

# Yemeni Snipers Kill Nearly Dozen Saudi Mercenaries

SANAA (Press TV) – Nearly a dozen Saudi-backed militiamen loyal to former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi have been killed or injured when Yemeni army soldiers and fighters from allied Popular Committees launched separate attacks in Yemen's northwestern province of Hajjah. A Yemeni military source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Arabic-language al-Masirah television network that Yemeni forces and their allies shot ten Saudi mercenaries in various areas in the Harad and Hayran districts of the province on Saturday. Separately, Yemeni soldiers and Popular Committees fighters targeted the positions of Saudi mercenaries in the Qaniyah district of the southwestern Yemeni province of al-Bayda', inflicting heavy losses on them. Elsewhere in the Qa'atabah

district of Yemen's southwestern province of Dhale, several Saudi-paid militiamen were killed or injured when bomb attacks struck their positions. Also on Saturday, Saudi mercenaries lobbed a barrage of artillery shells at several residential areas in Yemen's strategic western coastal province of Hudaydah, damaging a number of houses and private property. A local source, requesting anonymity, said a house caught fire after the Saudi-backed militiamen targeted it with medium caliber projectiles. There were no immediate reports of casualties available though. Saudi Arabia and a number of its regional allies launched a devastating campaign against Yemen in March 2015, with the goal of bringing the



In this file photo, taken on March 18, 2018, a Yemeni child is seen walking in the rubble of a building that was destroyed in a Saudi-led airstrike, in the southern Yemeni city of Ta'izz.

government of Hadi back to power and crushing the Ansarullah movement. The U.S.-based Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED), a nonprofit conflict-research organization, estimates that the war has claimed more than 100,000 lives over the past four and a half years. The UN says over 24 million Yemenis are in dire need of humanitarian aid, including 10 million suffering from extreme levels of hunger.

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the plane crash, our enemy was made happy, assuming that it has found a pretext to question the IRGC, the armed forces, and the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran," Ayatollah Khamenei said. The Leader also expressed sympathy with the families of those who lost their lives in the crash. "We share their grief, and thank the parents and bereaved families who stood against the enemy's plot and temptation and acted against what the enemy wanted, even though their hearts were full of pain and sorrow." The assassination of Gen. Soleimani, a national hero at home, prompted huge mourning ceremonies in Iran and Iraq, where tens of millions chanted for revenge. Ayatollah Khamenei said Friday the assassination disgraced the United States as Washington had to own up to the "terrorist" action and see its image dealt a blow by Iran's retaliation.

## Stolen...

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were legally owned by the collector, German news reports said. "After my informant was contacted, I knew that Iran was also looking for the missing Divan and I started a race against time to see if I could find it first, as the book belonged to Ghazy's family," Brand said.

## 'Rare and Valuable'

The Dutchman then flew to London to meet an unnamed man "who became extremely nervous" when shown the flyer of the missing book, and confessed he had seen it as a friend of his had sold it to a major buyer.

By then Iranian officials were also in London asking questions about the manuscript, Brand said.

"The buyer was shocked and furious. After all, he was sold a stolen book and now everybody including the Iranian government was looking for it," Brand said.

By now afraid, the buyer flew to Paris to demand his money back from the original seller. But Brand persuaded him to go back to London and finally the collector handed over the book via an intermediary in late 2019.

Brand said he will travel to Munich next Wednesday to return the Divan to German police.

"The next steps are currently being discussed together with the heirs" of Ghazy, police spokesman Ludwig Waldinger told AFP.

Experts said this edition could be of great historical and literary value for scholars and admirers of Hafez, whose works were published after his death.

The recovered book is "one of a handful still in existence," said Dominic Parviz Brookshaw, associate professor of Persian literature at Oxford University.

"It's an extremely early edition -- although not the earliest -- which would make it very rare and valuable," Brookshaw told AFP.

## Russia ...

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Last week, the three European signatories to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) released a statement saying the mechanism was activated in response to what they claimed was Iran's repeated violations of the accord.

The European push to trigger the dispute mechanism may ultimately lead to the restoration of UN sanctions against Iran which were lifted under the JCPOA.

In a press conference on Friday, Acting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov slammed the European measure as a "dangerous turn" which aims to use the moment of heightened tensions between Iran and the U.S. to "blame Iran for all what happened".

He said the European signatories of the deal had failed to set up a promised trade mechanism to bypass U.S. sanctions against Iran and uphold their JCPOA commitments.

Speaking in Washington less than a week after visiting Tehran, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that Tehran "did not seek to escalate things".

"Iranians don't want war, they don't want further bloodshed," he said while speaking to

reporters on Friday. Qureshi added that Tehran had expressed its willingness to ease tensions over differences with Riyadh and certain other Persian Gulf nations. "They said they are willing to engage at any level and in any format," Qureshi said.

## Trump...

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"Then all of a sudden, boom," he went on. "They're gone, sir. Cutting off."

Trump's detailed recounting of the attack goes further than what he or other U.S. officials have said about the dastardly assassination.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said on Friday, "In assassinating this valiant martyr, the Americans did not face him on the battlefield but committed their crime stealthily and cowardly, which brought about more disgrace to them."

Such assassinations were more typical of the Zionist regime in the past, Ayatollah Khamenei said, referring to the occupying regime of Israel.

"Of course, the Americans have committed a lot of crimes and killings in Iraq and Afghanistan, but this time the U.S. president confessed in his own words, 'We are terrorists'; there is no greater disgrace than this," the Leader said.

The U.S. has been conducting drone strikes in several countries. The aerial attacks, initiated by former U.S. President George W. Bush in 2004, were escalated under former President Barack Obama.

Human rights organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch say U.S. officials are committing war crimes for carrying out the drone strikes and should stand trial.

