

Zionist Troops Blow Up Palestinian Home, Demolish Another

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's military has blown up the family home of a Palestinian man, who was killed earlier by its forces over an alleged stabbing attack. Amateur footage surfaced online, showing Zionist troops detonating the house, located in the occupied West Bank village of Beit Surik. In a similar move, Tel Aviv's forces also demolished a Palestinian home in the East al-Quds neighborhood of Issawiya.

Thought for Today

If you are greeted then return the greetings more warmly. If you are favoured, then repay the obligation manifold; but he who takes the initiative will always excel in merit.

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Wahhabis' Defeat in Syria Caused 'Hysteria' in Saudi Dictatorship



Syria's Ambassador to the United Nations Bashar Jaafari

DAMASCUS (Press TV) – Syria's ambassador to the UN has slammed an anti-Damascus draft resolution recently proposed by Saudi Arabia and its allies, saying it reveals Saudi "hysteria" caused by the failure of its Wahhabi terror plot in the war-torn country.

Bashar Ja'afari said in a statement to the UN General Assembly that the draft resolution about the hu-

man rights situation in Syria was an "arbitrary" document put forward by the countries that themselves "support terrorism, incite sedition, destroy countries, kill nations, and occupy lands," SANA news agency reported on Wednesday.

The Riyadh regime's proposal of the resolution is "a strange paradox" and an insult to the issue of human rights as well as another scandal for the UN, which was previously subjugated to the Saudi blackmail and kept silent on the kingdom's war crimes in Yemen, Ja'afari said.

The Syrian envoy further noted that Saudi Arabia should be "the last one which has the right to talk about human rights due to his black record in the humanitarian and legal domains towards its people and the foreigners who were treated as slaves."

"But the biggest disgrace and scandal are represented in supporting the Saudi draft resolution on human rights in Syria, since everyone knows that Saudi Arabia is the greatest and most dangerous dictator on earth, as it employs money and distorts the principles of religion to suppress its people in the first place and to support terrorism in Syria and every spot and city in this world," Ja'afari said.

The draft resolution "reflects the state of hysteria and political deficiency of the Al Saud regime and its allies, backers, and sponsors af-

Paper: Saudis Made Plans for Ties With Zionist Regime



An Iranian man holds a poster bearing images of Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, U.S. President Donald Trump and Saudi King Salman during a parade marking al-Quds day in Tehran on June 23, 2017.

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – A Lebanese paper closely aligned with the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah on Tuesday published a "secret document" that purports to show the Saudis are willing to normalize relations with the Zionist regime as part of a U.S.-led so-called Zionist-Palestinian peace effort and unite the region against Iran.

The alleged document, published by the Al Akhbar daily, is a letter from the Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir to the crown prince, Mohammed Bin Salman, explaining why it's in the kingdom's interest to normalize relations with the Zionist regime. The letter has no date.

"I have the honor to submit to you the draft of the plan to establish relations between the kingdom and the State of Israel, based on the strategic partnership agreement with the United States of America, which was discussed with the secretary of state of the United States of America," the alleged letter from the foreign minister to the crown prince opens.

In May, after a visit from U.S. President Donald Trump to Saudi Arabia, the two sides agreed to form a new strategic partnership, the White House said.

The letter goes on to say that a rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and the Zionist regime has risks for the kingdom due to the strength of the Palestinian cause among Muslims. While normalization will at first be rejected by Arabs, the alleged letter argues, Zionist "technological and economic prowess" will help usher in a more prosperous era for the region.

"The kingdom will not take this risk unless it felt the United States has taken a sincere approach to Iran, which is destabilizing the region by sponsoring terrorism," the letter said.

The letter adds that Saudi Arabia would normalize relations with the regime under two conditions. First, either the kingdom builds up nuclear weapons similar to the Zionist regime's alleged nuclear arsenal, or the regime gives up its alleged nukes.

Second, the letter said, the Saudis, with the help of the U.S., would solve the Palestinian issue, including the two most difficult final status issues, the fate of al-Quds and Palestinian refugees.

Regarding al-Quds, which the occupying regime sees as its capital while the Palestinians claim East al-Quds for a future state, the Saudis propose the ancient city be put under international control and be administered by the United Nations.

As for the Palestinian refugee issue, the letter said the Saudis would be willing to help the estimated five million Palestinian refugees worldwide to settle in their host countries, rather than bringing them back to the occupied territories.

The Zionist regime and the U.S. would then be expected to help Saudi Arabia confront Iran's policies in the region and "help foil the Islamic Republic's ballistic missile program."

