

ANKARA (Dispatches) – Turkish prosecutors on Tuesday ordered the detention of 80 people as part of a large-scale post-coup crackdown targeting followers of the movement that was allegedly behind the abortive coup. The Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued detention warrants for 29 people, including attorneys and former judges, on allegations of Gulen links. The prosecutor's office accuses the suspects of cheating in examinations for the bench in 2013 with the help of individuals inside the Gulen movement.

Sudden fear makes him dull and nervous, and he is unable to think and find a way out of the situation. During the times of peace and prosperity he becomes careless and unmindful of the future. If he acquires wealth, then he becomes haughty and arrogant. If he is plunged in distress, then his agitation, impatience and nervousness disgrace him.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

## 'Yemeni Forces Ready to Fight Back Any Act of Aggression'

## Nasrallah Prediction About Syrian Kurds Comes True



The spokesman for Yemeni Armed Forces, Brigadier General Yahya Saree, speaks at a press conference in the capital Sana'a on October 1, 2019.

SANAA (Press TV) – The spokesman for Yemeni Armed Forces says Yemeni Army troops and allied fighters from Popular Committees are fully prepared to counter any threat posed by the Saudi-led coalition of aggression and retaliate against any act of animosity.

Speaking at a press conference in the capital Sana'a on Tuesday afternoon, Brigadier General Yahya Saree said Yemeni forces are fiercely committed to deal with any act of aggression, irrespective

of its intensity and extent, the media bureau of the Houthi Ansarulh movement reported.

Saree added that Yemeni Armed Forces would respond appropriately to any act of hostility, and that air defense units will confront any sorties of the enemy, whether they are aimed at bombardment or reconnaissance purposes.

He pointed out that Yemeni troops will spare no efforts to stop the brutal Saudi-led aggression and alleviate the sufferings of the

Yemeni people, emphasizing that the armed forces will never compromise on Yemen's sovereignty and the dignity of the Yemeni nation.

The spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces went on to say that Yemeni soldiers and their allies have emerged victorious in more than 40 battles against Saudi-led forces, and have captured scores of Saudi and Sudanese troops.

"Hundreds of military vehicles have either been destroyed or

seized from the enemy during the operations. The Yemeni army is growing stronger day by day, and conducting more successful military campaigns against the enemy," Saree highlighted.

Earlier in the day, Ansarullah's media bureau released new video footage of Victory from God Almighty Operation, recently conducted by Yemeni Army troops and Popular Committees fighters, in Saudi Arabia's southern border region of Najran.

The footage shows Yemeni forces targeting Saudi military bases and confiscating various types of munitions and military equipment.

Many Saudi soldiers were also taken captive in the operation.

Saudi Arabia and a number of its regional allies launched a devastating campaign against Yemen in March 2015, with the goal of bringing the government of Hadi back to power and crushing the Houthi 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 91,000 lives 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.



Kurdish-led militants from the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) stand in formation at a ceremony to mark their defeat of Daesh terrorists in Baghouz, at al-Omar Oil Field base, Syria, on March 23, 2019.

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The Kurdish forces were surprised after the U.S. turned its back to them and declared decision to withdraw military men from Syria as foreseen by Lebanese Hezbollah resistance group Leader Seyed Hassan Nasrallah.

In a growing number of posts that imply the Kurdish militants' deep regret over their dependence on the U.S. military support against a Turkish incursion, several social media accounts of the Kurdish militants noted the U.S. retreat from northern and northeastern Syria and acknowledged their fatal miscalculation to fully trust and gamble their fate on the U.S. military backup.

In a speech on August 26, 2018, the Hezbollah leader had praised the Syrian Kurds for their vigilance and starting negotiations with the Syrian government, saying that the Kurds entered the talks after they were skeptical about United States' loyalty and they were not sure when the U.S. government would leave them.

"We know that Pentagon has set aside \$500mn-\$750mn under the name of protecting Kurds, the Kurdish People Protection Units (YPG). What is this share of the budget for? Is it for establishing democracy in Syria or it is for supporting the Kurds who

must know from experience that the United States uses you as an instrument along with its own plans, attacks or in its war in Syria, be it against the Islamic Republic (of Iran), or against Russia, or against the Axis of Resistance," Nasrallah said at the time.

He warned the Kurds that "they (the Americans) eventually will only think of their own interests and will leave you alone, and will sell you like slaves in the market".

"This is the Hezbollah leader's correct assessment and predictions that come true," the social media accounts of the Kurdish militants affiliated with the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) admitted after the U.S. decision to withdraw forces from Syria.

