

Palestinians Stage Strike After Zionist Regime's Killing of Youth

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Palestinians have observed a massive general strike after Zionist troops shot dead an 18-year-old Palestinian in the occupied West Bank.

Shops and schools were closed in large parts of the West Bank on Sunday after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement and several other Palestinian groups in the region called for a strike on Sunday, the Palestine Information Center reported.

The regime authorities deployed a large number of troops to curb protests by Palestinians.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health earlier identified the slain youth as Badawi Masalmeh, add-



Zionist police detain Palestinian women during a demonstration outside the Damascus Gate of the Old City of al-Quds, on October 31, 2019.

ing that Zionist troops took away his body after he died on Saturday night.

Local media reports said med-

ics were barred from the scene of the incident near the Palestinian town of Beit Awwa, about 22 kilometers west of al-Khalil.

Two other Palestinians were arrested at the scene, near the entrance of an Israeli settlement on the outskirts of al-Khalil.

The Zionist regime's military regularly opens fatal fire on Palestinians, claiming they pose a threat to the Tel Aviv regime forces.

Human rights groups have repeatedly criticized Tel Aviv for its shoot-to-kill policy. Zionist troops have on numerous occasions been caught on camera killing Palestinians, with the videos going viral online and sparking international condemnation.

Izadi Woman Collapses After Confronting Daesh Rapist

BAGHDAD (Press TV) – An Iraqi woman from the Izadi minority, held as a sex slave by Daesh, has confronted her tormentor on Iraqi television, sobbing and demanding an explanation for her suffering before she fainted.

The 20-year-old Ashwaq Haji Hamid was 14 when Daesh terrorists captured the Izadi ancestral heartland of Sinjar in northern Iraq in August 2014.

The Takfiri invaders went on to slaughter thousands of Izadi men and boys and abduct girls to be used as sex slaves. Hamid was abducted along with her family and taken to Syria.

"We arrived in Syria at midnight. We were worried and didn't know what would become of us and whether we would be killed or not," she said in an interview with Iraqi station al-Iraqiya.

"However, we took some comfort in being together — we would either live together or die together. But then they separated us from one another."

"There, in Syria, the Daesh terrorists separated all the girls above the age of nine from their relatives. We were taken to Mosul. We were 300 or 400 women in Mosul. We stayed there for three days and the Daesh men would come and see us. They would give us to one another as

gifts or sell us for cheap."

Hamid recounted how Daesh member Abu Humam selected her and then pulled her by the hair.

"I did not expect them to rape us because I was only 14. But they restrained us with iron handcuffs and violently raped us," she said.

"He kept promising that he would let me go but then he would rape me three times a day and beat me three or four times a day. I was just a child and didn't know anything."

Hamid did not conceal her loathing for her tormentor, saying since she was not in a position to punish him, she wanted the government to deliver due justice for those who have suffered like her.

"Even if I was allowed to kill him, I would not want to get his filth on my hands, but I demand that the government do us right — it's not just me, because who knows how many Izadi girls he raped after me."

State authorities saw to it that Hamid could see the rapist in a confrontation broadcast across Iraq.

"Abu Humam, look up," she told the Daesh fighter who stood in front of her in a yellow prison uniform, his head bowed and his hands bound in front of



This screenshot shows Ashwaq Haji Hamid confronting her rapist Abu Humam on al-Iraqiya TV network.

him.

"Why did you do this to me? Why? Because I'm Izadi? I was 14 years old when you raped me. Look up. Do you have any feelings? Do you have any honor? I was 14 years old, as old as your daughter, your son, or your sister."

"You destroyed my life," she continued, choking back her tears.

"You robbed me of all my dreams. I was once held by Daesh, by you, but now you will feel the meaning of torment, torture and loneliness. If you had any feelings, you would not have raped me when I was 14, the age of your son, the age of your daughter."

Hamid then collapsed as it all got too much for her to handle.

The Daesh brute stood still all through the confrontation, only displaying a grimace of sadness.

Al-Iraqiya also interviewed Abu Humam about his treatment of Hamid, unabashedly saying that "she did not want it so I beat her to make her agree to the rape."

Hamid revealed last year that Abu Humam had also made his way to Germany where she was stopped by her former slaver and rapist in the street in Stuttgart and said he knew where she lived.

She "wanted to leave Germany immediately" after the encounter, saying she "felt better staying in a refugee camp" in Iraq with her dad.

Turkey Says New Russian Missile Deal to Happen Before Too Long

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – Turkey's presidential administration has said that the purchase date for more S-400 missile systems from Russia is just a technicality and that it thinks a deal will happen before too long, the RIA news agency reported on Monday.

Moscow hopes to seal a deal to supply Turkey with more S-400 missile systems in the first half of next year, the head of Russian state arms exporter Rosoboronexport said last month.

Such a move could further strain ties between Turkey and the United States, which has suspended Ankara from the F-35 stealth fighter jet program, in which it was a producer and buyer, to pun-

ish it for buying S-400 batteries earlier this year.

"The date of the purchase of a second set of S-400s is just a technical question. I think it will happen before too long," RIA cited a security and foreign affairs official in the Turkish presidential administration as saying.

