People Across World Mark Nakba Day

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) -- Palestinians clashed with Israeli forces on Monday as the occupied territories marked the 69th anniversary of the Nakba, or “day of catastrophe” when the Zionist regime was forged after the forced removal of more than 750,000 Palestinians.

Injuries were reported in the footage shown in the video on social media have made these deals reflect tampered with and unscrupulous state of affairs,” he said.

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Both men criticized Rouhani over unemployment rate, which rose to 12.4% last year, up 1.4% from the previous year. Raisi and Qalibaf promised to create five to six million jobs in their first term if elected and to triple the monthly cash handouts to Iran’s poor.

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The day I decided to enter the election despite my personal interests, I was aware that I would face difficult and dangerous conditions,” Qalibaf said in his statement, sounding out his reasons for his withdrawal.

“If we are against pseudo-revolutionary opportunities has become highly costly, because this current in grasping the opportunity for change in the Revolution like a termite,” the statement said.

“Eighty-five, the main goal of the country and the people is to change the status quo, and to that end, the only way than beginning a genuine fight free of slogans against aristocracy and opportunism in order to find a process of comprehensive solution to the country’s problems."

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Syrian army media on Sunday said government forces have made fresh gains against terrorists in Daraa-Zawr.

Armed units clashed with terrorist groups affiliated with Daesh in the province, leaving a number of terrorists killed and their fortifications and hideouts destroyed.

Last week, about 7,400 troops began conducting military exercises known as Exercise Eager Lion in Jordan, in what was described as the largest and most complex of their kind conducted jointly with the U.S.

The exercises prompted concerns that Washington and its allies were attempting to stage a major intervention to undermine recent gains made by the Syrian military against Daesh terrorists.

As the Syrian military began a new eastern push to drive out Daesh from Daraa al-Zawr, Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem warned Jordan against getting involved with the U.S.

“If the Jordanian forces entered without coordination with the Syrian government they will be considered as hostile forces,” Muallem said.

In addition to the large U.S. presence on the Jordanian side of the border, U.S. special forces were reportedly spotted inside Syria, training a group of militants called Muwattala al-Thowra, the Newsweek magazine reported.

SYRIA DEPLOYS TROOPS TO BORDER WITH JORDAN

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U.S. Airstrikes Kill Dozens of Civilians

Dozens of civilians, including scores of pumpkins, have been reported killed by U.S. air strikes in Syria and Iraq, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The attack killed 23 civilians on Monday in Abu Kamal, a Syrian town held by Daesh on the border with Iraq, it said.

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