

Terrorists Close Humanitarian Corridor Linking Syria's Idlib With Aleppo

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The terrorists in the northwestern province of Idlib have blocked the humanitarian passage designed for civilians who want to flee an anticipated Syrian military campaign in Idlib, local media reported Monday. The corridor, which links Idlib with areas under the government-controlled areas in Aleppo province in northern Syria, has been blocked by the Turkey-backed terrorists to put pressure on Damascus and Moscow to either postpone or abort an anticipated military campaign in Idlib, said the al-Watan newspaper.

Doubt has four aspects: absurd reasoning; fear; vacillation and hesitation; and unreasonable surrender to infidelity, because one who has accustomed himself to unreasonable and absurd discussions will never see the Light of Truth and will always live in the darkness of ignorance.

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'Zionist Regime, U.S. Working Against Peace'

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas says the Zionist regime is working against peace and security by killing and displacing Palestinians and building settlements on occupied land with the support of the "biased" United States.

"Killing, expanding settlement[s], destruction, and the uprooting of the Palestinian population will not bring peace or security," President Abbas said in a meeting with former Israeli left-wing lawmakers, Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

"This (Zionist) government's policies and the biased U.S. decisions contradict the international resolutions and are harming the chances of making just peace based on the two-state solution along 1967 borders," the president said.

Palestinian officials have long sought to establish an independent Palestinian state within the borders that existed before the 1967 war between the occupying regime and three other Arab states.

In that war — also known as the Six-Day War, the Zionist regime took over Arab and Palestinian land that it continues to occupy to



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (seated) chairs a meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Executive Committee at the Palestinian Authority headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah, September 15, 2018.

this day. It has been expanding further into Palestinian land by building settlements for Zionists deeper and deeper into those territories, in what is effectively killing the chances of Palestinian statehood.

The Tel Aviv regime, under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who hails from the hard-line Likud Party, has taken a radical shift to the far right, with cabinet members openly advocating the annexation

of occupied Palestinian territories.

More than 230 illegal settlements have been constructed since 1967. In September 2016, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution — with a notable abstention vote by the then-administration of US president Barack Obama — that denounced Israeli settlements as a "flagrant violation of international law."

The regime also demolished a

family home with several bulldozers in the Palestinian neighborhood of al-Nakheel in al-Ramla City, in central occupied territories on Sunday.

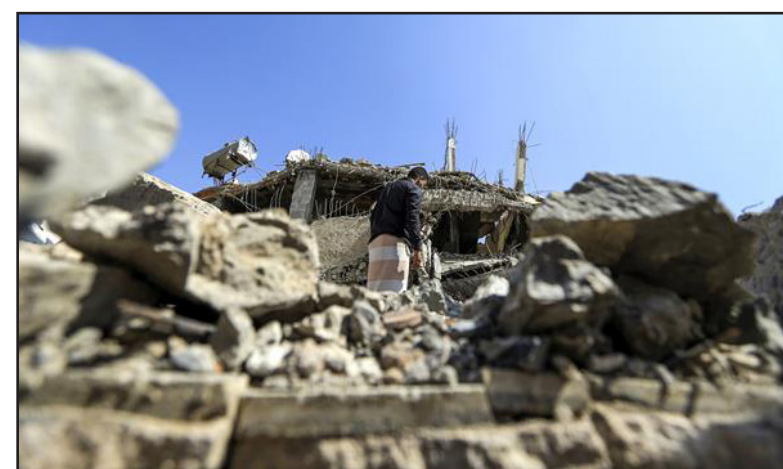
Heavily armed Zionist troops used many bulldozers and stormed Nakheel and declared it as a closed military zone, local sources reported.

According to sources, the Israeli Municipality of al-Ramla ordered the demolition of the family home belonging to Nayef Abu Amer, claiming that it was built without the difficult-to-obtain Israeli building permit.

