

On 25th Martyrdom Anniversary

Islamic Jihad Renews Loyalty to Fathi Shaqaqi's Path

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement in a statement that the resistance movement is determined to continue the path of its martyred leader Fathi Shaqaqi until liberation of all Palestinian lands occupied by the Zionist regime.

The Islamic Jihad, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Shaqaqi's martyrdom by the Zionist regime's spy agency, Mossad, stressed loyalty to his path, noting that not even an iota of the Palestinian lands will remain under the occupation of the Zionist regime.

"Shaqaqi was martyred but the struggle will continue and jihad and resistance has turned into a nightmare which does not leave the Zionists to rest," it added.

The statement also rejected any political solution which legitimizes the presence of "Zionist enemy" on Palestinian lands.

Fathi Shaqaqi was a Palestinian leader who opposed the views that argued that the liberation of Palestine should take place only through



Palestinians in Gaza pay tribute to late Fathi Shaqaqi.

the so-called two-state solution.

He was martyred in front of the Diplomat Ho-

tel in Sliema, Malta, on October 26, 1995, by a hit team composed of two Mossad agents.

Palestinian Hunger-Striker, Nearing Death, Allowed Family Visit



Photo shows Palestinian prisoner and hunger striker Maher al-Akhras.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – After over 90 days of being on hunger strike, Palestinian inmate Maher al-Akhras was finally allowed to receive a visit from his wife and daughter.

It was a tearful reunion, as his young daughter embraced her father's frail, bony body.

According to medical personnel from the International Committee of the Red Cross

who have been monitoring his medical condition, Al-Akhras is nearing death.

This is the first visit he has been allowed from his family since he was taken into custody on July 27th by the Zionist regime's authorities. He has also been denied access to legal counsel and has never been told what his charges are.

The 49-year-old Palestin-

ian prisoner, the father of six children, was detained on July 27 and held under the administrative detention order, with no charge. This has led him to start a hunger strike in an attempt to seek justice.

Physicians have already warned of damage to several organs of the Palestinian prisoner's body, such as the kidneys, liver, and heart, adding that the inmate's senses of hearing and speaking have also been affected.

The United Nations has called on the Zionist regime to put an end to the practice of administrative detention and immediately release Al-Akhras.

Michael Lynk, UN special rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories, strongly called on the occupying regime to end administrative detention, in which the regime keeps the detainees for up to six months, a period which can be extended an infinite number of times, some-

times for years

In a statement, he also called on the regime to release Akhras, saying "Mr. Al-Akhras is now in very frail condition, having gone without food for 89 days."

"Recent visits by doctors to his hospital bed in Israel indicate that he is on the verge of suffering major organ failure, and some damage might be permanent," Lynk added.

He called on the Zionist regime "to abolish" the practice of administrative detention and free those detainees it has placed behind bars in its prisons.

Palestinian detainees have continuously resorted to open-ended hunger strikes in an attempt to express their outrage at the detention. Palestinians hold Zionist regime authorities fully responsible for any deterioration of the circumstances in jails.

More than 7,000 Palestinians are reportedly held in the regime's jails.

UNESCO to Send Mission to Yemen's Socotra Over Biodiversity Threats

SANA'A (MEMO) – UNESCO is to send a mission to the Yemeni island of Socotra which is a World Heritage Site amid concerns over increasing threats to the archipelago's unique biodiversity.

According to the Socotra Post, a Yemeni government official discussed with UNESCO to send a mission to the island to inspect the conditions of its nature reserve, which is under the control of the UAE-backed so-called Southern Transitional Council (STC). Yemen's delegate to UNESCO, Muhammad Jumaih, said on Twitter that he met with Mechtild Rossler, the director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre on Saturday in Paris where he discussed the plans.

Jumaih said that UNESCO is looking into a way to transfer its mission to the island to carry out reports on the status of the natural reserve.

The island's capital, along with facilities and military bases were taken over by STC forces in June. Many locals consider the STC's patrons the UAE as an occupying force on the island.

Earlier this month it was reported that Socotrans had resorted to logging due to a gas shortage, which has led to fears of the environmental impact on the island. The fuel shortage is said to be "man-made" caused by the UAE-backed militants operating on the island.