The unexpected announcement by President Trump that he would draw down the U.S. military presence in Syria to make way for Turkish troops was greeted by the Kurds as a betrayal of the trust established during the fight, which has cost the lives of more than 12,000 members of the SDF.

For the Kurds, the decision to permit Turkey to invade marked the latest in a long history of betrayals of Kurdish aspirations by the U.S.

## Palestinians Demonstrate in Gaza Against Zionist Blockade

GAZA (Dispatches) – Palestinians demonstrated on Tuesday in northern Gaza Strip for lifting an Israeli blockade that has been imposed on the impoverished coastal enclave for 12 years.

The syndicate of trade unions and the highest commission of "the Great March of Return" organized the protest near Erez crossing point in the northern Gaza Strip.

The demonstrators waved Palestinian flags and carried banners

saying "the unfair siege which has been imposed on the Gaza Strip must be unconditionally lifted," and "Gaza siege is the biggest crime against humanity."

Raed Abu Hassanein, spokesman of the syndicate, told reporters that the protest is organized "to attract the world's attention to see the crime of the siege on Gaza has caused disastrous consequences that influenced the life aspects."

He called on the international community "to bear its responsibility and stand by the side of the Palestinians against the unjust siege that suffocates the people and fully disabled the trade union and all its fields in Gaza."

Abu Hassanein said that ending the internal Palestinian split would certainly contribute to easing the burdens of the blockade, and called on the Palestinian Authority to help the people

in Gaza to confront the blockade's consequences.

Meanwhile, Jamil Eilian, member of the highest commission of "the Great March of Return", slammed the international community for its silence towards the endless Zionist blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip.

The Zionist regime has been imposing a tight blockade on the Gaza Strip, a home for 2 million people since 2007.

## UAE Lifts Lebanon Travel Ban

ABU DHABI (Dispatches) – The United Arab Emirates has lifted a ban on its citizens visiting Lebanon as the Beirut government sought UAE help in steering the heavily indebted economy out of deep crisis.

Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri, leading a delegation to Abu Dhabi seeking support, had told Reuters he was hoping the UAE would inject cash into its central bank.

Before the lifting of the travel ban was announced, Hariri said he was "optimistic" after visiting the UAE and meeting with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan. He said the UAE would announce any support initiative that may come. "The atmosphere is good," Hariri said on Twitter.

The UAE barred its citizens from traveling to Lebanon in 2016. The UAE and Saudi Arabia

have both voiced frequent concern over the political situation in Lebanon, which is located next to Syria that is fighting against foreign-backed terrorists.

Lebanon is now seeking a cash injection for its central bank and investments in food, infrastructure, oil and gas, and renewable energy.

Faced with one of the world's highest debt burdens, low growth and crumbling infrastructure, Beirut has vowed to implement long-delayed reforms. It is also seeking to reverse a sharp loss of confidence among foreign investors and depositors who are turning away from the Lebanese pound.

While no deal was formally announced, Lebanese officials portrayed Monday's high-stakes talks as positive while Abu Dhabi stressed its support for Lebanon. In response, dollar bonds issued

by heavily-indebted Lebanon rose.

A Lebanese government source said Hariri would remain in Abu Dhabi for follow-up meetings.

Crown Prince Mohammed "stressed during the meeting that the UAE...is keen on supporting its relationships with Lebanon on different levels, and stands by it in all that preserves its security and stability," the state news agency WAM reported.

When asked earlier whether Lebanon would receive an injection of cash into its central bank from the UAE, Hariri said: "We are working on everything... Yes we are hoping, we will work on it."

The bank has been drawing down its foreign exchange reserves to repay the state's maturing dollar-denominated debt, and said last week it was prepared to do more.

## Blast Inside Afghan University Injures Several Students

KABUL (Dispatches) – An explosion at a university in south-east Afghanistan has wounded at least 19 students, according to officials, two of them critically.

The blast on Tuesday took place inside a classroom at Ghazni University, located on the outskirts of the provincial capital, Ghazni, Arif Noori, spokesman for the provincial governor, said.

The blast wounded 12 female students, Noori said.

Officials in the provincial hospital said they received 13 victims who had sustained injuries in the explosion, according to the Khaama Press news agency.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Taliban militants are active in the province and regularly launch attacks against security forces there.

Last month, a magnetic explosive device attached to a minibus belonging to the same university detonated, killing the driver.

Noori said five students were also wounded in that blast.

On Monday, at least 10 people were killed and 27 others injured after a minibus carrying recruits for the Afghan security forces was hit in the eastern city of Jalalabad.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan to allegedly remove a Taliban regime in 2001. Some 18 years on, Washington has been seeking truce with the militant group.

According to the United Nations, nearly 4,000 civilians were killed or wounded in militant attacks in the first half of the year.