

CAIRO (MEMO) – Egyptian authorities have seized a shipment of drugs estimated to be worth \$39 million after discovering a container which was transiting through Port Said with over eight million fenethylamine hydrochloride (Captagon) pills and almost nine tons of hashish inside it. The shipment was said to be headed for Libya. According to reports, the container originated from Lebanon and was loaded on 19 December in a warehouse belonging to a Lebanese exporting firm before being sent to the Port of Beirut. Egypt's General Administration for Narcotics Control said that cartoon boxes found in the container were even labeled "Made in Lebanon".

If I cut a faithful Muslim into pieces to make him hate me, he will not turn into my enemy and if I give all the wealth of this world to a hypocrite to make him my friend he will not befriend me.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Any Action Against Al-Aqsa Will Ignite Regional War: Senior Scholar



Zionist troops patrol al-Aqsa Mosque's compound in the Old City of al-Quds, as Palestinians stage protest (unseen) against comments by French President Emmanuel Macron defending offensive cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), on October 30, 2020.

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – **Head of the Islamic Awqaf (Endowment) Council in occupied al-Quds, has strongly denounced Zionist settler groups' request to build the alleged temple mount in place of the Dome of the**

Rock prayer building at Al-Aqsa Mosque, describing it as a reflection of "very dangerous intents against the Islamic holy site."

In a press release, Sheikh Abdul-Adheem Salhab described such intents as "part of repeat-

ed Israeli attempts to violate the Islamic sanctity of al-Aqsa Mosque and provoke the Muslim nation's feelings."

He warned that any action against Al-Aqsa Mosque and its structures would ignite an all-

out religious war in the region.

The Awqaf official also underlined that "Al-Aqsa Mosque, with its buildings, courtyards, walls and its 144-dunum land is a purely Islamic holy site and a red line that can never be divided or shared."

The Al-Aqsa Mosque compound sits just above the Western Wall plaza and houses both the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Palestinians have long been wary of attempts by the Zionist regime to change the status of Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is Islam's third holiest site and where only Muslim prayers are allowed under the status quo reaffirmed in 1967 by the Zionist regime and Jordan.

The holy compound is administered by the Islamic Waqf Council on behalf of Jordan and Palestine. Non-Muslims can visit the site, but cannot pray there.

However, Zionist settlers, escorted by the regime's military, frequently desecrate the site by forcefully entering and praying there.

Algerian MPs' Bill Criminalizes Normalization With Zionist Regime



In this file picture, Palestinian protestors chant slogans and wave the national flag and the Algerian flag during a demonstration in the West Bank city of Bethlehem following the weekly Muslim Friday prayers.

ALGIERS (Dispatches) – **Algerian lawmakers have passed a bill to criminalize the promotion of normalization with the Zionist regime.**

Youcef Adjissa, a member of the Movement for the Society of Peace – Algeria's largest Islamic party, submitted the bill on the behalf of 50 lawmakers to the Presidency of the National People's Assembly (parliament) on Thursday, Palestinian Arabic-language Shehab news agency reported.

The bill comes after neighboring nation Morocco's agreement to resume its diplomatic relations with the occupying regime in a deal brokered by the United States last December.

According to the bill, "It is forbidden to communicate, establish any relationships, or open representative offices of any kind and at any level with the Zionist entity, either directly or indirectly."

Another article stipulates that "it is not allowed to travel to and from the occupied territories, and it is also forbidden to enter or receive citizenship of the Zionist entity in Algeria or at the headquarters of its diplomatic missions."

The bill must have a vote of two-thirds of members of the parliament to become law.

If the law is passed, an offender could be "punished by imprisonment from three to 10 years," and

may have their professional accreditations rescinded as a punitive measure.

Meanwhile, Sudan signed the so-called Abraham Accords with the United States on Wednesday, officially agreeing to normalize relations with the Zionist regime.

Sudan's Justice Minister Nasredeen Abdulbari signed the document with U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in Khartoum, according to a statement from the office of Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok.

Political parties in Sudan denounced the government's decision to normalize relations with the regime at the time it was announced. The Popular Congress Party, the second most prominent component of the Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC) political coalition, said the people were not obligated to accept the accord.

Angry protesters took to the streets to condemn the normalization with the Zionist regime.

Sudan became the third of four Arab countries to agree to sign on to the U.S.-brokered normalization accords, following the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, and before Morocco.

Palestinians have condemned the peace pacts with the Zionist regime as a treacherous "stab in the back" of their cause against the occupation.

