

**RIYADH (AFP) --** Saudi Arabia's foreign minister Sunday rejected demands to extradite suspects connected to the murder of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi as sought by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

"We do not extradite our citizens," Adel al-Jubeir told a news conference at the end of a summit of Persian Gulf Cooperation Council states. "It's interesting to me that a country that would not provide us with information within a legal format... would issue arrest warrants."



**TEHRAN (Press TV) --** Iran's Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif said on Sunday under the current tumultuous conditions in the Middle East, dialogue and respect for international law are among the most important factors that pave the way for making the region strong.

"What we need is a stronger region rather than strongmen. For this we need dialogue," and "respect for international law," Zarif said in a tweet posted on his official Twitter page.

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## Protests Creating 'Catastrophe' for French Economy

**PARIS (AFP) --** Calls mounted Sunday for President Emmanuel Macron to bring an end to the "yellow vest" crisis gripping France as authorities in Paris and elsewhere counted the cost of another day of violent protests and looting.

Authorities said the anti-Macron riots in Paris had been less violent than a week ago, with fewer injured -- but city hall said the physical damage was far worse as the protests were spread out across the capital.

Burned-out cars dotted the streets in several neighborhoods on Sunday morning as cleaners swept up the broken glass from smashed shop windows and bus stops.

"There was much more dispersion, so many more places were impacted," Paris deputy mayor Emmanuel Gregoire told France Inter radio. "There was much more damage yesterday than there was a week ago."

The southwestern city of Bordeaux was also badly hit by rioting during a fourth successive weekend of nationwide "yellow vest" protests.

What began as demonstrations against fuel tax hikes have ballooned into a mass movement over rising living costs and accusations that Macron, an ex-banker, only looks out for the rich. Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said the unrest was creating a "catastrophe" for the French economy, with nationwide roadblocks playing havoc with the traffic and putting off tourists from visiting Paris.

Parts of the city were on lockdown Saturday, with department stores shut to avoid looting along with museums and monuments including the Eiffel Tower.

"It's a catastrophe for commerce, it's a catastrophe for our economy," Le Maire told reporters as he visited shops in Paris hit by looting.

Government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux vowed that Macron's centrist administration would find solutions that took into account protesters' different grievances.

Overwhelmingly made up of people from rural and small-town France, the movement nonetheless includes protesters of various political stripes whose goals range from lower taxes to

Macron's resignation.

"We need to find solutions that take account of each person's reality," Griveaux told Europe 1 radio. "It is anger that is difficult to understand from an office in Paris," he acknowledged.

The protests have shown little sign of easing since they began on November 17.

The interior ministry said 136,000 people had taken part nationwide in Saturday's protests, which turned violent in several other cities including Marseille and Toulouse.

In Paris, around 10,000 "yellow vests" flocked to the Champs-Elysees and other areas -- 2,000 more than joined the action last week, as many headed in from the provinces for the first time.

Nationwide, more than 1,700 people were detained -- over 1,000 of them in Paris as police vowed "zero tolerance" for anarchists, far-right supporters and others seeking to cause trouble.

More than 500 people were still in custody in Paris by Sunday morning, officials said.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe had congratulated police on the security operation, which mobilized 8,000 officers and saw armored vehicles deployed in Paris for the first time.

The embattled president -- whose name rang out across the Champs-Elysees as protesters shouted "Macron, resign" -- is expected to address the demonstrations in a much-anticipated speech in the coming days.

The crisis facing a leader who had been hailed internationally as a youthful defender of liberal values is being closely watched abroad.

Spain's El Pais newspaper said it was the first time the 40-year-old was "hesitating, giving the impression that he does not know what to do".

So far he has refused to back down on another policy hated by the "yellow vests": his decision to scrap a "fortune tax" on the wealthiest.

Far-right leader Marine Le Pen -- who is backed by some protesters from "forgotten" provincial France, but by no means all -- called for Macron to "recognize society's suffering and deliver immediate, very strong responses".

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**Sheikh Naim Qassem:**

## All of Zionist Entity in Range of Hezbollah Rockets



*Ever since 2006, the occupying regime of Israel has been deterred by the power of Hezbollah, Sheikh Naim Qassem says.*

**TEHRAN (Dispatches) --** Hezbollah deputy head Sheikh Naim Qassem has said the resistance movement's arms capability has deterred the occupying regime from aggression against Lebanon because "there is not a point in Israel not exposed to Hezbollah rockets."