They added that Zionist troops prevented residents of the Palestinian-owned home from accessing the area while the Israeli bulldozers carried out the demolition.

Since 1967, the regime has been enforcing the draconian policy of demolishing the homes of those Palestinians who are deemed by Tel Aviv to be behind fatal attacks against Israeli settlers. The practice, however, was temporarily halted from 2005 to 2014, with the exception of 2009, when scores of homes were sealed and razed in East al-Quds.

Yemeni Drone Strikes Saudi-Led Command Center in Hudaydah



A Yemeni man walks through the rubble of a building that was destroyed in a Saudi airstrike in the capital Sana'a on September 5, 2018.

SANAA (Dispatches) – Yemeni army soldiers, supported by allied fighters from Popular Committees, have reportedly carried out an aerial attack against an important military target in the country's western coastal province of Hudaydah in retaliation for the Saudi-led devastating military aggression against their impoverished homeland.

A Yemeni military source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Yemen's Arabic-language al-Masirah television network that Yemeni troops and their allies attacked a command center of Saudi troops and Saudi-sponsored militiamen loyal to Yemen's former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, using a domestically-built Qasef-1 (Striker-1) combat drone on Monday afternoon.

There were no immediate reports about possible casualties and the extent of damage caused at the site.

Saudi Arabia and a number of its regional allies launched a devastating military campaign against Yemen in March 2015, with the aim of bringing the government of Hadi back to power and crushing the country's Houthi Ansarullah movement.

Some 15,000 Yemenis have been killed and thousands more injured since the onset of the Saudi-led aggression.

More than 2,200 others have died of cholera, and the crisis has triggered what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

Saudi Arabia has intensified its invasion of Yemen as the United Nations special envoy for the violence-

scarred country visits the capital Sana'a in an attempt to cobble together a conflict resolution mechanism.

On Sunday, Saudi warplanes killed seven civilians, including women and children, in Bayda, attacking the central Yemeni province's town of Radman. Eight others were also wounded in the attack.

Earlier in the day, two people lost their lives in a missile attack on the northern province of Sa'ada, and four more died in airstrikes on the southwestern province of al-Hudaydah.

Also on Sunday, the UN official Martin Griffiths arrived in the capital to meet with officials from Yemen's popular Houthi Ansarullah movement.

The movement took over Yemen's affairs in 2015 after Yemen's former government resigned and its head, Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, fled to Riyadh, leaving the country in political turmoil.

A Saudi-led coalition has been attacking Yemen ever since, trying unsuccessfully to restore the former Riyadh-allied officials. So far, around 15,000 have died during the invasion.

Griffiths invited the Houthis and the former officials to talks in Geneva in early September in an attempt to restore a UN-backed negotiation process that had broken off in 2016.

The Houthi representatives, however, could not attend the talks after Saudi Arabia refused to allow an Omani airplane, which had been meant to fly the officials, to land on the Yemeni soil.

Regime Forces Detain Two More Shia Clerics in Bahrain

MANAMA (Press TV) – Bahraini regime forces have arrested two more Shia Muslim clerics as the ruling Al Khalifah dynasty presses ahead with its heavy-handed crackdown and persecution of the members of the religious community in the tiny Persian Gulf kingdom.

Bahraini troops arrested Sheikh Hani al-Banna and Sheikh Yassin al-Jamri, and took them to the police station in the coastal town of al-Budaiya for an hours-long investigation, Arabic-language Lualua television network reported.

The report added that the pair would appear before Bahrain's

Public Prosecution later this week.

Bahraini source, requesting not to be named, said regime forces have summoned at least six Shia clergymen within the past few days over the content of their sermons in the run-up to Ashura that marks the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein (PBUH), the third Shia Imam and the grandson of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

Manama regime has ramped up its repressive measures during the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar of Muharram, the tenth day of which is known as Ashura.

Bahraini regime forces have removed stalls set up to provide

food and drinks to the mourners, and removed Ashura signs across the country.