Iraqi PM Says 'Will Not Wait Forever' to Take Action on Border Areas

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi says he will take action soon over border areas under Kurdish control, but would regain them without violence.

"We will regain control on border areas without escalation. We will not wait forever, we will take action regarding the border areas," he said at a news conference.

The Iraqi prime minister also welcomed a decision by Kurdish officials to respect a recent court ban on secession, but called on them to hand over control of the territory they have illegally overrun since 2003.

"We will not back down, our forces are there and I urge officials of the (Kurdish) region to abide by their previous statements and return to 2003 borders and, secondly, to hand over borders to the federal authority," Haider al-Abadi said during his weekly news conference on Tuesday.

He further urged the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to "coordinate and coop-

erate" with Baghdad on issues related to oil revenues, airports and borders.

Iraq's constitution recognizes a semi-autonomous Kurdish region in the country's north administered by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). The region is comprised of three provinces of Erbil, Sulaimaniyah and Dohuk.

However, the Kurds took advantage of the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq to expand their territory to include disputed regions such as Kirkuk.

Kurdish militants further swept through more areas in 2014, when they joined Iraq's fight against the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group.

"I would not say that our patience will run out, but we will not wait forever and we will take measures," Abadi said.

The premier, however, predicted that his government's forces would regain control of the border areas without confrontation.

Abadi further added that the Iraqi constitution protects the nation's integrity, "ensuring security, stability and enforcing the federal authority in all places. This stance serves the interests of our citizens, especially Kurdish citizens."

The premier's remarks came hours after the KRG said it would abide by a recent top court ruling that bans any secession from the mainland, expressing hope that the decision will set the stage for dialog between Baghdad and Erbil.

It followed a controversial referendum on the secession of the Kurdish region, which was held on September 22 in defiance of strong objection from both Baghdad and Iraq's neighbors, particularly Iran and Turkey.

The plebiscite prompted the Iraqi government to take a number of punitive measures, including a military campaign to seize back the positions overrun by the Kurdish militants.

Iraqi government forces have accused the Kurds of delaying the handover of control of border crossings.

Palestinians Mark 29 Years Since Declaration of Independence

GAZA/RAMALLAH (Dispatches) – The Palestinians on Wednesday marked 29 years for the declaration of independence and called for embodying an independent Palestinian state on the territories the Zionist regime occupied in 1967 with east al-Quds as its capital.

Late Palestinian leader Yaser Arafat, who died in a French Hospital on Nov. 11, 2004, made the Palestinian declaration of independence when the Palestinian National Council, better known as the Palestinian parliament in exile, was held in Algeria on Nov. 15, 1988.

To mark the historic day, the Palestinians held rallies in several West Bank and Gaza Strip areas, where the Palestinian government considered the day a national Palestinian holiday. They called on the international community to oblige Israel to make the Palestinian Independence Day a reality on the ground.

Hanan Ashrawi, the member in Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee, said in an emailed press statement that the declaration of independence "was a unique step forward in the Palestin-

ian history, and found a real identity for the Palestinian people and their just cause."

"The document of the declaration of independence includes the basic principles for the basic Palestinian law that prepared for the establishment of the state of Palestine that will be built up on the sovereignty of law," she said, adding "the document put the basics for the Palestinians' self-determination."

Ashrawi called on the international community "to work together with the Palestinians to oblige the Zionist regime to stop all its unilateral violations to the international resolutions and conventions, mainly in the city of Jerusalem (al-Quds) and the expansion of settlements in the occupied West Bank."

The ministry of information of the Palestinian National Authority also said in a statement that the document of the declaration of independence "is a document that put the basics for the independent Palestinian state and brought a broader recognition of most of the world's states."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fa-

Over 48,000 Gulen-Linked Suspects Remanded in Custody in Turkey

ANKARA (Xinhua) – More than 48,000 people have been remanded in custody in Turkey over alleged links to the Gulen network since July 15, 2016, Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said Wednesday.

"A total of 48,739 people have been remanded in custody so far," Soylu told a parliamentary session of the Planning and Budget Commission.

The security forces have conducted 19 major operations since the defeated coup, and "state institutions have been largely cleared of Gulenists," he was quoted by state-run Anadolu Agency as saying.

The police also detected around 215,000 ByLock users, a secret smart phone messaging app linked to followers of Gulen, as part of the probe.

Fethullah Gulen, the U.S.-based preacher, is blamed by Ankara for orchestrating a failed coup attempt on July 15, 2016 that left 250 people killed and 2,200 others injured.

The Turkish government declared a state of emergency and launched a massive crackdown on Gulen's supporters in the aftermath of the coup attempt.