

One Killed, 11 Injured in Explosion in Syria's Aleppo

ANTAKYA (Sputnik) – One person was killed and 11 were injured in a motorcycle explosion in the city of Azaz north of Syria's Aleppo, a local source stated. "One person was killed, 11 were wounded — four of them were injured seriously — in a motorcycle explosion", the source in Azaz said. In early August, several children and adults were killed in a car bomb explosion in Syria's northeastern village of Qahtaniyah. The Syrian media reported last month that the terrorists had attacked the city's Zebdia district, killing one child and injuring two other civilians.

Thought for Today

There are many persons whom constant grants of His Bounties turn them wicked and fit for His punishment and there are many more who have become vain and self-deceptive because the Merciful Allah has not exposed their weaknesses and vices to the world and the people speak highly about them. All this is an opportunity.

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UN Report:

U.S., France, Britain May Be Complicit in Yemen War Crimes



A first responder searches for bodies of victims from under the rubble of a destroyed building in Dhamar District, south of the country's capital Sana'a, on September 1, 2019, after it is hit by an air strike of the Saudi-led coalition.

GENEVA (Dispatches) – The United States, Britain and France may be complicit in war crimes in Yemen by arming and providing intelligence and logistics support to a Saudi-led coalition that starves civilians as a war tactic, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

UN investigators recommended that all states impose a ban on arms transfers to the warring parties to prevent them from being used to commit serious violations.

"It is clear that the continued supply of weapons to parties to the conflict is perpetuating the conflict and prolonging the suffering of the Yemeni people," Melissa Parke, an expert on the independent UN panel, told a news conference.

"That is why we are urging member states to no longer supply weapons to parties to the conflict," she said.

Saudi Arabia and the United

Arab Emirates, the main parties in the coalition fighting against the Houthi movement that controls Yemen's capital, are two of the biggest buyers of U.S., British and French weapons.

Neither the Saudi government communications office nor UAE officials responded immediately to Reuters requests for comment.

Saudi Arabia and a number of its allies launched a devastating campaign against Yemen in

March 2015, with the goal of bringing a former regime back to power.

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 91,000 over the past four and a half years.

The war has also taken a heavy toll on the country's infrastructure, destroying hospitals, schools, and factories. The UN says over 24 million Yemenis are in dire need of humanitarian aid, including 10 million suffering from extreme levels of hunger.

In the latest development, Yemeni forces have launched ballistic missiles at an airport in Saudi Arabia's southwestern province of Najran to retaliate military strikes by a Saudi-led coalition.

The spokesman for Yemeni Armed Forces, Brigadier General Yahya Saree, said in a brief statement that the Yemeni forces fired a number of Badr-1 ballistic missiles at military targets in the Najran Regional Airport on Tuesday.

He added that the attack halted air traffic at the airport.

The attacks came in response to the Saudi-led aggression against Yemen, the spokesman said, noting that Riyadh had carried out 52 airstrikes over the past hours.

He added that the Yemeni forces had taken all necessary measures to avoid civilian casualties.

Israeli TV Admits: Hezbollah Proved Capability to Hit Targets Deep Inside Occupied Territories



A man fixes the flag of the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement along a brick hedge in the Lebanese village of Maroun al-Ras along the southern border with the Israeli-occupied territories on September 1, 2019, as fires blaze on the Lebanese side along the border following an exchange of fire between Hezbollah fighters and the Israeli army.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – An Israeli television network admits that the recent attack carried out by Hezbollah fighters against the Zionist regime's army positions proved the Lebanese resistance movement has the capability to strike targets "considered safe" inside the occupied territories.

"Hezbollah proved capable of firing at roads that were considered safe in northern Israel," Lebanese Naharnet online media, citing Israel's Channel 12 – also known as Keshet 12, reported on Tuesday.

"The (Zionist) soldiers did not properly plan the route and estimated that they are not exposed to the enemy behind the border," the report added.

On Sunday, Hezbollah fired a number of anti-tank missiles at an Israeli army base and vehicles near the Lebanese border in response to an Israeli air raid last week that killed two of its fighters in Syria, as well as an Israeli drone attack on southern Beirut.

Another report reveals that Zionist troops have fled in panic from a military base which was recently targeted by the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement in a retaliatory operation.

A reporter for Russia's RT Arabic

strolled uninterrupted around the deserted Avivim base on the Lebanese border, less than 24 hours after Hezbollah's operation there.

In a video uploaded to the TV network's Facebook account, RT Arabic correspondent Dalia Nammari wanders with her camera crew through the abandoned base.

She passes by military vehicles and enters dormitories, where she finds the Zionist troops' personal belongings as well as rifle magazines.

"Everything is empty, there is no soldier here and there is nothing," she says.

