

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – The Russian Defense Ministry has published a video, showcasing the latest fighter jet, the Sukhoi Su-57, to be deployed in Syria. The 80-second-long video was published on the ministry's official website. "The sorties were carried out in order to prove announced possibilities of the newest aircraft in real combat environment ... Su-57 crews made over 10 sorties in Syria," the ministry's statement reads. It is noted that during the flights, the aircraft's flight performance, smart information and control system, and operation of all onboard systems, including the weapons complex, were tested under conditions of high temperatures and other factors.

Acquire patience and endurance because their relation with true faith is that of a head to a body, a body is of no use without a head, similarly true faith can be of no use without attributes of resignation, endurance and patience.

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Palestinian Authority:

Zionist Regime Aims to Ignite 'Religious War'



People gather near the Dome of the Rock at the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of al-Quds on the first day of Eid al-Adha on August 21, 2018.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Palestinian Authority says the Zionist regime seeks to ignite a religious war after a Zionist minister forced his way into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in al-Quds with a group of extremists.

"The aggression on al-Aqsa Mosque by storming it is a hellish crime perpetrated by and initiated

by an extremist terror ideology," Palestinian Authority spokesman Yusef al-Mahmoud said.

His remarks came after Uri Ariel, Zionist minister of agriculture and rural development, and dozens of extremist settlers barged into the highly sensitive site in a provocative act.

Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Old City

of al-Quds is the third holiest site to Muslims and past incursions by the regime have touched off heavy clashes between Palestinians and Zionist troops.

Mahmoud said the move was carried out on instructions from the regime to "storm the Aqsa Mosque on a daily basis".

He said anyone who participates

in storming mosques and churches in Jerusalem al-Quds "represents this bloody ideology".

Firas al-Dibs, a spokesman for of the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) organization, said the settlers led by Ariel stormed through the Moroccan Gate and toured the compound "provocatively".

The Zionist minister had previously visited the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in September.

The number of Israeli lawmakers who storm the sacred compound has increased in the past few months.

The rise comes after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu decided in July to allow Israeli lawmakers to visit the compound once every three months after lifting a restriction of access that had been in place since October 2015.

Most of the Knesset members are right-wing extremists, who support the demolition of the Islamic site in order to build a Jewish temple instead.

The al-Aqsa Mosque compound sits just above the Western Wall plaza and houses both the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque.

The incursion comes as tensions continue in the occupied Palestinian territories following President Donald Trump's recognition of al-Quds as the regime's "capital" and relocation of the U.S. embassy to the occupied city.

Yemen's Houthis Ready for Broader Ceasefire



Saudi-backed militants are pictured on Khamsin (fifty) street on the eastern outskirts of the port city of Hudaydah, Yemen, on November 15, 2018.

SANAA (Dispatches) – The Yemeni Houthi Ansarullah movement said on Monday that they are ready to declare ceasefire with the Saudi-led coalition and peaceful settlement of the crisis, the Houthi Supreme Revolutionary Committee said in a statement, obtained by Sputnik.

"We declare our initiative to call on the official Yemeni authorities to stop launching rockets and drones against the aggressor states of the United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and their Yemeni allies, in order to deprive them of any excuses to continue the aggression or blockade, [we] are ready to freeze and stop military operations on all fronts and come to a fair peace," the statement read.

The group also said it was ready for a broader ceasefire if "the Saudi-led coalition wants peace," according to Reuters.

"[The decision] came to support the UN envoy, to show good faith and support the peace efforts," the statement said.

Griffiths is trying to reconvene conflict resolution talks in Sweden.

Those involved in the conflict have given "firm assurances" that they were committed to attending the talks "to be convened shortly," he was quoted

by the agency as telling the UN Security Council on Friday.

Yemen has been in turmoil since 2015 when former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi stepped down and fled to Riyadh.

The Houthis took over state affairs to fill the void. The Saudi-led coalition, however, invaded the country to bring back the former Riyadh-allied officials.

Thousands have been killed in the invasion which has also pushed Yemen to the edge of famine.

The two sides began holding several rounds of UN-sponsored talks in Switzerland after the war began, without hammering out anything beyond prisoner exchange deals.

Then they gathered Kuwait in 2016 with hopes of striking a "power-sharing" deal, but the Saudi-backed side left the venue in protest at the Houthis' demands.

