

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – A high-ranking commander in charge of the Daesh terrorist group's assassinations in Iraq's Mosul is killed in northeastern Syria, the Kurdish militant sources said. The Information Dissemination Center affiliated to the Syrian Democratic Forces in a statement announced that the SDF had killed Daesh's senior security commander along Syria-Iraq border in a tunnel north of al-Shadadi in Hasakah countryside. The Bass news website in a statement said that Abu Hares al-Araqi was responsible for Daesh's assassinations in southern Mosul and was also security commander of Diyala province in 2013.

I wonder at the man who observes the Universe created by Allah and doubts His Being and Existence. I wonder at the man who sees people dying around him and yet he has forgotten his end.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

# Zionist Regime Strikes Gaza After Rocket Scares Netanyahu Off



Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (Center) is taken off stage during a campaign event in Ashdod due to rockets fired from the besieged Gaza Strip on September 10, 2019.

GAZA (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's aircraft struck in Gaza on Wednesday hours after retaliatory rockets from the Palestinian enclave triggered sirens that forced Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu off the stage at an election rally in the occupied territories.

The occupying regime's military said 15 targets were hit, including a weapons manufacturing facility, a naval compound used by resistance fighters and

tunnels belonging to Hamas resistance movement, the dominant armed force in Gaza.

Arabic-language Palestine al-Yawm news agency reported that the regime's warplanes bombarded a position of the Palestinian Hamas resistance movement in Deir al-Balah, located over 14 kilometers south of Gaza City, early on Wednesday.

The Israeli jets carried out four airstrikes against the site and

targeted an abandoned building in the al-Hikr district of the central Gaza Strip city.

In the northern Gaza Strip city of Beit Lahia, the regime's warplanes launched four rockets at a position of the resistance groups.

There were no immediate reports of possible casualties and the extent of damage caused.

Hours earlier, bodyguards rushed Netanyahu to shelter in the southern city of Ashdod

when the sirens sounded during a Tuesday evening rally, a week ahead of a general election.

The spectacle of the prime minister being forced off the podium added fuel to accusations by political opponents that he has not done enough to halt the frequent retaliatory rocket strikes against the occupied territories.

In an extraordinary scene captured on video from the event, the Zionist prime minister can be seen being whisked away from the stage by a gaggle of security guards.

"Leave quietly," Netanyahu told the crowd before walking off the stage.

The regime's military frequently bombs the Gaza Strip, with civilians being the main target of such attacks.

Israel has also launched several wars on the Palestinian coastal sliver, the last of which began in early July 2014. The military aggression, which ended on August 26, 2014, killed nearly 2,200 Palestinians. Over 11,100 others were also wounded in the war.

The Gaza Strip has been under a siege by the Zionist regime since June 2007. The blockade has caused a decline in the standards of living as well as unprecedented levels of unemployment and unrelenting poverty.

# Iraq's Hashd Sha'abi Fires on Drones in Salahudin



Fighters of the Hashd al-Shaabi (Popular Mobilization) paramilitaries prepare defensive positions near the frontline village of Ayn al-Hisan, on the outskirts of Tal Afar west of Mosul, on February 18, 2017.

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – The popular Hashd Sha'abi forces on Wednesday said that they opened fire on unknown drones while flying above one of its headquarters in Iraq's central province of Salahudin.

The drones flew on Wednesday morning above Hashd Sha'abi's 35th Brigade in Salahudin province, prompting the Hashd Sha'abi's anti-aircraft weapons to open fire on them and forced the drones to withdraw to unknown destination, Qahattan al-Bawi, head of Salahudin's Hashd Sha'abi intelligence, said in a statement.

In has not immediately identified who sent the drones.

During the past weeks, several similar incidents took place in Hashd Sha'abi depots in central and western Iraq. The incidents were mainly believed to be attributed to attacks by unknown aircraft.

The repeated explosions on Hashd Sha'abi arms depots pushed the Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi, who is also commander-in-chief of Iraqi forces, to order in mid-August that all military flights, including reconnaissance aircraft, are prohibited from using the Iraqi airspace without his permission.

A senior Iraqi legislator revealed that the U.S. has informed the country's government that the Zionist regime's drones have participated in a number of offensives against the positions of Hashd al-Sha'abi popular forces.

Abdolkhalig al-Azawi, a member

of the Iraqi parliament's Security and Defense Committee, was quoted by the Arabic-language al-Nahrain news website as saying that the Iraqi government's fact-finding committee has ended its investigations into the cause of the explosions in Hashd al-Sha'abi positions and arms caches.

"It came to be known that 12 attacks were launched, using drones," he added.

