

Cairo (Middle East Eye) – Egypt should receive more than one billion dollars in compensation from the company that owned the ship that blocked the Suez Canal, the waterway’s managing body has said. The mammoth Ever Given container ship was finally freed in the Suez Canal on Monday, unblocking the vital artery that had been closed off to international shipping for six days. The waterway is a crucial economic lifeline for Egypt, which poured resources into unblocking the ship.

During civil disturbance adopt such an attitude that people do not attach any importance to you - they neither burden you with complicated affairs, nor try to derive any advantage out of you.

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# Nasrallah: Zionist Regime, U.S. Still Pursuing ‘Nile to Euphrates’ Dream

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Leader of Lebanon Hezbollah resistance movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah says that the Zionist regime and the U.S. are seeking to expand the occupied territories to the Nile on the one end and to the Euphrates on the other.

“The axis is still seeking to realize the dream of the Nile to the Euphrates”, Nasrallah said during a televised address.

Nasrallah added that the two countries use “sectarian and religious plots” in order to “paint” regional conflicts as “sectarian” ones and thus achieve their goals.

“Israel is heading towards decline and disintegration like its master,” Nasrallah said, referring to the traditional American-Israeli alliance.

On the Saudi-led war on Yemen, Nasrallah said contrary to what Saudi Arabia sought to portray at the beginning of the military campaign, the conflict has nothing to do with “Shias and Sunnis.”

“The war is rather guided by the United States’ goals and its plots



Frame grab from a live broadcast shows the secretary-general of Lebanon’s resistance movement of Hezbollah, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, delivering an address on March 31, 2021.

for the region,” he added.

He said there was a “media war” underway against Yemen’s defenders to cast them as the party that rejects any cessation of the war and Riyadh as the one that seeks the campaign’s termination.

Saudi Arabia led its allies into the war in 2015 to restore power to

its favorite officials in Yemen, but they have hit a dead end in the face of the Yemeni army’s successful defense campaign, which has left Riyadh and its partners bogged down in the country.

The resistance movement’s leader also insisted that any potential truce has to be accompanied by a

cessation of the siege, as required by Sana’a.

They are, thus, seeking to keep up their pressure on Yemen in order to force it to the negotiating table, he stated. “The invading forces are trying to realize what they could not realize through war by means of social pressure.”

However, the Yemenis “have the upper hand” and cannot be duped into ending their defense of the country, Nasrallah asserted and advised Riyadh “not to waste your time. Dishonesty will not have any benefit for year. Just go ahead and end the war and the siege.”

The regional resistance front has been through the toughest stage of its history over the past decade given the developments that targeted in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq as well as the U.S.’s intense sanctions against Iran, Nasrallah said.

“The resistance axis is seriously pursuing increasing of its capabilities.... It is these capabilities that will determine the fate of [any] future warfare,” he added.

## Yemen Launches Drone Attack on Saudi Air Base



Missiles and drone aircraft are seen on display at an exhibition in Yemen in this handout photo released by the Ansarullah Media Office on September 17, 2019.

SANAA (Dispatches) – Yemeni forces have launched a retaliatory bomb-laden drone attack on King Khalid Air Base in southwestern Saudi Arabia, the second against the kingdom in less than 24 hours.

“Our forces targeted King Khalid Air Base in Khamis Mushait city by two explosive-laden drones, hitting the target accurately,” Brigadier General Yahya Saree, the Yemeni army’s spokesman, said in a statement.

“Targeting King Khaled military base comes in response to the continued U.S.-Saudi military escalation and siege against Yemeni people,” he noted.

The attack was the second of its kind against Saudi Arabia in less than 24 hours. Earlier in the day, the Yemeni forces launched drone attacks at the Saudi capital Riyadh, but the kingdom has made no comment on the alleged attack.

In March 2015, the Saudi regime and many of its allies unleashed their war machines on the Arab world’s already poorest nation.

The war has been trying to restore power to Yemen’s former Saudi-allied officials.

The offensive and a simultaneous siege that the invaders have been imposing on the country have led to the death of tens of

thousands of Yemenis.

Yemen’s health ministry, however, puts the death toll far higher, saying the aggression kills just some 100,000 newborn Yemeni children every year.

Washington has been a key ally of Saudi Arabia, providing support for the Saudi-led coalition’s war against Yemen.

The spokesman for Yemen’s Ansarullah movement has rejected the United States claim of aiding the Yemeni people, saying Washington and its allies would deprive Yemenis of oxygen if they could.

In a tweet on Thursday, Mohammed Abdul-Salam wrote that there is no parallel in the world to the ridiculous claims made by the United States and its servile lackeys.

The U.S. and its allies “wage war against a country and beset it with a siege, and withhold everything from it, even oxygen, if they were able to do so, and then ridiculously [claim] that they are helping that country,” Abdul-Salam said.

He asserted that the U.S. and those who are responsible for the war on Yemen must leave the Arab country so that it would be able to manage its affairs with pride and dignity.

## Biden’s Gestures to Palestinians ‘Symbolic’: PLO’s Ashrawi

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Former Palestinian spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi says newly elected U.S. President Joe Biden is merely pursuing “symbolic changes” in reversing only some of the policies imposed by his predecessor, Donald Trump.

During an interview with the Ray Hanania Radio show, Ashrawi said that Biden will most likely keep the most contentious changes, such as the U.S. recognizing al-Quds as the Zionist regime’s ‘capital’, and moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to the city, in place.