West's Anti-Iran Hostilities Due to Support for Palestine: Yemeni PM

SANA'A (Press TV) – **The prime minister of Yemen's National Salvation Government has denounced attempts to form an anti-Iran front as part of a joint Zionist-Arab-U.S. project, emphasizing that such bids aim to counter Tehran's untrammelled support for the Palestinian cause and oppressed Palestinians.**

"The normalization of relations between some regional rulers and the Zionist regime is part of the Zionist-Arab-American scheme, and they are now seeking to form an alliance against Iran because it has stood with Palestine," Abdulaziz bin Habtoor said on Thursday.

He added, "The project of partitioning Arab and Muslim world was drawn more than one hundred years ago in the service of the Zionist plan and the occupation of Palestine."

Habtoor highlighted that any move that resists the Zionist project in the region will be met with fierce Western opposition. He said Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have a specific and shared goal to disintegrate Yemen, besides certain plots to cement their dominance and influence in Yemen.

"The UAE seeks to wrest control over a number of Yemeni cities, islands and bases, and Saudi Arabia wants to domi-

nate other sectors," Habtoor noted.

The Yemeni prime minister then dismissed attempts by the Saudi-led coalition member states to present a united front as "a big lie," stating they will turn on each other and clash in the future due to profound differences existing among them.

Separately, a member of the Yemeni Supreme Political Council on Thursday welcomed the appointment of Iranian Ambassador to Sana'a, Hassan Irloo, stating that the step broke the diplomatic embargo that the Saudi-led coalition had imposed on the country.

Major General Sultan al-

Samaei pointed to the deeply historical ties between Yemen and Iran, underlining that the Yemeni nation's resistance embodies the axis of resistance that the Islamic Republic of Iran and Yemen are part of and their common stance against colonial powers, spearheaded by the Zionist regime and its allies.

Irloo, for his part, said Iran will not hesitate to support Yemeni people by transferring its capabilities in all fields.

The Iranian envoy stressed that relations between Tehran and Sana'a will witness broader cooperation in various spheres.

Turkish President: Preparations Continue for Mass Vaccination

ISTANBUL (Xinhua) – **Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday the mass vaccination process against the COVID-19 pandemic would soon start.**

Speaking to reporters in Istanbul after Friday prayers, Erdogan said that Turkey's Health Ministry has been continuing its works to launch the vaccination process in line with a calendar. "Currently, we have three (vaccine) sources,

namely from China, Germany, and our domestic (products)," Erdogan said.

The first shipment of 3 million doses of China's SinoVac COVID-19 vaccine had arrived in the Turkish capital Ankara on Dec. 30, 2020.

Erdogan noted that Turkish authorities are also in talks with the Germany-based BioNTech to obtain its COVID-19 vaccine. The Turkish Health Ministry had earlier an-

nounced that Turkey would purchase up to 30 million doses of BioNTech's vaccine.

Turkey's Health Minister Fahrettin Koca has recently sent a notification, which included the details of the process, to all the provinces and asked both public and private health centers to reserve proper vaccination areas.

Meanwhile, the trials of Turkish-made COVID-19 vaccines are still going on.

Netherlands Signs \$24mn Deal With Zionist Regime Arms Dealer

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – **Elbit Systems, the Zionist regime's largest private arms company, which has a dark history of killing civilians in Gaza, has signed a contract to supply new vehicular tactical computers for the Royal Netherlands Army (RNLA), the company announced this week.**

The occupying regime's arms manufacturer has been given a \$24 million contract from the Dutch Ministry of Defense to equip various vehicular platforms with its seventh generation Enhanced Tactical Computers.

Haim Delmar, general manager of Elbit Systems C4I & Cyber, said: "We are pleased with our continuous involvement in digitization programs of the RNLA. We see the Netherlands as a key market for Elbit Systems and intend to continue our partnership with the Dutch MOD and strengthen our local industrial co-

operation and investment."

Elbit is said to have supplied 85 percent of the drones used in the war on Gaza in 2014, when over 2,200 Palestinians – 500 of them children – were killed in only 50 days. The Zionist arms company has ten sites across Britain.

The deal comes after it had been awarded an approximately \$50 million follow-on contract from the Dutch Ministry of Defense last month to supply the RNLA with additional digital soldier and vehicular systems, expanding the army's soldier modernization program.

For a number of years, Elbit has been supplying the Netherlands Armed Forces with military equipment such as digital soldier kits including smart vests, small digital radios, tablets with command-and-control software and tactical devices for vehicles.