

BAGHDAD (Reuters) – Flights between Turkey and Iraq have been suspended because of rising coronavirus infections in Turkey, Iraq's Aviation Authority said on Sunday.

Iraq reopened Baghdad and southern airports last week for international travel after months of closure caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Silence will create respect and dignity; justice and fair play will bring more friends; benevolence and charity will enhance prestige and position.

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Yemen Army Downs U.S. Spy Drone Over Jizan



The undated photo shows the wreckage of a drone belonging to the Saudi-led military coalition after it was targeted by Yemeni forces.

SANA'A (Dispatches) – The Yemeni army's air defenses on Sunday shot down a U.S. RQ20 spy drone over Jizan region, south of Saudi Arabia, the country's Armed Forces spokesman Brigadier General Yahya Saree said.

"The air defenses managed to shoot down an U.S. RQ20 drone in the airspace of Haradh district off Jizan by an appropriate weapon," A spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces, Gen. Saree said in a state-

ment, according to al-Masirah.

The AeroVironment RQ-20 Puma is a small, battery powered, American hand-launched unmanned aircraft system produced by AeroVironment based in California. Its primary mission is surveillance and intelligence gathering using an electro-optical and infrared camera.

Yemeni forces have managed to down numerous U.S.-made drones in recent years, notably destroying a U.S.-operated advanced MQ-9

Reaper attack drone in August 2019.

Later in the day, Saudi-led military aircraft launched four airstrikes against several areas in Ajasher desert in Yemen's northern province of Jawf.

The warplanes also pounded Emarat area in the Kitaf wa al-Boqe'e district of the northwestern mountainous province of Sa'ada on three occasions.

No casualties have been reported.

Elsewhere, dozens of militiamen loyal to Yemen's former President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi and patronized by Riyadh were killed or injured in a counteroffensive by Yemeni allies in Najran, southwestern Saudi Arabia.

A Yemeni military source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said mercenaries fighting for Saudi Arabia mounted a multi-pronged attack in Sawh area of the region but were confronted by Yemeni troops in hours-long fierce battles.

In March 2015, Saudi Arabia embarked on a bloody campaign against Yemen with the declared aim of putting Hadi back into the seat of power, and eliminate the Houthi Ansarullah movement.

Riyadh has not been alone in the campaign. It has been flanked by regional allies and enjoys arms supplies from its Western backers.

Over 100,000 people have been killed. That is according to some semi-official figures.

The Saudi regime has failed to fulfill the objective of its deadly campaign.

The war has also destroyed and shut down Yemen's infrastructure. The Yemeni population has been subjected to large-scale hunger and diseases aggravated by the naval blockade imposed on the country by the coalition of aggressors.

UK's SAS Executed Civilians in Afghanistan: Documents



A SAS unit killed over 33 Afghan people in 11 different night raids on homes in what seems to be a potential war crimes scandal.

LONDON (Press TV) – A "rogue" unit of the British Army's Special Air Service (SAS) has been accused of carrying out night missions in which they executed civilians in Afghan villages between 2010 and 2013.

According to court documents seen by The Sunday Times Insight team, the SAS unit killed over 33 Afghan people in 11 different night raids on homes in what seems to be a potential war crimes scandal.

The evidence had been previously withheld from an ongoing High Court legal case by the government, prompting a judge to demand a full explanation from British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace.

The documents show that SAS operatives falsified mission reports and that members of the British government have tried to keep them secret.

In one case under investigation, the unnamed SAS unit arrived by Chinook helicopter at the village of Gawahargin in southern Helmand province on February 16, 2011 to find a young man identified as Saddam, who

was suspected of being a member of an enemy gang planting roadside bombs.

They raided his home but family members, including his 19-year-old brother Saifullah, stepped out into the night with their hands up.

The unit tied up the women and children and placed black hoods on their heads, detaining them in one part of the small compound.

In the next few minutes, gunfire was heard and after the troops left, Saifullah went back into the house to look for his father, but found him dead. His brothers and cousin were also dead with several bullet holes in their heads.

In 2013, Saifullah's uncle sued the UK government over unlawful detention and mistreatment. He himself had been kept behind bars for 20 days after the raid before being released without charge.

Later in March 2014, the special investigation branch of the Royal Military Police (RMP), who felt the claims were sufficiently serious, decided to launch an investigation.

Armed Zionist Settlers Assault Palestinian Families

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A group of armed Zionist settlers have attacked and injured Palestinian families in a village in the occupied West Bank, local Palestinian media reports say.

Palestinian media reports said that the latest act of violence took place in Jibiya village, north of Palestinian city of Ramallah.

