

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that Tel Aviv welcomes a delegation that U.S. President Donald Trump will send later this month to the Middle East in an effort to reignite the peace talks.
“President Trump will soon send his representatives, Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, for talks in the region including, of course, in al-Quds, in an effort to advance the process,” Netanyahu told his weekly cabinet meeting. “We will welcome them as always,” he added.

Sudden fear makes him dull and nervous, and he is unable to think and find a way out of the situation. During the times of peace and prosperity he becomes careless and unmindful of the future.

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HRW:

Saudi Forces Cordon Off Shia Town of Awamiyah

RIYADH (Dispatches) – Human Rights Watch says Saudi forces have encircled the predominantly Shia town of Awamiyah and sealed it off since July, raising concerns about the humanitarian situation there.

The New York-based rights organization cited five Awamiyah residents and three activists as saying on Sunday that the town’s residents are at risk, with Saudi security forces “arbitrarily shooting at or arresting those who emerged from their houses.”

Since July 26, they said, Saudi authorities have prevented emergency services from reaching the wounded and failed to provide humanitarian assistance to trapped Awamiyah citizens.

The residents also noted that an order had never been issued for people to leave Awamiyah while their only chance out of the town had been short periods coordinated with local volunteers and activists.

Saudi forces turn away anyone who tries to return to Awamiyah to check on relatives or recover possessions, they added.

The residents further complained that the Awamiyah electricity grid have been damaged and all clinics as well as pharmacies have been



A member of the media looks at remains of cars and buildings in the Shia-majority Saudi town of Awamiyah on August 9, 2017, following a crackdown by the regime forces.

closed since May.

“Saudi security forces should provide essential services to trapped Awamiyah residents and make sure they can move in and out of the town safely,” said Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director at HRW.

She also urged Riyadh to hold security forces accountable if probes showed that they had fired at residents unlawfully.

“Saudi authorities should also immediately and credibly investi-

gate whether its forces used excessive force in Awamiyah,” Whitson pointed out.

She said Saudi Shia in Awamiyah face discrimination every day, and for the last three months, they have been caught in the crossfire.

She further called on Saudi officials “to allow people to safely return home, allow business and clinics to reopen, and compensate residents for property damage and destruction caused by security forces.”

The HRW warned that significant damage has been inflicted on Awamiyah based on an assessment of satellite imagery from February and August.

Awamiyah, situated in Eastern Province, has long been a flash-point between the Saudi kingdom and the inhabitants complaining of discrimination.

It has witnessed renewed deadly clashes between the military and residents since May, when Saudi forces began razing the town’s old quarter, known as al-Mosawara.

Saudi authorities claim that Mosawara’s narrow streets have become a hideout for militants suspected of being behind attacks on security forces in Eastern Province.

Critics, however, say Saudi Arabia is trying to bring a demographic change to the city, erasing cultural heritage and violating human rights through Mosawara’s demolition.

Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, said recently that the world body could not independently verify the reports coming out of Awamiyah, but that all Riyadh’s actions should be in line with its commitments to human rights.

Protesters:

Zionist Regime Collapsing

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Thousands of protesters gather in a northern city in the occupied territories for a 38th consecutive week, united in their cause to protest against Zionist Prime Minister Netanyahu, whom they accuse of unforgivable corruption.

Widely referred to as Bibi, Netanyahu is the subject of two high-profile graft cases. In Case 1000, he is suspected of having received gifts from businessmen overseas.

He is also being investigated in Case 2000 for an alleged media bribery scheme to help Yediot Aharonot newspaper against its competitor Yisrael Hayom in return for favorable coverage.

The rallies were held in the city of Petah Tikva outside the house of Israeli Attorney-General Avichai Mandelblit late Saturday.

The demonstrators chanted Israel “is collapsing,” and some held up placards reading, “Bibi resign.”

They also condemned Mandelblit’s alleged conduct during his questioning of Netanyahu over corruption-related allegations. They accused him of receiving monetary gifts from a number of businessmen, which may have affected the

investigation process, shouting, “Both an investigator and a friend.” No more than roughly 350 pro-Netanyahu demonstrators also turned up at the site, led by members of Knesset (the Zionist regime’s Parliament) David Bitan and Nava Boker.

Both groups vowed to repeat the rallies next week.

Late last month, Netanyahu’s predecessor Ehud Barak said the current premier had sparked recent tensions at the al-Aqsa Mosque’s compound in Tel Aviv-occupied in East al-Quds in a bid to distract public attention from the investigations.

Netanyahu “is ready to set ... the region on fire in order to save himself from his fear of criminal investigations,” Barak said.

