

Ex-Commander: Israel Lost War Against Hamas in Gaza

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime has lost its war against Hamas resistance movement in the Gaza Strip, a former Israeli military commander said on Sunday. “You can’t lie to many people for a long time,” Yitzhak Brick, a former ombudsman major general, said in an article in Maariv newspaper. “What is happening in the Gaza Strip and against Hezbollah in Lebanon will blow up in our faces sooner or later,” he warned. Brick said the Israeli home front “is not prepared for a regional war, which will be thousands of times more difficult and serious than the war in the Gaza Strip.”



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“This is the most serious scandal since the establishment of the army,” he said. “We have already lost the war with Hamas, and we are also losing our allies in the world at a dizzying rate.” The occupying regime has waged a deadly military offensive on the Gaza Strip since Oct. 7, 2023.

More than 31,600 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have since been killed in Gaza, and nearly 73,700 others injured amid mass destruction and shortages of necessities. Israel refuses to halt its war on Gaza until the return of more than 130 hostages held by Hamas since

last October. “If we fail to return some of the abductees alive, this war will enter the public consciousness as the worst failure in Israel’s wars since the occupation of Palestinian lands, both from the terrible blow we suffered from Hamas on Oct. 7, 2023 and from the agonizing failure in the fighting in the Gaza Strip,” Brick said. The Israeli war has pushed 85% of Gaza’s population into internal displacement amid a crippling blockade of most food, clean water and medicine, while 60% of the enclave’s infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, according to the UN. Israel is accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice. An interim ruling in January ordered Tel Aviv to ensure its forces do not commit acts of genocide, and guarantee that humanitarian assistance is provided to civilians in Gaza.

Senior Iraqi Cleric: U.S. Committed Terrible Mistake by Expanding Gaza War to Yemen

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – A senior Iraqi Shia cleric has denounced the United States for launching airstrikes against Yemen, stating that Washington committed a “terrible mistake” by expanding the scope of the military onslaught against Gaza to target installations deep inside Yemeni territories. Speaking at a ceremony in the holy city of Najaf, head of the National Wisdom Movement (Hikma), Ammar Hakim, called upon the U.S. administration to rectify its misstep, and come to terms with unfolding developments in the region. He stated that the entire world is changing, and West Asia stands at the forefront of

changes in relation to power balances, social developments and political equations. “The Zionist regime has infringed upon all codes of ethics and overstepped all limits by massacring and starving women and children. Despite calls from various countries and international institutions for peace and cessation of hostilities, Israel relentlessly continues its crimes against the Palestinian nation,” Hakim pointed out. The senior Iraqi Shia cleric went on to argue that the silence of the international community and apathy towards ongoing brutalities in Gaza has emboldened the occupying Tel

Aviv regime. “Our Arab and Muslim fundamentals require us to stand shoulder to shoulder with our Palestinian brethren, and mightily defend them. The Palestinian issue is a matter of dignity, freedom and resilience and is found upon consciousness,” Hakim noted. He added that “the United States made a terrible mistake by supporting the Zionist regime and expanding the scope of the war in the region to include Yemen’s Ansarullah resistance movement.” The head of the Iraqi National Wisdom Movement underscored that Muslim and Arab nations support the formula-

tion of an optimal solution to the Palestinian conflict, which ensures an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and entry of sufficient humanitarian aid into the besieged territory, reconstruction of the war-torn territory, and restoration of full rights of Palestinians to establish an independent sovereign state with Al-Quds as its capital. The U.S. and Britain have been carrying out strikes against Yemen after Washington and its allies offered the Tel Aviv regime their unqualified support and said that Yemeni forces bear the consequences of their attacks against Israeli-linked ships sailing to and from the occupied territories.

Thousands of Israelis Demand Captive Swap Deal in Mass Rallies

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Thousands of people held protests across the Isareli-occupied Palestinian territories against the current Zionist cabinet led by Benjamin Netanyahu and demanded a captive swap agreement with Hamas. Families of hostages in Gaza demonstrated near the war ministry’s headquarters in Tel Aviv, demanding an immediate agreement for the release of the captives, according to the official Israeli Broadcasting Authority. It reported that dozens of Israelis blocked a section of the Ayalon highway in Tel Aviv.

Thousands of Israelis gathered at Kaplan Square in Tel Aviv, demanding early elections and a hostage swap deal, according to the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper. The Karkur intersection near the city of Haifa in the north witnessed the participation of hundreds of Israelis in a demonstration demanding the release of captives, according to the newspaper. Yedioth Ahronoth also reported that hundreds of protesters gathered outside Netanyahu’s residence in the city of Caesarea in the north, holding banners, which read “Netanyahu, you are guilty”.

The families of those detained in the Gaza Strip protest almost daily to demand an agreement leading to the release of their relatives. Qatar and Egypt, with the assistance of the U.S., are mediating between the two sides to reach a new cease-fire agreement in Gaza and facilitate a prisoner exchange. The occupying regime estimates that there are more than 125 captives in Gaza, while it holds at least 8,800 Palestinians in its prisons, according to official sources from both sides. A cease-fire between Palestin-

ians and the Zionist regime prevailed for a week from Nov. 24 to Dec. 1, 2023, during which there was a cessation of hostilities, prisoner exchanges, and extremely limited humanitarian aid was allowed into Gaza, mediated by Qatar, Egypt, and the United States. The occupying regime has waged a genocidal campaign on the Gaza Strip since an Oct. 7. More than 31,500 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have since been killed in Gaza, and over 73,500 others injured amid mass destruction and shortages of necessities.

