

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's tank fired artillery into the Gaza Strip for the second time on Wednesday after retaliatory gunshots were fired from the Palestinian enclave.

Hours after a military vehicle came under fire coming from the Israeli-besieged enclave, gunshots were fired at a military bulldozer, according to a statement issued by the Zionist regime's military.

Earlier on Wednesday, a tank belonging to the occupying regime attacked Gaza. No injuries were immediately reported on both sides.

Value of each man depends upon the art and skill which he has attained.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Zionist Regime Strikes Syria Using U.S. Intelligence: Official



Syrian air defense are intercepting an Israeli missile in the sky over the Syrian capital Damascus.

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime carried out airstrikes on eastern parts of Syria near the Iraqi border in the early hours of Wednesday with intelligence provided by the United States, a senior U.S. intelligence official has revealed.

Syria's official news agency

SANA said the air assaults were carried out on the city of Dayr al-Zawr and the town of al-Bukamal. The U.S. official with knowledge of the attack, who requested anonymity, told the Associated Press that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had discussed the raid with Yossi Cohen, chief of the Zi-

onist regime's spy agency Mossad, at a public meeting in a Washington restaurant on Monday.

The so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Zionist regime carried out more than 18 attacks against multiple targets in the area stretching from Dayr al-Zawr to the al-Bukamal

desert.

At least 57 people were killed and 37 others were also wounded in the raids, according to the Observatory.

The attacks came after Syria said last week that the country's air defense systems responded to an air strike by the Zionist regime over southern Damascus, shooting down most of the projectiles.

The Zionist regime frequently targets military positions inside Syria, especially those of the resistance movement Hezbollah which has played a key role in helping the Syrian army in its fight against foreign-backed terrorists.

The Arab country has been gripped by foreign-backed militancy since March 2011. The Syrian government says the Zionist regime and its Western and regional allies are aiding terrorist groups that are wreaking havoc in the country.

The regime mostly keeps quiet about the attacks on Syrian territories which many view as knee-jerk reaction to Syrian government's increasing success in confronting terrorism in country.

Afghan Shia Leader Visits Pakistan After Massacre of Hazara Miners



Karim Khalili (L) met with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi in Islamabad.

KARACHI (Dispatches) – A prominent Afghan Shia Muslim leader has held talks with Pakistan's foreign minister after 10 Shia coal miners were brutally killed in a targeted attack in southwest Pakistan earlier this month.

Karim Khalili, leader of the Afghan Hezb-e-Wahdat-e-Islami political party, met with Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi in the capital, Islamabad, on Tuesday, the Pakistani foreign office said.

High on the agenda was the continuing peace process between the Afghan government and the Afghan Taliban, with talks aimed at ending the 20-year war in Pakistan's northwestern neighbor continuing in Qatar.

"During the meeting, views were exchanged on Pakistan-Afghanistan relations and progress in the Afghan peace process," read a Pakistani statement on the meeting.

"Foreign Minister [Qureshi] reiterated Pakistan's consistent support for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Afghanistan."

The visit comes days after the Daesh terrorist group killed nearly a dozen coal miners from the Shia Muslim group in a targeted

attack near the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta earlier this month.

The Hazara community on both sides of the border has suffered decades of persecution and attacks by violent terrorist groups operating across the troubled region.

Shia Muslims across the country later joined in the demonstrations against the massacre, demanding that Prime Minister Imran Khan visit the grieving community in Quetta and assure them of protection.

Authorities on Friday promised the arrest of the attackers, the payment of compensation to the bereaved families, and better security for the Hazara.

Thousands of people attended the funeral of the miners, whose bodies were laid to rest amid tight security six days after their deaths.

Ethnic Hazaras in Balochistan, Pakistan's poorest province, have long been persecuted for their faith, facing targeted attacks and large-scale bombings that have killed hundreds in the past two decades.

Quetta is home to roughly 600,000 Shia Hazara Muslims.

Aoun Urges Condemnation of Zionist Violations of Lebanon's Sovereignty

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanon will file an urgent complaint to the United Nations Security Council requesting a condemnation of the Zionist regime's aggressions and violations of Lebanon's sovereignty and UN Resolution 1701, a statement by the presidency reported.

Lebanese President Michel Aoun instructed on Tuesday Caretaker Foreign Affairs Minister Charbel Wehbe to file the complaint, the report said.