The infighting between Saudi- and UAE-backed militants in southern regions has also complicated the situation for the people.

Both the UAE-sponsored separatists and Saudi-backed militants loyal to former president Abd Mansour Hadi serve a Riyadh-led military coalition which has been waging a bloody war on Yemeni people since March 2015.

military assault.

"The group was observed and then intercepted by the security forces in an operation lasting four months," it added.

An official from a Kurdish political group linked to the PKK denied it was involved in any planned attacks.

A gunman shot a Turkish diplomat dead in an Erbil restaurant in July last year, just weeks after Turkey launched an incursion into Iraq against the PKK. Kurdish officials privately blamed that killing on the PKK, which they say seeks to carry out similar attacks in the Kurdistan region.

The PKK faces one of Turkey's fiercest mili-

tary assaults for years against its bases Iraqi territory. Baghdad considers the Turkish invasion violation of its territorial integrity.

The militant group is also the target of a security and reconstruction agreement between Erbil and Baghdad that aims to eject all PKK affiliates from the town of Sinjar on the Syrian border.

Northern Iraq is split between the control of different forces and groups.

The PKK has waged its militancy in Turkey. It has come under regular assault from Turkey, although this year's Turkish incursion into Iraq is one of the biggest Ankara has waged against the group there.

Macron ...

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The MPs said rather than advancing "freedom of speech," supporting such acts of sacrilege amounted to "the biggest instance of oppression against freedom" and profanity against the sanctities of more than one billion Muslims worldwide.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said France's Islamophobia project will only speed up the inevitable fall of the United States and the Zionist regime.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation also denounced the "suggestions of certain French leaders ... that risk submerging French-Muslim relations".

While condemning "all acts of terror in the name of religion" it attacked the "continued publication of blasphemous cartoons" of the prophet.

Muslims have also been angered by Macron's comments earlier this month that Islam is "a religion that is in crisis all over the world today". The comments were made when the French president announced his long-awaited law against what he alleges as "separatism", expected to be presented to the French parliament in December. The influential university-mosque, Al-Azhar in Cairo, Egypt, described Macron's statement as "racist".

In Qatar, certain food distribution groups announced they were removing French products from their shops for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, French cultural week planned at the Qatar University has been postponed because of a "deliberate attack on Islam and its symbols".

In Kuwait, French cheeses – La Vache Qui Rit and Babybel – have been removed from some stores. About 430 Kuwaiti travel agents have reportedly suspended reservations for flights to France.

Pakistan also hit out at France on Sunday, with the prime minister, Imran Khan, accusing Macron of "attacking Islam" by encouraging the publication of blasphemous caricatures.

Masood Khan, the president of Pakistan-administered Azad Kashmir, tweeted: "President Macron has ignobly earned a patent for #Islamophobia and incitement to hatred against Muslims. We condemn his blasphemous words and the mindset behind them. France suffered from such a mindset during WWII. Why does he inflict similar injury on others?"

On Monday, Erdogan called for a complete boycott of French products in Turkey.

"Just like they say 'Don't buy goods with Turkish brands' in France, I am calling on all my citizens from here to never help French brands or buy them," Erdogan said.

France is the 10th biggest source of imports into Turkey and the seventh biggest market for Turkey's exports, according to the Turkish Statistical Institute. French cars are among the best-selling vehicles in Turkey.

The Turkish president also accused some western leaders of championing Islamophobia, calling them "fascists".

"You are in a real sense fascists. You are in a real sense the links in the chain of Nazism," said Erdogan, without giving any names.

In Occupied Palestine, hundreds of people gathered in front of the French embassy to condemn Macron. In Gaza, Palestinian protesters burned photos of the French president.

In Syria, people have burned pictures of Macron and French flags have been set on fire in the Libyan capital Tripoli.

The Moroccan foreign ministry said "freedom of expression cannot, for any reason, justify the insulting provocation and the insulting offense of the Muslim religion".

Yemeni...

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Location and Event Data Project (ACLED), a nonprofit conflict-research organization, estimates that the war has claimed more than 100,000 lives for over the past five years.