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Western sanctions imposed intermittently since the Islamic Revolution in 1970. If domestic companies are trusted, not only will it provide an opportunity to take advantage of their power, capacity and experience, but it will also protect and generate jobs and help achieve the high economic goals of the country. Every project ceded to domes-

tic companies means providing employment for a number of young people and professionals in the country. This is especially important in provinces such as Khuzestan, where employment does not match the capacities and facilities available in the region. Therefore, supporting domestic companies will have an irreplaceable effect in the country’s economic growth, job creation, national production jump, economic prosperity and neutralization of sanctions. Domestic companies, if supported and trusted, can dispense

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for conducting such exercises, thereby emphasizing the trio’s intent to play a pivotal role in regional security dynamics and global maritime trade routes. The completion of the joint naval drills by China, Iran, and Russia in

the Gulf of Oman has undeniably amplified the geopolitical stakes in the region, potentially altering the calculus of international relations and security partnerships. This collaboration reflects a broader trend of strategic alliances forming in response to global power shifts, with implications that extend far beyond the immediate vicinity of the drills. As tensions persist and the global community reacts to this show of unity and strength, the potential for altered military engagements and diplomatic strategies looms

large, suggesting a future where multipolar military coalitions increasingly dictate terms in international waters. As the dust settles on the Gulf of Oman following the conclusion of these landmark drills, the world watches keenly to discern the evolving patterns of cooperation and competition that will shape future geopolitical landscapes. The strategic posturing by China, Iran, and Russia through such military exercises not only redefines their individual roles on the global stage but also prompts a reevaluation of existing alliances and security doctrines, marking a significant moment in contemporary international relations.

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Israel plans to attend the talks, with cabinet members due to “decide on the mandate of the delegation in charge of the negotiations before its departure for Doha”, Netanyahu’s office said, without giving a date for when they would leave. There has been no letup in the Israeli genocide, and at least 92 people were martyred over the previous 24 hours, the health ministry in Gaza said on Sunday. The dead included 12 members of the same family whose house was hit in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza. Palestinian girl Leen Thabit, retrieving a white dress from under the rubble of their flattened house, cried as she told AFP her cousin was killed in the strike. “She’s dead. Only her dress is left,” Thabit said. “What do they want from us?”

The Zionist regime’s genocide war on Gaza has martyred at least 31,645 people in Gaza, most of them women and children, according to the health ministry. Shelling and clashes were reported in south Gaza’s main city of Khan Yunis and elsewhere. More than five months of war and an Israeli siege have led to dire humanitarian conditions in Gaza, where the United Nations has repeatedly warned of looming famine for the coastal territory’s 2.4 million people. Humanitarians have cited Israeli restrictions as among the obstacles they face in reaching the needy. The United Nations has reported particular difficulty in accessing the north, where residents say they have resorted to eating animal fodder, and where some have stormed the few aid trucks that have made it through. Protesters again rallied in Tel Aviv on Saturday, carrying banners urging a deal for the rseal of captives. In Rafah, the situation has only grown worse, said medical staff at a clinic run by Palestinian volunteers offering treatment for displaced Gazans.

“We’re facing shortages of medications,” said Samar Gregea, a physician herself uprooted from Gaza City in the north. “There are a lot of patients in the camp, with all children suffering from malnutrition” and a spike in hepatitis A cases, she told AFP. “Children require foods high in sugars, like dates, which are currently unavailable.”

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targeted several southern Lebanese border areas. Israeli fighter jets bombed the towns of Marwahin, Aita al-Shaab and Aitaroun. An Israeli drone also fired a missile at Aita al-Shaab. The strike on Aitaroun destroyed a house that had gone up in flames following a strike, Lebanon’s official National News Agency reported. Moreover, Israeli artillery units targeted an area between Aitaroun and Maroun al-Ras, as Israel fired two shells on the Marjeyoun plain in a bid to terrorize local farmers and herds.

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Damascus has repeatedly complained to the United Nations over the Israeli assaults, urging the Security Council to take action against Tel Aviv’s crimes. Its demands have, however, fallen on deaf ears. The Syrian defense minister, for his part, said the developments in Gaza and massacre of the innocent Palestinian people exposed Israel’s flimsy power and disclosed the hypocritical nature of the U.S. and West. Abbas added that the child-killing Zionist regime mounted tensions in the region, particularly in Syria and Lebanon, after it failed to achieve its goals in Gaza and used support of the resistance front and Iran for the oppressed Palestinian people as a pretext. He noted that the illegal presence of the U.S. in Syria has turned the country into a base to support separatist and terrorist groups. Resistance and enhanced defense cooperation between Tehran and Damascus are the best ways to counter enemies, he said.

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Mousavi further underlined that Tehran and Baku are drawing up “large economic projects” to bring about “greater economic entanglement” of the two neighbors. Azerbaijan’s relations with Iran were strained in January last year following an attack on the country’s embassy in Tehran, which prompted Baku to close it and evacuate staff over what it called a “terrorist act.” An initial Iranian investigation found that the attack was motivated by “personal and family-related problems”.

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