Last time, Griffith invited the two sides to pick up where they had left in Geneva. The Saudis, however, refused to give permission to an Omani plane to land in the Yemeni capital Sana'a to take the Houthi delegation to the negotiations.

This time, Griffith has pledged to escort the Houthi delegation from Sana'a if necessary.

Zionist PM Avoids Early Elections for Now

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday avoided an early election for now after a coalition partner backed away from toppling a cabinet hanging on to power with a razor-thin parliamentary majority.

Education Minister Naftali Bennett's U-turn surprised many pundits who had predicted the leader of the far-right Jewish Home party would quit in protest after Netanyahu rejected his demand to be named war minister and assumed the post himself.

Netanyahu, head of the right-wing Likud party, has been

making last-ditch efforts to prevent the collapse of the cabinet, which has a majority of just one seat in parliament since Avigdor Lieberman resigned as war minister last week.

Outflanking Netanyahu on the right, Lieberman, an ultranationalist, lashed out in his resignation announcement at the regime's acceptance of a ceasefire with Gaza's dominant resistance movement, Hamas.

"You win some, you lose some," Bennett said in a televised address, shrugging off Netanyahu's rejection of his bid for the war ministry post, long regarded in the occupied territo-

ries as its second most important cabinet portfolio.

Had Bennett pulled his party out of the weakened coalition, as Jewish Home officials had threatened, Netanyahu would have been left with a minority government, making an election likely ahead of a national ballot that is not due until November 2019.

Bennett said Jewish Home party was withdrawing all its political demands and would stand by the four-term prime minister.

In a speech late on Sunday appealing to coalition partners to remain loyal, the Zionist prime minister cited unspecified secu-

rity challenges ahead and hinted at future action by the regime against its enemies.

He repeated that theme in remarks to parliament's foreign affairs and war committee, in which he said that "together we can surmount any challenge and ensure Israel's security".

Such comments have left political and military affairs commentators in the regime pondering whether Netanyahu is indeed planning new military action, either in Gaza or possibly against Hezbollah guerrilla missile sites in Lebanon, or engaging in political spin that would appeal to his right-wing voter base.

Russia, Turkey, Iran to Hold Syria Talks in Astana Next Week

ASTANA (Dispatches) – A new meeting on the Syria will take place in Astana on 28-29 November, Kazakh Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov said on Monday.

"The guarantors of the Astana process – Russia, Turkey and Iran — agreed to hold the next, 11th international high-level meeting on Syria as part of the Astana process on 28-29 November," Abdrakhmanov told reporters.

"The United Nations and Jordan are invited to this meeting as observers," the minister added.

Delegations of the Syrian government and the

opposition are also expected to attend, Abdrakhmanov was quoted as saying by Russia's Tass news agency on Monday.

He also said that the United Nations and Jordan were invited as observers.

The biggest achievement of the trio is the creation of de-escalation zones, which has reduced the level of violence in the country.

The last Moscow-led conference in the Astana format took place in Russia's southern city of Sochi in July.

Kazakhstan's capital of Astana has hosted

several rounds of talks on the Syrian settlement with the last one held in December. During the latest meeting, Russia, Iran and Turkey — the three Syrian ceasefire guarantor states — agreed to set up a working group on the release of detainees and adopted a statement on humanitarian mine clearance.

Syria has been engulfed in a foreign-backed war since 2011, with opposition factions and terrorist groups fighting the Syrian Army and other government forces in order to topple the government of President Bashar Assad.

Turkey Saves 44 Refugees Stranded on Aegean Island

ISTANBUL (Xinhua) – The Turkish coast guard on Monday rescued a total of 44 illegal migrants stranded on an island in the Aegean Sea.

The migrants, trying to sneak into a Greek island, had to take shelter overnight on Yumurta island in Turkey's western Balikesir province due to bad weather, the coast guard said in a statement posted on its website.

The force launched a rescue operation at around 4:00 a.m. local time after one migrant called the emergency service for help, the statement said.

The coast guard teams have rescued all the refugees, according to the state-run Anadolu Agency.

The Aegean Sea was a favorite route for migrants fleeing into Europe via Turkey. A deal signed between Turkey and the European Union in March 2016 has helped reduce the flow of illegal migration.

A total of 23,584 migrants have attempted to reach the Greek islands via Turkey this year, up from 19,732 over the same period in 2017, according to figures released by the Turkish coast guard.