

# Palestinians Mourn Paramedic in Gaza by Zionist Troops

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – **Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have held a funeral procession for a paramedic, who lost his life more than a month after being critically injured during clashes between Zionist troopers and a group of Palestinian protesters participating in an anti-occupation rally in Gaza.**

Hundreds of mourners gathered in Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza Strip, chanting slogans in condemnation of the Zionist regime's crimes and demanding resistance movements to respond to Israeli forces' continued acts of aggression.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society said in a statement on Monday that Mohammed Subhi al-Judeili had died at a hospital in the southern West Bank city of al-Khalil, located 30 kilometers south of al-Quds.

The 36-year-old man suffered skull fractures after a rubber-coated metal bullet struck him in the nose as the Zionist troops

sought to suppress a "Great March of Return" protest rally in the eastern part of the Gaza Strip on May 3.

Palestinian Minister of Health Mai al-Kaila later strongly condemned the Israeli army for firing directly at the Palestinian paramedic, and fatally wounding him in the face.

Kaila said Judeili's death is a war crime, arguing that Israeli forces deliberately target Palestinian paramedics and ambulances as they are performing their humanitarian duties.

Palestinians have held weekly rallies on the Gaza border to protest the siege on the enclave and demand the right for refugees to return to their homes they were forced from during the 1948 creation of Israel.

More than 270 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces ever since anti-occupation protest rallies began in Gaza on March 30, 2018. Over 16,000 Palestinians have also sustained



*The son of Palestinian paramedic Mohammed Subhi al-Judeili, who died of wounds he sustained during a protest at the border fence between the Gaza Strip and the occupied territories, reacts as he looks at his father's body during his funeral in the central Gaza Strip on June 11, 2019.*

injuries.

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

al-Quds.

On June 13, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution, sponsored by Turkey and Algeria, which condemned Israel for Palestinian civilian deaths in the Gaza Strip.

## Moscow:

# New U.S. Sanctions on Syria a Tool to Exert Pressure on Assad



*Syrian students and community members protest against the economic sanctions of against Damascus in Moscow, Russia, on December 1, 2018.*

PRAGUE (Dispatches) – **The United States keeps putting pressure on Syrian President Bashar Assad to undermine his efforts**

**to normalize the situation in the country, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told Sputnik on Wednesday, reacting**

to a new batch of Washington's sanctions on Syria.

"Sanctions are one of the [U.S.] tools to exert pressure on Damascus in order to make it difficult for Bashar Assad and his government to continue this work [to normalize the situation in Syria]," Ryabkov said.

The U.S. administration is apparently not satisfied with the successful efforts of the legitimate government in Damascus to stabilize the situation in the country and maintain the territorial integrity of Syria, he added.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control unveiled a new round of restrictions against Syria. It sanctioned 16 individuals and entities associated with the

Assad administration.

Earlier, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced the decision to impose new restrictions on the Syrian government, its supporters and those who fund the country's aircraft and energy industries.

U.S. sanctions prohibit material support to the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad, including shipments of oil to Syrian government-controlled ports, as well as material support to designated terrorist groups.

Damascus has repeatedly slammed U.S. and EU sanctions, with President Bashar Assad stressing that the damage caused by the restrictions were more damaging than the terrorists.

# Nobel Prize Winner Warns Wildfires Threaten Iraqi Mass Graves

LONDON (Dispatches) – **Nobel Prize-winner and Izadi activist Nadia Murad has warned that wildfires raging in northern Iraq could destroy crucial evidence of genocide committed by Daesh.**

Murad, a survivor of sexual slavery, said the fires had burned some of the 79 mass graves in the Sinjar region where victims of Daesh atrocities - possibly including members of her own family - are buried.

The terrorist group rampaged through Sinjar in 2014, slaughtering and kidnapping thousands of people from the Izadi minority, in what the United Nations has called a genocide.

Murad told the Thomson Reuters Foundation that five years on the genocide was continuing because most Izadis were stuck in camps, unable to return to their homeland, and about 3,000 kidnapped women and girls were still in captivity.

UN investigators have begun exhuming the mass graves to gather evidence but Murad said they were not properly protected, and were now at risk from the fires.

"There have been wildfires, including in my hometown Kocho, and

some of the mass graves were burned. We don't know how many," she said late on Tuesday.

"All these innocent people were killed, and for the past five years we've failed to bring justice for them. Now that the mass graves are burned, our fear is that the evidence will disappear."

Murad is working with human rights lawyer Amal Clooney to bring Daesh ringleaders to trial for crimes committed against the Izadis, whose beliefs combine elements of several ancient Middle Eastern religions.

Daesh, which considers them heretics, killed more than 3,000 Izadis and kidnapped nearly 7,000, selling many into sexual slavery, as it seized swathes of Iraq and Syria.

Murad, who was captured with her sisters, several nieces and friends, was held in Mosul, where she was tortured and raped before managing to escape.

The terrorists also killed many family members including her mother and six brothers.

# Zionist PM's Wife Signs Plea Deal Over Meal Fraud Case

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – **The Zionist regime's prime minister's wife Sara Netanyahu signed a plea bargain on Wednesday over allegedly misusing state funds to order gourmet meals, the State Attorney's Office said.**

Under the deal, Sara Netanyahu will admit lesser charges and be convicted of receiving something by intentionally exploiting another person's mistake. She will repay 45,000 shekels (12,573 U.S. dollars) and pay a fine of 10,000 shekels (2,794 dollars), Israel Radio reported.

The deal will be presented before judge on

Sunday at the al-Quds' Magistrate's Court.

A spokesman for the Netanyahu family was not immediately to comment.

Sara Netanyahu, 60 years old, was originally charged with fraud, aggravated fraud and breach of trust.

According to her original charge sheet, she fraudulently obtained some 100,000 dollars of public funds for hundreds of meals supplied by well-known restaurants and chefs to the official prime minister's residency in al-Quds while falsely stating that there were no cooks or staffs at home.

Her lawyers said that she was unaware of the regulations that forbid her to do so and the meals were ordered by an aide to serve visiting officials.

Her trail has drawn public attention to the long trail of criminal investigations and scandals involving the Netanyahus.

The long-time prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is entangled in a series of criminal corruption investigations while he denies any wrongdoing and charges "the investigations are part of witch hunt orchestrated by the leftist media and his political enemies."

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Iran's oil exports to zero, the Trump administration has revoked waivers since May that had allowed some countries, including Japan, to continue buying Iranian crude and has effectively ordered countries to stop purchasing Iranian oil or face sanctions of their own.

Despite pushing for imports to continue, Japan has stopped importing oil from Iran for now to avoid U.S. sanctions.

Tensions in the Middle East have risen in recent weeks, roughly a year after Trump's decision to leave the international nuclear accord.

Washington has dispatched an aircraft carrier strike group and bombers to the Persian Gulf, and decided to send additional U.S. troops to the region.

Iran said in May it was suspending some of its commitments under the deal. Tehran set a 60-day deadline to negotiate new terms, saying it would keep more enriched uranium than allowed under the agreement initially reached with the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China.

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An 18-month-old baby, Ali Dawabsheh, and his parents were killed in the attack. The sole survivor was Ali's brother, Ahmad, who was four years old at the time. He sustained severe burns to over 60 percent of his body.

And in January, an Israeli court released to house arrest four Israeli settlers suspected of killing a 47-year-old Palestinian mother of seven, Aisha al-Rabi. They allegedly threw a rock at her car near Nablus, inflicting a fatal head wound.

Abdullah al-Hajj Muhammad, head of the nearby Jalud village council, told MEE that "the decisions of the Israeli courts have given more incentive for settlers to escalate their attacks against Palestinians".

Jalud is surrounded by 10 settlements built on much of the village's land. It also regularly falls victim to Israeli settler abuse.

On the morning of May 5, settlers torched about 300 dunums (30 hectares) of fields that were home to some 900 olive trees and 100 fig and almond trees, said Muhammad. The nearby school cameras caught the attack on tape, he added.

"The Israeli army came and collected all footage of the attack under the pretext of intending to launch an investigation," Muhammad said.

"Every time these attacks happen, the army claims it is 'opening an investigation' but nothing has ever come from it, and we do not expect that anything will."

B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights group, released a video showing armed settlers torching fields in the Palestinian villages of Burin and Asirah al-Qibliyah on May 17. The settlers also threw rocks at residents' homes and fired shots into the air.

"Thousands of testimonies, videos and reports, as well as many years of close monitoring by B'Tselem and other organizations, reveal that Israeli security forces not only allow settlers to harm Palestinians and their property as a matter of course - they often provide the perpetrators escort and back-up. In some cases, they even join in on the attack," the group has said.

In 2018, settlers vandalized Jalud village property, spray painting "let us handle them" on a wall. During that year, it was found that settler attacks had tripled.

Ghassan Daghlas, a Palestinian official who monitors Israeli colonial policies in the northern occupied West Bank, said that the lack of accountability or an international monitoring mechanism allows settler attacks to continue.

The support for the occupying regime of Israel by the United States had only encouraged settlers to carry out such crimes, he added.

According to Daghlas, settlers have destroyed 2,570 olive trees, and burned hundreds of dunums of farmland since the start of May, in addition to physically assaulting Palestinians, throwing stones at them and vandalizing their property.

"While videos document settler assaults, they are of no use. The attacks are not being investigated," he said.

"It is evident that the army has given settlers a green light."

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trying to manage a crisis in the region, but is unable to compensate for its shortcomings and weaknesses," Hamidreza Assefi, a former spokesperson for Iran's foreign ministry, wrote in a commentary for the paper.

"Germany has cooperated with U.S. President Donald Trump's administration in every possible way," Assefi continued.

During his visit to Iran, Maas acknowledged that the economic benefits Tehran hoped for from the nuclear deal were now "more difficult to obtain" but urged Iran to fully respect the agreement. It is in Iran's "political and strategic interest to maintain this agreement and the dialogue with Europe", he claimed.