has often blamed the Takfiri terrorist group of Daesh for the attacks. The ideology behind Daesh reign of terror is rooted in Saudi Arabia where Wahhabism is freely preached and tolerated by the kingdom's rulers. Various terrorist groups operating in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere in the world practice Wahhabism, a radical strand of ideology preached by government-sanctioned Saudi clerics.