Ashrawi said she resigned from her role as the official spokesperson for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East ‘peace’ process, which began

with the Madrid Peace Conference of 1991, in order to make room for a younger generation to take over, and has no plans to run for any office in the May 22 Palestinian elections.

Ashrawi said that the policies of the Biden administration are clearly different from what she termed “the destructive policies” of the Trump administration, however, she said she did not expect Biden to undo many of the things that Trump did while in office, though, other than a few issues such as returning badly needed U.S. funding and expanded discussions with the administration on economic needs.

“When they are saying ‘we will undo some of the things’ it

means they are keeping the major issues in place, like moving the embassy to al-Quds, which is unacceptable,” Ashrawi said.

“Unfortunately, the Biden administration seems to think they can just do a few symbolic gestures, give us a few handouts ... \$15 million for coronavirus relief. Of course, we spend much, much more than that. Actually, the occupation costs us \$10 billion a year in terms of what (the Zionist regime) steals from us.”

Ashrawi said that despite the increasing challenges facing Palestinians, the only real goal is to end the occupation.

“Remove the occupation. What we need is to get rid of this illegal, cruel, unacceptable, unconscionable condition

where one side has absolute rights over a whole nation — our lands, our resources, our air space, our waters, our borders, our lives,” she said. “Israel devalues, dehumanizes Palestinians and Palestinian lives and gets away with it.

“The moment you address the issue of Israeli impunity and preferential treatment, and address the issue of Palestinian vulnerability and the need for real protection, we are not asking for anything else. That is what is needed: To understand there has to be parity. There has to be equality, and ... the law has to prevail. This strategic alliance with Israel is not only unholy but it is extremely destructive.”

## U.S. Troops in Syria Transfer Dozens Daesh Terrorists: Report

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The U.S. military has airlifted approximately 40 Daesh terrorists from al-Houl prison to its al-Shadadi base in Hasakah province’s southern countryside, Syrian state news agency SANA reported.

Citing its sources, the agency stated that “three U.S. military helicopters and three attack helicopters landed on Tuesday evening in al-Shadadi base.” Among those on board the helicopters were two Daesh terrorists, who are reportedly held responsible for the atrocities committed in Dayr al-Zawr.

According to the report, the al-Houl prison east of Hasakah city is run by the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces, a coalition of mainly Kurdish militants backed by Washington.

According to media reports, in January, U.S. military helicopters regularly transported batches of Daesh terrorists from the Hasakah prisons of Ghuwayran and al-Sena’a to American bases in Iraq. More than 100 militants

were reportedly airlifted and provided with weapons before release.

There have been several reports over the past years of the U.S. military contingent assisting terrorists in the region with transportation, allegedly counting on increasing numbers of terrorist attacks in Syria and Iraq as a result of the transfers in order to justify the involvement of U.S. troops in both countries.

Russia says the United States makes use of the Daesh terrorist group to impede a political solution to the decade-long crisis in Syria and supports separatist militants in a flagrant violation of international resolutions.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov made the remarks during a conference of the Valdai Discussion Club, which is a Moscow-based think tank and discussion forum, Syria’s official SANA news agency reported.

He said the U.S. has occupied lands in Syria and continues to plunder its natural wealth, including oil, gas, and wheat, and escalates ten-

sions to destabilize the war-torn Arab country.

In the latest development, a convoy of a dozen U.S. military trucks has carried tons of grain from Syria’s northeastern province of Hasakah to the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region in northern Iraq.

Syria’s official news agency SANA, citing local sources, reported that 12 military vehicles loaded with wheat crops from silos of Tal Alou village in al-Ya’rubiyah region headed towards the Iraqi territories on Thursday after crossing Semalka border crossing.

The development took place a few days after 38 U.S. military trucks entered northern Iraq from Syria as they were carrying wheat crops.

The U.S. military has stationed troops and equipment in northeastern Syria, with the Pentagon claiming that the troops deployment are aimed at preventing the oilfields in the area from falling into the hands of Daesh terrorists.

Damascus, however, says the deployment is meant to plunder the country’s resources.

## Iraqi Resistance Group Vows to Continue Retaliation Against U.S. Troops Until Pullout

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – The leader of Iraqi political party and resistance group Asa’ib Ahl al-Haq (League of the Righteous), Qais Khazali, has warned the U.S. troops deployed in Iraq that the attacks against them by the popular mobilization forces will continue until they withdraw from the country’s soil.

“There is no room for American military bases, neither in al-Assad nor in al-Harir. This is the decision and promise of the men of resistance”, Qais Khazali said.

“As resistance groups, we have taken up and will continue to take up arms to destroy any U.S. or U.S. military presence on Iraqi soil,” Khazali added.

The U.S. has so far stopped short of announcing the complete withdrawal of its troops, with President Joe Biden ordering a complete review of America’s contingents deployed abroad and the changes to their numbers made under the Trump adminis-

tration. All redeployments and withdrawals of U.S. troops have been halted for the duration of the review.

At the same time, more than a year ago the Iraqi parliament passed a motion calling for the complete expulsion of all foreign troops deployed in the country. The motion was passed with little opposition.

Khazali said demanding the expulsion of American forces amounts to the implementation of the country’s constitution.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Khazali warned of certain countries’ agenda in Iraq, especially that of the United Arab Emirates, saying the UAE is seeking to impact Iraq’s election results.

“Therefore, we do not accept the result of an election handled by the Emirates’ rulers,” Khazali said, adding that the UAE’s plot will not be implemented as long as national forces and the anti-terror PMU forces are present in Iraq.