Rosoboronexport's Alexander Mikheev told RIA news agency on Nov. 26 that Moscow and Ankara were actively discussing Ankara taking up an option in the original contract for it to receive more S-400 systems, with talks focused on financial questions.

Thirteen Pakistanis Killed in Jordan Farm Fire

AMMAN (Reuters) – Thirteen Pakistanis, including eight children, died when a fire swept through their makeshift dwellings on a farming estate in the Jordan Valley, Jordan's civil defense said on Monday.

There were three other injuries in the fire that broke out after midnight that initial signs showed could have been an

electrical fire, civil defense spokesman Iyad al Amre said in a statement.

Thousands of foreign laborers live in wretched conditions in private farms in the Jordan Valley, a fertile vegetable and fruit growing area.

Another civil defense source said two families lived in corrugated iron sheds that housed immigrant laborers and that

a police investigation had been opened into the incident.

Three other people were taken to hospital suffering from shock and burns.

Jordan has in recent years seen several deadly incidents among Syrian refugees living in camps during the winter, such as fires caused by electrical faults or choking from domestic gas stoves.

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This is while many traditional oil buyers, including South Korea, are used to certain grades and their refineries are configured to process the likes of Iranian oil, the replacement of which requires higher costs.

From an international perspective, the world is more sympathetic to Iran's position in the nuclear dispute than the United States, because Iran stayed strictly committed to the nuclear deal for one year, after the U.S. left the deal and violated its terms.

Observers say Trump and his administration are running out of options on Iran, with not much left to sanction in Iran.

Iran is a founding member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and sits on what were already the world's fourth-biggest oil reserves and second-largest gas reserves.

Last month, President Hassan Rouhani announced that Iran had discovered a new oil field containing 53 billion barrels of crude in southwestern Khuzestan Province.

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(bcm) per year in 2025, possibly making China Russia's second-largest gas customer after Germany, which bought 58.50 bcm of gas from Russia last year.

Moscow began supplying natural gas to western and central Europe in the 1950s and Europe has long been Russia's major consumer of gas, supplied by Kremlin-controlled energy giant Gazprom, with total annual supplies of around 200 bcm.

The price China is paying for Russian gas in the new pipeline remains a closely kept secret with various industry sources saying it is tied to the price of an oil products basket.

Neither Putin, nor Xi commented on Monday on the gas price Beijing is set to pay under the contract.

Increased Competition

Russian pipeline gas will compete against other pipeline gas supplies to China, including from Turkmenistan, as well as against shipments of sea-borne liquefied natural gas (LNG).

"China's gas demand growth is expected to slow down from previous years yet remains strong, with an estimated 10% year-on-year growth for the first nine months of 2019," Jean-Baptiste Dubreuil, from the International Energy Agency's natural gas market analysis team, told Reuters.

"Our medium term forecast 'Gas 2019' assumes average 8% growth until 2024 (compared with a world average of 1.6% pa.)"

Russia has been in talks with China about raising gas sales via other routes too, such as from the Russian Far East and via Mongolia or Kazakhstan, but has not yet clinched any deals.

Russia has dramatically increased deliveries of oil to China in the past decade, challenging Saudi Arabia as China's top oil supplier in certain months.

To achieve that, Russia launched a major oil pipeline to China, which today ships 600,000 barrels per day (bpd), and opened a new port at Kozmino on the Pacific. Russia also ships 200,000 bpd to China via a pipeline crossing Kazakhstan.

Russian coal sales to the east in 2018 exceeded 100 million tonnes, accounting for more than half of Russia's total coal exports.

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a military camp for our enemy. I must say this, 21 of their bases constitute targets for our missiles. NATO itself announced that Iran's 110 missile bases and launching sites are capable of launching 20,000 missiles per day. This is what the enemy says. They only acknowledge part (of our capability). When a country reveals not only its underground missile bases but also its missile 'cities' to the enemy – this reflects readiness and capabilities.

"It means that we have capability to confront the greatest enemy," he added, a reference to the U.S.

He said America's regional allies were not Iran's enemies, and reiterated that the Islamic Republic is capable of "razing" Tel Aviv and Haifa to the ground.

"Saudi Arabia and the region's countries are neither on our level nor are they our enemies. Our enemy is the (country) that came to Kuwait and built six large bases there. This enemy knows that if it transgresses... We do not want to cause harm to our neighbors unless we are forced to," he said.

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Washington claims the sanctions target the government, but ordinary Iranians are the ones who suffer the most.

The trade of humanitarian goods, such as food, medicine and medical devices, is theoretically allowed by the U.S., but European companies refuse to do business with Iran out of deference to the Americans.

Since the reimposition of sanctions, Swedish medical products firm Molnlycke Health Care has stopped delivering Mepilex dressings which are trusted around the world to treat a wide range of chronic and acute wounds, including in EB patients, Iranian media reports say.

Hamidreza Hashemi-Golpayegani, the head of the NGO that helps such patients, said last month that at least 15 Iranian children with epidermolysis bullosa (EB) have died since the U.S. launched its new sanctions on Iran in August.

Often known as butterfly children because their skin is as fragile as the wings of a butterfly, EB patients need special care. Even mild frictions or bumps cause severe blistering of the skin which is very painful.

They often have difficulty with their daily activities, such as walking, eating and even breathing, but without proper protective bandages, their agony would be heartbreaking.