

Iran Foils Terrorist Attempts in Ramadan'

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The Iranian police have managed to foil several terrorist attempts in different parts of the country during the holy fasting month of Ramadan, the spokesman for Iran's Police said.

Brigadier General Montazer-al-Mahdi said on Tuesday, in a recent cross-border operation in the northwestern city of Sardasht in West Azarbaijan Province, the Law Enforcement forces managed to prevent the infiltration of 20 members of an armed group. During the clash with the terrorists, two Iranian border guards were martyred, he added.

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Police Respond to Hostage Situation in Paris

PARIS (Dispatches) – A hostage situation was taking place in Paris on Tuesday, according to police. A man was reported to have taken hostage two or three people in the 10th arrondissement in the northeast of the city. Police said the incident was not terror-related.

French media reported that the individual was armed with a bomb and a handgun. Police asked people on social media not to relay false information.

The French Special Forces (BRI) and firemen secured the street where the hostage situation was taking place.

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Do Trump and Kim really Trust Each Other?

'Time Not Ripe For Iran, Hezbollah to Leave Syria'

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Russia's ambassador to Lebanon says the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement and Iran, which have been helping the Syrian army in its counter-terrorism battles, should not withdraw from the Arab country until the elimination of all terrorists.

Speaking to the Beirut-based al-Nour radio station, Alexander Zasyarkin dismissed calls by "the other camp" for Hezbollah and Iranian military advisory forces to pull out of Syria as an attempt to cause tension between Russia and its allies in Syria.

"It isn't permissible and it isn't allowed during these circumstances to discuss Hezbollah and Iran's departure from Syria, especially since terrorism hasn't been eliminated yet," he said, according to a statement by Hezbollah.

Iran has been offering military advisory support to Syria at the request of the Damascus government, enabling its army to speed up its gains on various fronts against the terror groups. Hezbollah forces have also been aiding the Syrian government clear areas bordering Lebanon of terrorist groups.

Concerned over Syrian advances, the U.S. and the Zionist regime, which support anti-Damascus terrorists, have called for Iranian advisors and Hezbollah's fighters to leave Syria.

In the latest developments, the Syrian army has reinforced its anti-aircraft defenses near the frontier with the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, a commander in the regional alliance that backs President Bashar al-Assad said on Tuesday.

Additional defenses are set to be deployed in the coming days, the commander told Reuters. The stationing of the Russian-made Pantsir S1 weapon aims "to renew the air defense system against Israel in the first degree", added the commander, a non-Syrian who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Syria's multi-sided war has pivoted toward the southwest in recent weeks, risking escalation in an area of major concern where the conflict has been contained since last year by an agreement underwritten by the United States and Russia.

The Zionist regime launches frequent attacks against targets inside Syria in what is widely viewed as an attempt to prop up the terrorist groups that have been suffering heavy defeats at the hands of Syrian soldiers.

There has been a hike in strikes by the Zionist regime since the collapse late last year of the Daesh terror group, something that significantly demoralized the other terrorist groups operating against Damascus.

In one occasion, seven Iranian military advisors lost their lives as the Israeli aircraft violated Lebanon's airspace to strike a Syrian army base in Homs Province in April.

Israel has also been providing weapons to anti-Damascus militants as well as medical treatment to Takfiri elements wounded in Syria.

Zasyarkin further denied the rumors regarding the alleged tensions between the Russian military and Hezbollah along the Lebanese-Syrian border.

"The other camp is focusing on this issue to sow doubt and cause problems between the Resistance axis and Russia; and this is not acceptable," he said. "The relation between Russia and the Resistance axis in Syria is a relation of cooperation."

The Russian envoy further criticized the U.S. presence in Syria as a major obstacle to resolving the crisis in the Arab country.

"The U.S. presence in Syria is a major cause behind the complications in this country, as well as behind the failure to reach solutions," he added.

U.S. forces maintain significant presence in northern Syria, where they back Kurdish militants operating against the Syrian government. Washington has deployed around 2,000 troops to the Arab country.

Damascus has on several occasions written to the UN, complaining that the U.S. was flagrantly violating its sovereignty. The U.S. supports terrorists fighting to topple President Bashar al-Assad and has repeatedly attacked Syrian army positions.

The Russian diplomat concluded that "Russia, like all countries, has the right to have its own strategic vision [for Syria], but in the end the decision goes back to the Syrian leadership, which is the only side that is allowed to make such decisions."

Mammoths' Footprints Discovered in Iran



Iranian Para Footballers Rout France in World Championships



Saudi-Led Coalition Gears Up for Battle in Key Yemeni Port City



Trump-Kim Summit Ends With Promises, No Substance



U.S. President Donald Trump (2nd-R) and North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un (2nd-L) sign a document as U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (R) and the North Korean leader's sister, Kim Yo-jong (L), look on at a signing ceremony during a historic US-North Korea summit, at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa Island in Singapore, on June 12, 2018.

SINGAPORE (Dispatches) – U.S. President Donald Trump said North Korean leader Kim Jong-un pledged at a summit on Tuesday to move toward denuclearization, while the United States promised its old foe security without any guarantees.

The start of negotiations aimed at banishing what Trump described as North Korea's "very substantial" nuclear arsenal could have far-reaching ramifications for the region, and in one of the biggest surprises of the day, Trump said he would stop military exercises with old ally South Korea.