The tensions erupted after a deadly shootout on July 14 outside the compound, known as Haram al-Sharif, which Jews call Temple Mount. Using the gunfight as a pretext, the occupying regime first closed the compound for three days, and then set up metal detectors and surveillance cameras at entrances to the compound, outraging Palestinians and Muslims around the world.

PKK Bombing Kills 2 Turkish Soldiers in Batman



Turkish police officers take cover from stones near the explosion site on November 4, 2016, after a strong blast in the southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir.

ANKARA (Dispatches) – At least two Turkish soldiers have been killed in a Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) bomb attack in the country’s southeastern province of Batman.

The blast took place as the PKK detonated a road bomb as a military convoy was passing through a rural area in the province’s Sason district.

The soldiers succumbed to their wounds after being moved to a local hospital.

Turkish security forces have launched a ground and air operation to hunt down the militants across the region.

Turkey has declared the PKK a terrorist organization and has banned it. The militant group has been seeking an autonomous Kurdish region since 1984.

A shaky ceasefire between the PKK and the Turkish government collapsed in July 2015. Attacks on Turkish security forces have soared ever since.

Over the past few months, Turkish ground and air forces have been carrying out operations against the PKK positions in the country’s southeastern border region as well as in northern Iraq and neighboring Syria.

Syrians Return Home in Droves, Mostly to Aleppo



Syrians gather at the northwestern city of Aleppo’s bus station of Ramussa on July 4, 2017.

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – More than 600,000 Syrians have returned to their homes in the seven months from January, mostly to the northwestern province of Aleppo which the government liberated at the end of 2016.

According to the International

Organization for Migration (IOM), it almost equaled the entire number of returnees in 2016.

About 67 percent, or more than 400,000, of the returns this year have been to Aleppo Province which the Syrian government liberated from foreign-backed ter-

rorists in mid-December last year.

The liberation of Aleppo, Syria’s second city and an ancient marvel, represented the most serious setback for terrorists and their sponsors, tipping the scales in favor of the Syrian government.

Most of the 602,759 Syrians, who returned to their homes between January and July, had been uprooted within their homeland, while the other 16 percent returned from Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq, the IOM noted.

Syria, however, still has more than six million internally-displaced people.

Separately, Deputy Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad said an international chemical weapons delegation, comprising the UN chemical watchdog of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the world body’s Joint Investigative Mechanism, is scheduled

to arrive in Syria within 10 days.

He said Damascus would facilitate its mission to investigate a horrendous April 4 attack in Aleppo’s neighboring province of Idlib.

Over 80 people died in the purported gas attack on the town of Khan Shaykhun in Idlib, which the Western countries blamed on the Syrian government.

Using the incident as a pretext, U.S. warships fired 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles from two warships in the Mediterranean Sea at the Shayrat airfield in Syria’s central province of Homs on April 7. US officials claimed that the suspected Khan Shaykhun gas attack had been launched from the military site.

The Syrian government turned over its entire chemical stockpile under a deal negotiated by Russia and the United States back in 2013. The OPCW oversaw the process.

Palestinian Woman Detained Over Alleged Stabbing Attack

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime’s troops have arrested a Palestinian woman alleged to have carried out a stabbing attack against a Zionist man in the occupied Old City of al-Quds.

The occupying regime’s media outlets claimed that the woman approached the 31-year-old man near the Damascus Gate light rail station on Sultan Suleiman Street on Saturday, and stabbed him in the shoulder.

The Zionist troops in the area re-

sponded immediately, apprehended the woman and brought her in for interrogation.

The Zionist man was transported to Hadassah University Hospital to receive medical treatment.

Locals later identified the woman as Fadwa Nazih Kamil Rabayaa.

Earlier this month, the occupying regime’s troops arrested a Palestinian teenage boy in the southern part of the occupied territories over an alleged stabbing attack.

Zionist police spokesperson

Luba al-Samri said in a statement that a 42-year-old Israeli man sustained serious wounds on August 2, when an unidentified 19-year-old Palestinian from the city of Yatta, located approximately eight kilometers south of the city of al-Khalil, entered a supermarket in Yavne and stabbed the man several times in his upper body.

The Palestinian teenager was then tackled to the ground by civilians, before the regime’s police forces arrived to arrest him.

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

More than 300 Palestinians have lost their lives at the hands of Zionist troops in the ongoing tensions since the beginning of October 2015.

The Tel Aviv regime has tried to

change the demographic makeup of al-Quds over the past decades by constructing settlements, destroying historical sites and expelling the local Palestinian population. Palestinians say the Israeli measures are aimed at paving the way for the Judaization of the city.

The al-Aqsa Mosque compound is a flashpoint Islamic site, which is also holy to Jews. The mosque is Islam’s third holiest site after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.