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"The day the missiles of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps crushed the U.S. base is one of the days of God. The Guards' response was a major blow to America's fearsome superpower image," the Leader told a huge crowd in Tehran.

Iran pounded two US bases in Iraq with missiles in retaliation for the assassination of Gen. Soleimani.

"The day of God means seeing the hand of God in the events - the day when tens of millions in Iran and hundreds of thousands in Iraq and some other countries came to the streets to honor the blood of the commander of the Quds Force," the Leader said.

## Zarif...

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regarding security in this region, particularly the Strait of Hormuz," Zarif told a meeting in Mumbai sponsored by All India Association of Industries (AIAI).

Iran, he said, has presented proposals on ways to establish peace in the Strait of Hormuz.

Established in 1956 in Mumbai, the AIAI has over 1,500 members and through its affiliates it represents over 50,000 industries.

In an address to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 25, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said as a steward of maritime security in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, Iran invites all countries that are affected by developments in the strategic region to join the country's new regional peace initiative, dubbed Hormuz Peace Endeavor (HOPE).

He said the "coalition of hope" aims to promote peace, stability, progress and prosperity of littoral states and help achieve mutual understanding and establish peaceful and friendly relations among them.

Zarif said in October 2019 that he was ready to visit Saudi Arabia to help reduce tensions between Riyadh and Tehran if suitable conditions existed.

"If suitable conditions are provided, I would be ready to travel to Riyadh to settle differences" between the two countries, Zarif said while answering a question posed by Yemen's Arabic-language Al-Masirah news agency.

"Tehran welcomes any initiative that aims to ease tensions in the region and will cooperate (with other parties) to end Yemen's war," he added.

# Scuffles Erupt as Zionist Troops Demolish Palestinian Homes



An Israeli bulldozer demolishes Palestinian houses near al-Arubb camp, on the outskirts of the West Bank city of al-Khalil (Hebron), on November 19, 2019. (Photo by AFP)

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A video has emerged showing scuffles erupting between local residents and Zionist troops as they are demolishing two Palestinian homes in the southern al-Khalil Hills area of the occupied West Bank.

In the video, Zionist troops are seen punching several men as they were dragging them away. Residents said two Palestinians were also detained. In a statement on Friday, the regime's co-called Civil Administration alleged that the buildings in the Palestinian city of al-Khalil were built illegally. The family who owned the houses said they were in the process of appealing to the Civil Administration to legalize the houses which were located in the strategically sensitive Area C of the occupied West Bank. Area C accounts for more than 60 percent of the occupied West Bank, and would form a significant part of a future Palestine state under the so-called two-state solution. It is fully

controlled by Israeli authorities. Zionist regime officials have recently approved the construction of 6,000 new settler homes in the West Bank's Area C, where the regime's army has full control over the management of resources, planning and construction, and strictly limits Palestinian construction or development to less than one percent of the area. More than 600,000 Zionists live in over 230 illegal settlements built since the 1967 occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East al-Quds. The UN Security Council has condemned the regime's settlement activities in the occupied territories in several resolutions.

# Palestinian Woman Allegedly Threatening Zionist Police Detained

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) – A Palestinian woman who allegedly threatened a Zionist police officer with a knife has been detained at the Damascus Gate in al-Quds, the regime's police have said in a statement. "At the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem (al-Quds), a woman threatened members of the border police with a knife. The suspect, approximately 50-years of age, was arrested. There were no injuries", the police statement read. The woman is currently being questioned by investigators. Security measures in al-Quds's Old City have been heightened after disturbances on Friday outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque on Temple Mount. Morning prayers at the mosque ended with hundreds of people taking part in clashes with Zionist troops, the Israeli state-owned KAN broadcaster reported.

Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is situated close to both Christian and Jewish holy sites, has been one of the flashpoints of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The mosque is a part of the Temple Mount area which has repeatedly seen violent confrontations in recent years between Palestinian worshippers and Israeli servicemen. Zionist troops regularly open fatal fire on Palestinians, accusing them of attempting to carry out stabbing attacks against its forces. Human rights groups have repeatedly criticized the regime for its shoot-to-kill policy as a large number of the Palestinians killed at the scene of the alleged attacks did not pose serious threats to Zionists. Zionist troops have on numerous occasions been caught on camera brutally killing Palestinians, with the videos going viral online and sparking international condemnation.

# Jordanian FM in Baghdad for Talks

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi is in Baghdad carrying a letter from Jordanian King Abdullah II to Iraqi leaders over de-escalation in the region. Safadi arrived in Baghdad airport in the morning and was received by his Iraqi counterpart Mohammed al-Hakim, and the two held a meeting to discuss the latest developments in the region and means to de-escalate the tension. At a joint press conference after their meeting, Safadi said "I have come to Iraq carrying a letter from King Abdullah II to the Iraqi president and the prime minister about

coordinating efforts to reduce the escalation in the region." "The position of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was clear by calling for reduction of escalation and use of dialogue as a way to resolve crises and to ensure that Iraq is not an arena for conflict and tension," Safadi told reporters. For his part, al-Hakim said that he affirmed the need to "respect Iraq's sovereignty and that Iraq to be a factor of stability in the region and in the world, and we have rejected making Iraq an arena for conflict." Al-Hakim also confirmed that "any escalation in the region would enhance the ability of terrorists to re-organize and undermine the efforts of the international community to combat terrorism." Safadi's visit to Baghdad came after the tension grew high after the United States assassinated top Iranian commander General Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps by a drone strike on Jan. 3 near Baghdad International Airport. Early on Jan. 8, Iran retaliated by launching ballistic missiles on military bases housing U.S. troops in Iraq's western province of Anbar and near the city of Erbil, capital of the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan.