



BEIRUT (Dispatches) – A young Palestinian man has lost his life when a cluster bomb dropped during the Zionist regime's military aggression against Lebanon in the summer of 2006 detonated in the country's south. Lebanon's official National News Agency reported that the man, identified as Ali Nehme Hamzeh, was working on a bulldozer in a field near the village of Majdal Selm, when the bomb exploded. He was taken to the nearby Tibnin Governmental Hospital, but succumbed to his wounds. Southern Lebanon is littered with hundreds of unexploded cluster bombs belong to the Zionist regime. The Lebanese army together with the UN and other international organizations are working to purge the area of the deadly ordnance.

For First Time Since 2012

Syrian Army Purges Northern Hama of Terrorists



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DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The Syrian army on Friday fully secured the entire northern countryside of the central province of Hama for the first time since 2012.

After capturing the strategic town of Khan Shaykhun in the southern countryside of Idlib province in northwestern Syria, the Syrian army succeeded to fully secure several adjacent towns in the northern countryside of Hama, the official SANA news agency reported.

The army captured the towns of Al-Lataminah and Kafr Zita as well as Latmin and Morek and other towns in northern Hama, securing the entire northern countryside of Hama from the rebel groups, according to SANA.

The Syrian TV showed footage of

the military presence in the recently taken areas, citing government sources as saying that efforts are being exerted to secure the medical help and other basic necessities for the people who will return to their homes after the liberation.

Meanwhile, the so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the army fully captured the northern countryside of Hama for the first time since 2012, noting that these areas were controlled by the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham terrorist group, the umbrella group of the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front.

The UK-based watchdog group said the terrorists withdrew from these areas and the army entered without a fight as the terrorists started withdrawing after the army cap-

tured Khan Shaykhun in adjacent Idlib countryside, fearing they would be completely besieged.

The Observatory said that a Turkish observation point in Morek town in northern Hama is besieged by the Syrian army.

The watchdog said that Turkey may ask for a safe exit for Turkish soldiers in that area.

It's worth noting that the countryside of Hama and the adjacent Idlib province are included in the de-escalation zones' deal established by Russia and Turkey last September.

However, the deal failed to materialize as the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front rejected to withdraw and battles flared last April.

Earlier this month, Russia and Turkey supervised a new cease-fire in

the de-escalation zone, but it was quick to fall apart.

The Observatory said Friday that the army has so far captured 29 areas in Idlib and Hama since early this month.

The army has recently advanced on the town of Khan Shaykhun in a bid to capture it and secure the part of the main Damascus-Aleppo highway near Idlib.

A day earlier, the Syrian government declared opening a humanitarian corridor for civilians desirous of leaving battlefield areas in the countryside of Idlib and Hama, according to a foreign ministry statement.

The corridor was set up in the Souran area in the northern countryside of Hama province to enable the civilians to leave terrorist-held areas in the countryside of Hama and the adjacent countryside of Idlib province in northwestern Syria.

The Syrian Foreign Ministry said the measure comes in light of the Syrian government's keenness to alleviate the suffering of the civilians and meet their humanitarian needs, including medical help and shelters.

Several Turkey-backed militant groups are located in the Idlib province near the Turkish border, but the most powerful group there is the HTS.

For the Syrian army, securing Idlib would almost deal a blow to the over eight-year-long terrorism against the administration of President Bashar al-Assad.

Idlib is also strategically important as it shares a border area with Turkey to the north. It's also close to the coastal province of Latakia, the hometown of Assad, which contains a Russia-run air base repeatedly targeted by terrorist drones launched from Idlib.

'Zionist Regime Gearing Up to Attack Houthis in Yemen'



Forces affiliated with the UAE-trained Security Belt Forces loyal to the so-called pro-independence Southern Transitional Council (STC) man a checkpoint near the south-central coastal city of Zinjibar in south-central Yemen, in the Abyan Governorate, on August 21, 2019.

SANAA (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's military is planning to attack Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah movement, a new report says, a move that is claimed to be part of the occupying regime's attempts to ensure the group never comes in contact with Iran.

The Kuwaiti newspaper al-Jaridah said that the regime was gearing up to pound targets of the Ansarullah and Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement in Yemen, near the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb separating the Red Sea from the Gulf of Aden.

The report claimed that the regime's spy agency Mossad as well as its Military Intelligence were specifically looking for alleged attempts to deliver weapons from Iran.

It further claimed that some of the Houthis' drones and missiles had been transferred to Iraq instead in an alleged attempt to mislead the Israeli military, which is said to be behind a series of bombings that have targeted Iraqi popular mobilization forces, Hashd al-Sha'abi, over the past weeks.

According to al-Jarida and some Iraqi experts, the attacks on the group's ammunition depots across Iraq have been carried out by the Zionist regime.

This falls in line with remarks by Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who did not reject a reporter's questions about whether Tel Aviv was

operating in Iraq.

"We are working against Iranian consolidation - in Iraq as well," he said in an interview with Israel's Channel 9 News broadcast on Thursday.

On Tuesday, several powerful explosions rocked an ammunition warehouse next to Balad air base, which hosts U.S. forces and contractors north of the capital Baghdad.

Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, second-in-command of the Hashd al-Sha'abi, said after the attacks that the United States and the Zionist regime were responsible for the attacks.

"We have accurate and credible information that Americans brought in four Israeli drones this year via Azerbaijan to operate within the U.S. fleet to carry out sorties aimed at Iraqi military headquarters" he said.

Karim Alaiwi, a member of the Security and Defense Committee in the Iraqi Parliament, also accused the regime of carrying out the attacks in an attempt to "weaken the force."

The al-Jaridah's sources confirmed to the paper that the Zionist regime was sharing military intelligence and target with Arab states that have ports in the region.

The U.S. had also been informed on the operations and was closely following latest developments about the alleged weapons shipments.

UN Slams Saudi Arabia, UAE for Failure on Yemeni Aid Pledges

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – Millions of Yemenis face severe cuts to food, medicine and other handouts because the UAE and Saudi Arabia have failed to provide funds promised earlier this year, the UN has said in a statement.

The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said food handouts to 12 million Yemenis and health services to 19 million were on the chopping block because of massive funding shortfalls, the Middle East Eye reported.

It added that one of the main reasons for this is that the UAE and Saudi Arabia have failed to fulfill their promises.

Riyadh and Abu Dhabi, part of a coalition waging war on Yemen,

each promised \$750 million in aid to the country at a UN fundraising event in February. According to UN figures, Saudi Arabia has so far only paid \$121.7 million and the UAE about \$195 million of the promised funds.

On Wednesday, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric warned the humanitarian crisis would likely expose more Yemenis to hunger and disease unless donor countries came good on their pledges within weeks.

Without new funding, food rations to 12 million people will be reduced, including aid to at least 2.5 million malnourished Yemeni children that have been "keeping them alive", Dujarric added.

About 19 million people may lose

access to health care, tens of thousands of Yemenis may be made homeless and clean water may stop flowing for five million people at the end of October, the UN said.

Meanwhile, the Yemeni military has carried out retaliatory attacks on an airbase in Saudi Arabia's southwestern province of Asir, using a squadron of domestically-manufactured combat drones.

Brigadier General Yahya Saree, the spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces, told Yemen's al-Masirah television that a number of Qasef-2K (Striker-2K) drones conducted airstrikes against vital targets in King Khalid Air Base on Thursday morning.

He added that one of the drones hit the base's communications sys-

tem while others targeted its fuel tanks and a gas station at the base. He said all drones successfully hit their designated targets.

Saree said the attacks were in response to the 40 Saudi airstrikes that had hit Yemen over the past 48 hours and that left a number of Yemeni civilians dead or wounded.

The airbase, which is located in the vicinity of Khamis Mushait City, belongs to the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF).

Yemeni forces regularly target positions inside Saudi Arabia in retaliation for the Saudi-led war on Yemen, which began in March 2015 in an attempt to reinstall a former regime and eliminate the Houthi Ansarullah movement.

Zionist Regime Deploys Large Number of Troops in West Bank

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime has deployed a large number of troops to the site of an explosion near an illegal settlement in the occupied West Bank.

The explosion happened near the illegal settlement of Dolev, northwest of Ramallah on Friday.

The military said at least three peo-

ple had been wounded as a result of the blast, one of which is in a critical condition. The military said that the explosion was the result of a homemade bomb reportedly thrown from a passing car.

Zionist regime officials have also said that in a separate incident, a suspect riding a motorcycle threw an ex-

plosive device at a military checkpoint near the occupied West Bank city of Jenin.

No further details regarding the two incidents, and whether they could be related, have been released.

More than 600,000 Zionists live in over 230 settlements built since the 1967 Israeli occupation of the Pales-

tinian territories of the West Bank and East al-Quds.

The UN Security Council has condemned Israel's settlement activities in the occupied territories in several resolutions.

On July 31, Zionist officials approved the construction of 6,000 new settler units in the West Bank.

Zionist Firms 'Facilitating Press Freedom Abuses Worldwide'

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) says the Zionist regime's surveillance companies of paving the way for attacks on media freedom around the world by easing rules governing the export of offensive cyber weapons, despite grave concerns by human rights and privacy groups that the technologies are used by some governments to spy on political foes and crush dissent.

The New York-based group, which seeks to promote press freedom and defends the rights of journalists, stated that Zionist regime officials had confirmed that, under a rule change by the ministry of military affairs a year ago, Israeli surveillance companies "are able to obtain exemptions on marketing license for the sale of some products to certain countries."

The CPJ stated that Israeli-exported technology undermined press freedom globally by allowing authorities to track reporters and potentially identify their sources.

The group then highlighted that the Mexican government had deployed super-stealth Pegasus spyware, developed by Israeli cyberarms firm NSO Group, in order to infiltrate the mobile phones "of at least nine journalists."

Back in early November 2018, former U.S. National Security Agency contractor and whistleblower Edward Snowden said Saudi Arabia might have used Pegasus to track prominent dissident

journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who was killed after visiting the kingdom's consulate in Turkey's largest city of Istanbul the previous month.

"Over and over again, we see Israeli technology facilitating press freedom abuses around the world, by lending a hand to governments that want to track and monitor reporters," CPJ Advocacy Director, Courtney Radsch, said in Washington, D.C.

She added, "An unregulated surveillance industry is bad for press freedom. The Israeli government should heed the UN Special Rapporteur's call to respect human rights in its export policies."

The Israeli English-language Haaretz daily newspaper reported on November 26, 2018 that NSO representatives had offered Pegasus 3 technology to high-profile Saudi officials a year earlier.

The report, citing a complaint filed with the Israeli police by an unnamed European businessman, noted that Saudi officials included former intelligence chief Prince Turki al-Faisal and Nasser al-Qahtani, who presented himself as the deputy of the current intelligence chief.

The businessman insists that the Pegasus 3 affair began when he was contacted by an Israeli man dealing in cyber-defense technologies and identified only as W., who asked him to use his connections in the Persian Gulf states to help do business in the region.