Thousands of anti-regime protesters have held demonstrations in Bahrain on an almost daily basis ever since a popular uprising began in the country in mid-February 2011.

They are demanding that the Al Khalifah regime relinquish power and allow a just system representing all Bahrainis to be established.

Manama has gone to great lengths to clamp down on any sign of dissent. On March 14, 2011, troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates

were deployed to assist Bahrain in its crackdown.

Scores of people have lost their lives and hundreds of others sustained injuries or got arrested as a result of the Al Khalifah regime's crackdown.

On March 5, 2017, Bahrain's parliament approved the trial of civilians at military tribunals in a measure blasted by human rights campaigners as being tantamount to imposition of an undeclared martial law countrywide.

Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah ratified the constitutional amendment on April 3 last year.

U.S. State Department Revokes PLO Ambassador Family Visas

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – The United States has revoked visas for the family of the Palestine Liberation Organization ambassador, the envoy says, the latest development in the worsening relations between the Trump administration and Palestinian leadership.

Ambassador Husam Zomlot, head of the PLO General Delegation to the United States, said his family, including his two young children, left the United States after being informed their visas would now expire when the diplomatic office is closed next month. The visas were originally set to expire in 2020.

The Trump administration said last Monday the office in Washington would close. The State Department did not respond to a request

for comment.

Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the PLO's executive committee, criticized the Trump administration for being "vindictive."

"As if the announcement that the U.S. would close our office in Washington, DC was not enough, this vindictive action by the Trump administration is spiteful," Ashrawi said in a statement. "The U.S. has taken its attempts to pressure and blackmail the Palestinians to a new level."

Zomlot said in an interview that two of his embassy employees met last week with State Department staff, who had requested the meeting.

"The State Department informed our colleagues, as part of the discussion on the closure, that the

visas of my wife and children are dependent on the PLO delegation and as such will not be valid after the closure of the office and that if they wanted to stay they would have to change their immigration status," Zomlot said.

He added: "This goes against diplomatic norms. Children, spouses and family have nothing to do with political rows."

Last month, the United States halted all funding to a U.N. agency that helps Palestinian refugees.

The Palestinian leadership has angered the White House by boycotting its peace efforts since President Donald Trump recognized al-Quds as the Zionist regime's "capital" and moved the embassy there, reversing decades of U.S. policy.

Erdogan Says Meeting With Putin on Syria Will Bring 'New Hope'

SOCHI, Russia (Dispatches) – Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday that a joint statement on Syria due to be made after his meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin would bring "new hope" to the region.

Erdogan was speaking to reporters before the two men met in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi.

"The statement which we will make after the meeting in Sochi will contain new hope for the region," Erdogan said through an interpreter. He gave no indication of what would be in the statement.

Turkey, which supports Syrian terrorists opposed to President Bashar al-Assad, has been holding talks with his allies Russia and Iran over the fate of Syria's terrorist-held Idlib and surrounding districts which President Assad has vowed to recapture.

Russia's military support for the Syrian government has helped reverse years of terrorist gains.

Ahead of the trip to Russia, Erdogan said Turkey's calls for a ceasefire in Idlib region were bearing

fruit after days of relative calm but that more work needed to be done.

"The situation in Idlib has been calm for three days. It looks like we obtained a result with the efforts which were made," the newspaper quoted Erdogan as telling reporters on a flight back from Azerbaijan at the weekend.

"But we are still not satisfied," he said. Turkey, with 3.5 million Syrian refugees, has already borne the "political and human burden" of Syria's seven-year-old conflict and any new refugee flow would head for Turkey, Erdogan said.

Ankara has established a dozen military observation posts around Idlib, which it has reinforced with troops and equipment in recent weeks according to Turkish and Syrian sources.

Putin this month publicly rebuffed a proposal from Erdogan for a ceasefire there when the two met along with Iran's president for a three-way summit in Tehran.