According to al-Azawi, the U.S. which is responsible to protect Iraq's airspace has informed the Iraqi government that the attacks have been launched by the Israeli drones.

Late in August, Iraq's Hashd al-Shaabi forces in a statement announced that Israeli drones backed by the US aircraft pounded their positions near the border with Syria.

The Hashd al-Shaabi in a statement reported that two Israeli drones struck its military positions in Akashat-Alqaem Road in al-Anbar province 15 kilometers from the border with Syria.

The statement noted that the attack had taken place with the aerial support of the US and monitoring of a huge surveillance balloon near the site of the attack, and said that the attack took place with the start of the Phase 4 of Eradeh al-Nasr (the Will of Victory) military operation jointly conducted by the Iraq Army, Police Force and Hashd al-Shaabi against the ISIL remnants in the Western part of the country.

# Rocket Explodes Near U.S. Embassy in Kabul

KABUL (Dispatches) – A rocket reportedly exploded near the U.S. embassy in the Afghan capital city shortly after midnight on Wednesday on the anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, AP said.

Netizens have shared photos of alleged rocket explosion in social media.

According to AP, citing embassy officials, a projectile exploded just minutes into Wednesday. Inside the embassy, the staffers reportedly

heard that the blast had been caused by a rocket that hit the compound.

Officials at the compound declared an all-clear about an hour later and reported no injuries, according to the media report. The nearby NATO mission also said that no personnel had been injured, AP reported.

According to AFP, citing Afghan's interior ministry spokesman, Nosrat Rahimi, "a rocket hit a wall at the defense

ministry, with no casualties reported".

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Violence in Afghanistan has escalated amid talks between the United States and the Taliban, which has in recent days conducted a number of attacks that have killed dozens of people in the war-torn country.

On Monday, U.S. President Donald Trump said that U.S. talks with the Taliban were 'dead' after the group claimed

responsibility for an attack that killed a U.S. service member in Kabul on 5 September.

Last week, several civilians and two members of the NATO mission lost their lives when two Taliban car bombs shook Kabul.

Iran's ambassador to the United Nations has urged the U.S. to withdraw from its military forces Afghanistan, saying Washington has no other option but to pull its troops out of the country.

# 'Not Easy to Remove Turkey From F-35 Program'

ANKARA (Dispatches) – Turkey has not given up on buying F-35 fighter jets from the United States despite being suspended from the program, Turkish Presidency spokesman Ibrahim Kalin says.

The United States suspended Turkey from the production program of the new-generation fighter jets in July, after Ankara ignored warnings from U.S. officials and took delivery of Russian-built S-400 missile defense systems.

Washington also halted the delivery of 100 F-35 jets that had Ankara ordered over con-

cerns that the S-400 defense systems could allow possible Russian subterfuge on F-35s.

"We have not given up on the F-35s, it is not easy to remove Turkey from that program either. We believe that the crisis will be resolved sooner or later," Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency quoted Kalin as saying at a press conference in Ankara.

Meanwhile, there is bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress for further measures to be imposed on Turkey under a sanctions bill introduced in 2017 to discourage countries from dealing with Russia's defense industry.

However, U.S. President Donald Trump has asked for flexibility when dealing with Turkey, and is believed to oppose the sanctions.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan examined Russian Su-57 jets during a visit to Moscow in late August, triggering reports that Turkey could buy the Russian built jets to replace its aging fleet of F-16s.

However, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said last month that Turkey's first priority was to purchase F-35s, which Turkey has spent some \$1.4 billion on already.

# Egypt Sentences 11 to Life for 'Spying'

CAIRO, EGYPT (Dispatches) – An Egyptian court Wednesday sentenced 11 Muslim Brotherhood leaders to life in prison on espionage charges for allegedly passing state secrets to the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas.

Among those sentenced in Cairo criminal court was the Brotherhood's chief, Mohamed Badie. It was the latest of several sentences against Badie, who received a life sentence last week on charges related to mass prison breaks during the 2011 uprising that brought down the 30-year rule of President Hosni Mubarak.

The court formally dropped the charges against the late former president, Mohamed Morsi, who collapsed and died in June during an earlier court session on the case. His death

brought criticism from local and international rights groups who accused the government of deliberately denying medical care to political prisoners.

Morsi, a senior Brotherhood figure, became Egypt's first freely-elected president in 2012. The military, led by then defense minister Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, toppled Morsi in 2013 amid massive protests against his brief, one-year rule.

Authorities have since branded the Muslim Brotherhood a "terrorist organization" and arrested thousands of its members.

Wednesday's court session also saw three others sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on the same national security charges. Two others got seven-year sentences, and five others were acquitted.