The popular Ansarullah movement, backed by armed forces, has been defending Yemen against the Saudi-led alliance, preventing the aggressors from fulfilling the objectives of the devastating war.

Iran...

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"It is important to note that not only is the content of the recent report of the Special Rapporteur was based on the information and reports received from the terrorist groups affiliated with hostile governments against the Islamic Republic of Iran, including delusive allegations and unsubstantiated allegations, rather, the main text of the report is prepared with the provisions of these allegations and accusations, and wherever the Special Rapporteur wished, he cited the official views of the Iranian side, at the end of each issue and specified the opinion of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Iran further said, "Surprisingly, in the report of the Special Rapporteur on Iran, there is no single trace of and reference to tens of innocent children and hundreds of innocent patients who died due to the difficulty of accessing necessary medicine and medical equipment due to the imposition of cruel, illegal and criminal sanctions by the U.S. regime."

"The politicized and inhumane approach injected in the recent report is to the extent that, firstly, implicitly justifies and legitimizes the illegal, oppressive and criminal US sanctions, and in a seemingly humanitarian position calls on the countries who have carryout the illegal, oppressive and criminal sanctions against the Iranian people," it added.

Iran has concluded its response to the UN rights rapporteur's report by shortlizing the country's achievements with regard to promoting human rights norms, including:

- Increase in the employment rate and participation of more than 40% of women in the country's economy and holding senior management positions.

- Implementation of the "Health System Transformation Plan" and guarantee for public access to health services, payment of monthly cash subsidies to low-income families and launching of arrangements for implementation of the subsidy plan for purchase of basic goods for 60 million people, poverty alleviation and development of rural low-income areas, in the field of the right to health and the eradication of poverty.

- Hosting about 3 million Afghan refugees, free education of about 470,000 Afghan students in Iranian schools, about 128 thousand of whom do not have a permit to be present in Iran.

- Active participation of minority groups in all political, social, economic and cultural sections of the country (having a fixed quota in the Islamic Consultative Assembly), in the field of minority rights.

- Approval of the law on political offense and its implementation after the announcement of its bylaws by the Head of the Judiciary.

- Introduction of a change in the judicial system of the country, especially within the framework of the law of "the Sixth Development Plan."

- Improving the situation of prisons, developing the necessary infrastructure in cooperation with non-governmental and public organizations, and helping to reduce the number of criminals by ten percent, annually.

COVID-19...

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"Corona's proven deadly, vicious & brutal everywhere, but it's worse in Iran as it has a cruel collaborator: U.S. regime. U.S. has elevated max pressure to Health Terrorism & targeted Iranian people with inhumane sanctions while they're fighting the pandemic. We'll overcome but NEVER forget," the ministry said in a tweet on Monday.

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life to be on a par with the beloved Khadija (SA), whose memory he used to cherish. Once when a certain wife felt jealous at the mention of Khadija's (SA) name and thought of herself as young and attractive, the Prophet scolded her by saying:

"By God, the Almighty did not grant me a better wife than her. She believed in me when the people used to mock at me and she acknowledged me when the people denied me. She shared her wealth and property with me and she bore me children which I was not destined to have through other women." (refer to Sahih Bukhari which mentions the name of this barren woman as well)

No wonder, when five years later, Abu Taleb's youngest child, son Imam Ali (AS) was born, the Prophet and Khadija (peace upon them), who had lost their sons in infancy, took him under their care to nurture, raise and eventually marry him to their Infallible Daughter, thus ensuring eternity for their blessed progeny.

Could there be a better precedent set by the Prophet than his marriage to the most virtuous lady of her times; his respect for her during the quarter century of marital bliss; his cherishing of her memory till the end of his life as one of the Four Noblest Ladies of all time; his profound affection for their daughter Fatema (SA), son-in-law Imam Ali (AS) and grandsons Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS); and his emphasis on her Immaculate Progeny, the Ahl al-Bayt, as the evergreen tree of Divine guidance for all mankind?

In fact, so firm was the faith of First Lady of Islam that Archangel Gabriel conveyed to the Prophet a special message for her, saying: **"O Messenger of Allah! When Khadija comes to you, greet her from Allah and give her the good tiding of a house made of precious stones in Paradise."**