The hard-line settlers pointed guns at and physically assaulted Sheikh Mohamed, his children and wife as well as other families who were having a picnic in the area.

The eyewitnesses said the settlers robbed items from the families and snatched their cell phones and other belongings away.

Zionist settlers have pressed ahead with their acts of vandalism and violence, known as price tag attacks, against Palestinians and their property as well as Muslim holy sites.

According to human rights groups, incidents of sabotage and violence by Zionist settlers against Palestinians and their property are a daily occurrence throughout the occupied West Bank.

The settlers also launch attacks on Palestinian homes, set their cars on fire, vandalized their property, and uproot their olive trees and other crops as well as sealing their livestock.

The Israeli rights group B'Tselem earlier this year said the Zionist settlers had noticeably escalated attacks against Palestin-

ians in the occupied West Bank in April despite restriction of movement and lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Back in July 2015, a large fire broke out after the settlers threw firebombs and Molotov cocktails into two Palestinian houses in the West Bank town of Duma, setting them ablaze while their inhabitants were asleep.

The arson attack killed 18-month-old baby Ali Dawabsheh, and critically wounded his father and mother, Sa'ad and Riham, who later succumbed to their injuries. Ali's four-year-old brother, Ahmad, who was also wounded in the assault, remained the sole survivor of the ill-fated family.

More than 600,000 Zionists live in over 230 illegal settlements built since the 1967 occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East al-Quds by the Zionist regime.

For years, the regime has clearly allowed its settlers to assault Palestinians and inflict damage on their property as one of its policies. This has included provision of military protection for the attackers, and in some cases troopers' active participation in the assault.

All Zionist settlements are illegal under international law. The UN Security Council has condemned the regime's settlement activities in the occupied territories in several resolutions.

Valued at \$500mn

U.S. House Passes Package for Zionist Regime's Missile Systems

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The U.S. House of Representatives has passed an aid package valued at hundreds of millions of dollars and designated for assistance to the Zionist regime to develop its surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems.

The lower house of the U.S. Congress made the decision on Friday and the funding will mostly be allocated for so-called Iron Dome, David's Sling as well as Arrow 3 missile systems, Israeli English-language

newspaper The Jerusalem Post reported on Sunday.

The appropriations bill specified that "\$500,000,000 shall be for the Israeli Cooperative Programs...for the procurement of the Iron Dome ... system to counter short-range rocket threats...for the Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense (SRBMD) program... for co-production activities of Arrow 3 Upper Tier systems in the United States and in Israel."

The report asserted that the

spending package is in accordance with the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States and the occupying regime worth \$38 billion over a decade.

U.S. military aid to the Zionist regime has skyrocketed over the past several years, even as Zionist troops are engaged in blatant human rights violations against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip and across the occupied West Bank.

Back in April, The Jerusalem

Post reported that the Pentagon had supplied 1 million surgical masks to the regime in order to be distributed among troops, despite the fact that it had earlier introduced a measure requiring personnel to make their own masks to combat the spread of the new coronavirus.

The report revealed that the masks were procured from China, and a plane carrying the medical stuff intended for Zionist troops landed in Ben Gurion Airport on April 7.

After Elon Musk Tweet

Egypt Denies Pyramids Built by Aliens

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Elon Musk has been invited to visit Egypt by the country's government after he claimed the pyramids were built by aliens.

The Tesla founder referred to a conspiracy theory earlier this week, saying in a tweet which was liked over half a million times "Aliens built the pyramids obv".

Egypt's international co-operation minister Rania al-Mashat replied soon afterwards, inviting the multi-billionaire to come to the country and learn about the structures in person.

"I follow your work with a lot of admiration," she said.

"I invite you & Space X to explore the writings about how the pyramids were built and also to check out the tombs of the pyramid builders. "Mr. Musk, we are waiting for you."

Egyptian archaeologist Zahi Hawass also responded in a short video, calling the SpaceX entrepreneur's argument a "complete hallucination".

"I found the tombs of the pyramids builders that tell everyone that the builders of the pyramids are Egyptians and they were not slaves,"

Musk later acknowledged that the pyramids were built by human's, tweeting a link to an ar-

ticle explaining how they were erected alongside the caption: "This BBC article provides a sensible summary for how it was done."

The structures, outside Cairo, in Giza, are the most famous of Egypt's pyramids and were built more than 4,500 years ago.

Experts say the tombs discovered within them in the 1990s are proof they were built by the ancient Egyptians.

While little is known about how exactly the builders heaved the enormous stones into place, archaeologists are almost certain the structures are the work of human hands.