Wehbe filed a complaint with the UNSC and UN Secretary-General António Guterres against the regime's repeated violations of the Arab country's sovereignty.

The complaint, lodged

through Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations Amal Mudallali, pointed to "the recurrent and dangerous airspace violations carried out over the past few days," describing them as "a flagrant violation of Security Council Resolution 1701."

"This requires the Security Council to condemn Israel for these violations and put an end to them immediately in order to preserve stability, security, and peace in the region," it said.

Moreover, caretaker Defense Minister Zeina Akar on Tuesday vehemently condemned the regime's violations of Lebanese sovereignty.

"Since the beginning of last week, Lebanon's airspace has witnessed intensive Israeli enemy overflights at low very altitudes, which constitute a blatant violation of the Lebanese sovereignty, and have caused panic among Lebanese citizens, especially children," she said in a statement.

Separately, the Lebanese Armed Forces command said at least eight air violations were recorded on Tuesday by Israeli warplanes, which carried out low-altitude flights over the south and Mount Lebanon,

UNIFIL spokesman Andrea Tenenti also said the Zionist regime's acts are in violation of the Security Council Reso-

lution 1701 and the Lebanese sovereignty.

"We have once again called on the Israeli army command to cease the overflights. The continued violations increase fear among the local population and undermine our efforts to reduce tensions and establish a stable security environment in southern Lebanon," he noted.

Lebanon's government, the Hezbollah resistance movement and the UNIFIL have repeatedly condemned the Zionist regime's overflights, saying they are in clear violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and the country's sovereignty.

France Investigating Suspicious UAE-Linked Fund to Far-Right Party

DUBAI (MEMO) – The judiciary in France is investigating an €8 million loan paid via a bank based in the United Arab Emirates to the French far-right National Rally party, Mediapart has revealed.

Formerly known as the National Front, the party is led by Marine Le Pen. The loan, said the investigative journal, apparently bailed out the party after the 2017 elections.

In October 2019, Mediapart revealed that the loan came from French businessman Laurent Foucher, who has a range of commercial interests in Africa. It pointed out that it was transferred from a bank in the UAE but questions

still remain over the source of the money.

Although the party repaid the loan in March 2018, further questions have been raised about payments to the broker involved, former National Front Member of the European Parliament, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser.

According to Mediapart, in December 2019 the French National Financial Prosecutor's Office received information from the Anti-Corruption Agency. The prosecutors then attached agency officials to the preliminary investigation underway since 2016 into the commissions received by Schaffhauser for the two loans he helped secure for the National

Front: a Russian loan of €9.6 million in 2014 and the later loan in 2017.

A National Front official told Mediapart that the party had obtained the loan "under clear and legal circumstances," and denied paying a direct commission to Schaffhauser.

In October 2016, Mediapart published an investigative report about the UAE's influence over Marine Le Pen. It explained that in July 2014 Le Pen met with representative of the UAE who offered "to help her party", and that in May the following year Le Pen's trip to Egypt was "funded by the United Arab Emirates".

Report: Arabs Use Hariri to Patch Up Ankara-Riyadh Ties

BEIRUT (MEMO) – Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri's recent visit to Turkey came with an Arab mandate to open the doors of mediation between Ankara and Riyadh, Lebanon's Al-Jadeed TV channel reported.

Hariri's unannounced visit to Istanbul and his "private meeting" with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan earlier this week aimed to open the doors of mediation between Turkey and Saudi Arabia, with Emirati approval, the station said.

Last Friday, Hariri paid an unexpected visit Friday to Turkey. At the time, the Turkish presidency said the two-hour "private" meeting at Erdogan's Istanbul residence focused on regional security issues and "deepening and strengthening

ties, without providing further details.

Meanwhile, Hariri's office said he and Erdogan also discussed "ways to support the efforts to stop the collapse and rebuild Beirut as soon as a new government is formed in Lebanon".

Saudi Arabia and Turkey have been at odds for some years over foreign policy and attitudes toward regional issues. The murder of Saudi columnist Jamal Khashoggi inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul in 2018 sharply escalated tensions.

Relations appear recently to have thawed after, with both countries' leaders pledging to improve bilateral ties. Analysts believe this could be in an effort to appease incoming U.S. President Joe Biden.