But Trump and Kim gave few other specifics in a joint statement signed at the end of their summit in Singapore, and several analysts cast doubt on how effective the agreement would prove to be in the long run at getting North Korea to give up its cherished nuclear weapons.

The two leaders had appeared cautious and serious when they arrived for the summit at the Capella hotel on Singapore's Sentosa, a resort island with luxury hotels, a casino and a Universal Studios theme park.

Body language expert said they both tried to project command as they met, but also displayed signs of nerves.

After a handshake, they were soon smiling and holding each other by the arm, before Trump guided Kim to a library where they met with only their interpreters.

The document signed on Tuesday says the US and North Korea "commit to establish [sic] new... relations in accordance with the desire of the peoples of the two countries for peace and prosperity."

North Korea also reaffirmed its

commitment to working "towards complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," a broad wording that could mean phased denuclearization in return for a number of potential American commitments along the way.

Yet, there was no word on any such U.S. commitments, including on the removal of harsh sanctions on North Korea and security guarantees that Pyongyang had previously demanded as a condition to denuclearize.

The U.S. and the North Korea also agreed to work for peace on the peninsula and address prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA) cases from the 1950s Korean war, in which the U.S. was on South Korea's side.

Before signing the document, Kim said the two leaders had had a historic meeting "and decided to leave the past behind. The world will see a major change."

The US president said he had formed a "very special bond" with Kim and that the US's relationship with Pyongyang would be very different.

The two leaders addressed the media before walking into their one-on-one discussion. Trump said he is confident the talks will be a "tremendous success" and that "we will have a tremendous relationship, I have no doubt".

Kim said "it has not been easy to get here" and that "the old prejudices and practices worked as obstacles, but we have overcome them and we are here today."

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Dozen Civilians Killed in U.S. Airstrikes Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – A dozen civilians have lost their lives and several others sustained injuries when the U.S.-led coalition purportedly fighting the Daesh terrorist group carried out a string of airstrikes against Syria's northeastern province of Hasakah.

Local sources, requesting anonymity, said the airborne assaults targeted residential buildings in Tal Shayr, which is located in the southeastern part of the province, causing the casualties, Syria's state-run television network reported.

The development came only a day after at least 18 Iraqi refugees were killed when a U.S.-led airstrike hit a school in Khuweibra village of Hasakah province.

Local sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Syria's official news agency SANA that the U.S.-led aerial attack targeted a school in Khuweibra village, leaving 18 people dead.

The sources added that the fallen victims had escaped violence and Daesh acts of terror in neighboring Iraq. There were women and children among the deceased.

The U.S.-led coalition has been conducting airstrikes against what are said to be Daesh targets inside Syria since September

2014 without any authorization from the Damascus government or a UN mandate.

The military alliance has repeatedly been accused of targeting and killing civilians. It has also been largely incapable of achieving its declared goal of destroying Daesh.

Syria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, in two separate letters addressed to United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the rotating President of the UN Security Council Vasily Nebenzya on June 5, condemned the continuing attacks by the U.S.-led coalition against innocent Syrians, and its assaults on the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the conflict-plagued Arab country.

The letters further noted that the "illegal" U.S.-led coalition continues to perpetrate massacres against Syrian civilians, leaving scores of people, including elderly people, women and children, dead over the past few days and destroying homes as well as civilian properties and infrastructure in targeted villages.

The Syrian foreign ministry added that the U.S.-led coalition is devoid of any international legitimacy, and has bombarded

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Hamas Vows to Continue Anti-Zionist Protests in Gaza

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas says the recent wave of anti-occupation protests in Gaza are a popular reaction to the U.S.'s policy shift on Israeli-occupied al-Quds, emphasizing that the rallies will continue as long as all its objectives are achieved.

Ismail Haniyeh, head of the Hamas political bureau, told Russia's Sputnik news agency that the Gaza residents have managed to draw attention to the plight of Palestinians by staging mass demonstrations against Israel and the U.S. in the blockaded sliver.

The popular protests have been organized by Hamas, which runs Gaza.

"Some goals have been achieved thanks to these protests, and they will continue until we reach all our goals," he said, noting that the rallies had helped the Palestinian people "confirm their right for the return to the abandoned territories."

Tensions have been running high near the Gaza fence since March 30, which marked the start of a series of protests, dubbed "The Great March of Return," demanding the right to return for those driven out of their homeland.

At least 131 Palestinians have been killed and 13,900 others wounded by Israeli forces over the past few weeks, according to the latest figures released by the Gaza Health Ministry.

The Gaza clashes reached their peak on May 14, the eve of the 70th anniversary of the Nakba Day (the Day of Catastrophe), which coincided this year with the US embassy relocation from Tel Aviv to occupied al-Quds.

The bloodshed in Gaza sparked sharp criticism from the international community and prominent human rights groups.

Palestine called on the UN to adopt a resolution that would deplore the Tel Aviv regime's "excessive use of force," particularly in the Gaza Strip.

Commenting on Washington's decision late last year to recognize occupied al-Quds as the Zionist regime's "capital," Haniyeh said the US's embassy move is not an issue that can be dealt with by force.

Elsewhere in his interview, Haniyeh hailed Iran and Syria for supporting the Palestinian people.

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