Speaking in an interview to the Iranian Arabic-language newspaper Alvefagh, Qassem said the Zionist regime has been afraid to go war in Lebanon since 2006.

His comments come amid heightened tensions after the

occupying regime of Israel announced the launch of operations along the Lebanese border against what it claims Hezbollah tunnels crossing from Lebanon.

Qassem's remarks did not directly address the recent Zionist maneuvering but were the first made by an official from the party since the operation began Tuesday. "Ever since 2006, Israel has been deterred by the ability of (Hezbollah)," Qassem told Alvefagh, adding that all of the occupied Palestinian territories, "even Tel Aviv", are subject to

Hezbollah's rockets.

"There is not a place in the Zionist entity that is not within Hezbollah's range."

"The Israeli discourse shows that war with Lebanon is out of the question for them," he said. "In their threats and analyses, they say that they will attack if Hezbollah does. So they are not initiating. The rules of the game are set by Hezbollah on the ground. The balance of deterrence makes it very hard for Israel to initiate a war against Lebanon."

Qassem said that Hezbollah too

would not initiate war, but would respond to Israeli aggression and that such a response and counter-response could potentially lead to war.

The Zionist regime's operation has drawn rebuke and ridicule even from Israeli leaders, with opposition leader Tzipi Livni criticizing PM Benjamin Netanyahu for overdramatizing the campaign "for political gain."

Russian President Vladimir Putin reportedly reminded Netanyahu on Saturday of the need to maintain stability following the recent Israeli operations near the Lebanese border.

In his phone talks with Netanyahu, Putin "stressed the importance of ensuring stability in the region in strict accordance with Resolution 1701 of the UN Security Council," the Kremlin said on Sunday.

He was referring to the 2006 UN Security Council resolution issued after the Second Lebanon War, the last major conflict between Israel and Hezbollah which ended with the victory of the Lebanese movement.

Qassem also spoke about a number of issues on the Lebanese domestic agenda, including the war in Syria and Palestinian affairs within the country.

He said the Palestinian resistance has made Israel face a "new equation."

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**New York Times Reveals:**

## Kushner Advised MBS on How to Weather Scandal

**WASHINGTON (Dispatches) --** White House senior adviser Jared Kushner maintained informal contact with Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman (MBS) and publicly defended him after the October 2 killing of Jamal Khashoggi, the New York Times has reported, citing two former senior American officials and the two people briefed by the Saudis.

As the murder of the Saudi journalist who was ambushed and dismembered by Saudi agents set off a media firestorm and American intelligence agencies concluded that it was ordered by MBS, Kushner became the prince's primary defender inside the White House, people familiar with its internal deliberations told the Times.

Kushner's support for MBS illustrates the personal bond that

has helped draw Kushner's father-in-law, U.S. President Donald Trump, into an embrace of Saudi Arabia as one of his most important international allies.

The bond between Kushner and MBS did not happen on its own. The prince and his advisers, eager to secure U.S. support for his hawkish policies in the region, cultivated the relationship with Kushner for more than two years, according to documents, emails and text messages reviewed by the New York Times.

Still, earlier this week, a bipartisan group of U.S. senators introduced a resolution denouncing MBS for his role in the murder of Khashoggi, as well as the war in Yemen and blockade of Qatar, in both of which Saudi Arabia is deeply involved.

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## Zionist Troops Literally Crippling Gaza Youths

**GAZACITY, Gaza (Dispatches) --** The occupying regime of Israel's forces deployed along the volatile fence with the Gaza Strip have fired live rounds at rock-throwing Palestinian protesters ever since demonstrations against Israel's long-running blockade of Gaza began in March.

And for eight months, Zionist snipers have targeted one part of the body more than any other -- the legs.

The occupying regime's military says it is responding to weekly assaults by Palestinians armed with stones, grenades and firebombs. The military claims it opens fire only as a last resort, and considers firing at the lower limbs an act of restraint.

Still, 175 Palestinians have been shot to death, according to an Associated Press count. And the number of wounded has

reached colossal proportions.

Of the 10,511 protesters treated at hospitals and field clinics in Gaza so far, at least 6,392, or roughly 60 percent, have been struck in the lower limbs, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. At least 5,884 of those casualties were hit by live ammunition; others have been hit by rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters.

The upsurge in Israeli violence has left a visible mark on Gaza that will likely remain for decades to come. It is now common to see young men walking through dilapidated streets on crutches. Most have legs bandaged or fitted with a metal frame called a fixator, which uses pins or screws that are inserted into fractured bones to help stabilize them.

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