"This place has been abandoned because it is close to the Lebanese border. This means that Israel is still exercising caution as it is fearful of another such attack by Hezbollah or any other Lebanese group. That is why we do not see any soldier at this base," the reporter says. "This is the guardroom, which has been abandoned the way it was, with the door left open."

"The weapons have also been left here. You can see magazines and munitions around here," she added.

The report prompted the Zionist regime's army to claim that the outpost had been evacuated a few days before the Hezbollah attack.

Following Deadly Attack

Protest Held in Kabul Against Foreign Troops' Presence

KABUL (Dispatches) – The residents of the Afghan capital's PD9 district took to the streets on Tuesday following a deadly Taliban attack to protest against the presence of foreign troops in the area, a Sputnik correspondent reported.

"There have been frequent bombings of this camp [of troops], which destroyed our homes, severely injuring the people living in this area. People have lost their lives and many more have been injured because of this. The camp is set up in a residential area and should be evacuated from the district. If the camp is not evacuated, people will continue

their protests, as well," local resident Mohammad Kamal Afghan said.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has condemned the Taliban's deadly attack and called it an act of terrorism.

"This is not the first time that the Taliban use such tactics, but the security forces cannot prevent them. Since the intelligence activities are weak, the Taliban easily perform their operations and reach their goals. On the other hand, the Taliban do not pay attention to the lives of civilians. Carrying out such heavy attacks in the city is a massacre," a former chief of the Afghan Air Force, Atiqullah

Amarkhail, said.

On Tuesday morning, residents of the district took to the streets and blocked the highway east of Kabul, demanding that foreign troops be removed from the area.

The day before, a huge explosion hit the PD9 district just hours after U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad shared with the nation's leadership the details of a deal drafted by the Taliban and the United States. The attack, which the Taliban have claimed responsibility for, killed at least 16 people and injured 119 more. The group said it was targeting the

Green Village, which is a large area that houses foreign troops, aid agencies and international organizations.

The ninth round of talks between the United States and the Taliban in the Qatari capital of Doha finished on Sunday. The parties were negotiating a deal that would entail the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan in exchange for the Taliban's promise to cut ties to terrorist organizations and a guarantee that the country would not be used as a safe haven for terrorists. These negotiations have excluded the Afghan government since the Taliban consider it a U.S. puppet.

Turkey Ruling Party Seeks Ejection of Former PM

ANKARA (Reuters) – Turkey's ruling AK Party wants to eject former prime minister Ahmet Davutoglu and three other lawmakers, a senior official says, amid talk of a possible new breakaway movement.

Davutoglu, who fell out with President Tayyip Erdogan in 2016 and was later replaced as prime minister by Binali Yildirim, has previously criticized AKP policies, government economic management and Erdogan himself.

At a meeting, the AKP's central executive committee demanded that Davutoglu,

along with Ayhan Sefer Ustun, Selcuk Ozdag and Abdullah Basci, be dismissed from the party, the official, who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

The party's disciplinary council is expected to rubber-stamp that in the next few days.

The move comes amid rumors that dissident party members are seeking to form a rival party following a stinging AKP defeat in Istanbul local elections in June that was one of the biggest setbacks in Erdogan's career.

In July, former Turkish deputy prime min-

ister Ali Babacan resigned from the AKP, citing "deep differences" and hinting at the formation of a new party.

Babacan, along with former president Abdullah Gul, plans to launch a rival movement this year, according to people familiar with the matter, in a move that could further challenge Erdogan's political grip.

Davutoglu had been rumored to be mulling joining Babacan and Gul's breakaway party. But a source close to him said he was not joining them for now, though he was planning a "new step".

'Turkey to Drive Wedge Between U.S., Kurds by Syria Safe Zone'

ANKARA (Sputnik) – Turkey's creation of a safe zone to the east of Euphrates is a tactical maneuver to make the United States stop supporting the Kurds, Dogu Perincek, the leader of the Turkish Vatan political party, says.

On August 7, Ankara and Washington agreed to create a safe zone to the east of the Euphrates. The Syrian government has spoken against that agreement, perceiving it to be an infringement on Syrian sovereignty and territorial integrity, and also a breach of international law.

"Turkey is taking tactical steps to drive the United States and Kurdish groups apart. The United States has lost in Syria and it has become harder for them to defend the PKK. The creation of the safe zone is also a tactical move so that the United States abandons the PKK," Perincek

said.

He added that Ankara would be better off cooperating with Moscow, Damascus, Tehran, and Baghdad, and outlined a five-point plan, which included surrender of all Ankara-supported groups in Syria in return for an amnesty from Damascus, followed by joint efforts by Russia, Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria to clear the region from Kurdish and other armed groups, creation of conditions for return of Syrian refugees and ending of the United States' interference in the region.

Turkey has played considerable part in the Syrian war, supporting various groups fighting against Syrian President Bashar Assad, while also attacking the Kurdish forces located in the country, despite Damascus' protests.