

# Hezbollah, Palestinian Resistance Target Israeli Positions With Missiles, Rockets

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanon’s Hezbollah has announced it carried out a missile attack on a gathering of Zionist troops in the al Malikiyah military base to support the Palestinian resistance and the people in Gaza.

In a statement, Hezbollah said the Israeli base was directly targeted by missiles.

Also, Hezbollah announced it attacked the Birket Risha military base in northern occupied Palestine.

The rocket attack targeted the settlement of the Zionist military forces, Hezbollah added.

The resistance groups across the region have announced they will continue operations against the Israeli regime until it stops bombarding Gaza and killing people in the enclave.

Resistance forces in the Gaza Strip have also conducted a se-



*A Hezbollah rocket aimed at a target in the occupied territories is fired from southern Lebanon*

ries of indirect attacks on Israeli military positions, involving heavy mortar fire and rocket launching operations.

Palestinian resistance fighters are intensifying their rocket launching operations and indirect targeting

of Israeli occupation forces and settlements in the Gaza Envelope, Al Mayadeen reported.

After nearly 200 days of the war on Gaza and following intense Israeli attacks on several sectors of the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian

resistance continues to operate its rocket force in the Gaza Strip, dismantling Israeli claims of victory in the northern Gaza Strip.

Just after Thursday midnight, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine’s (PFLP) Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades announced that its Rocket Force launched a salvo of rockets from the central Gaza Strip toward Israeli military groupings to the east of Deir al-Balah. The resistance factions said that the operation came in response to Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people.

Earlier, al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas’ military wing, said that its fighters shelled the “Netsarim” Axis which splits the northern Gaza Strip and Gaza City from the rest of the besieged territory’s towns and cities. It said that its mortar units fired large-caliber shells at Israeli occupation forces in the Axis.

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“In negotiations with some Western countries, whether in person or over the phone, I have said, ‘Don’t speak to us and our nation with the language of force.’ Our nation has rationality, planning, logic and speech.

“If you are open to talk and negotiation, we have not and will not leave the negotiating table. But if you want to speak to the Iranian nation with the language of force and bullying, you should know that the great nation of Iran and its statesmen will stand up to you with power,” he said, addressing the Western countries.

“Gone is the time when some people wanted to deal on our missiles and capabilities. We will never allow any deal on the capabilities of the Iranian nation, which were obtained thanks to the blood of the martyrs,” he said.

President Raisi also reiterated Iran’s support for the Palestinian people.

“Today, the entire Islamic world and the world of humanity has come to realize the righteousness of the Islamic Republic’s position in defense of Palestine and opposition to the oppressive Zionist regime,” he said.

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A recent report by The Intercept claimed that prior to Thursday’s vote, Washington was lobbying other countries to reject the resolution on Palestinian statehood.

“It remains the U.S. view that the most expeditious path toward a political horizon for the Palestinian people is in the context of a normalization agreement between Israel and its neighbors,” a diplomatic cable dated April 12 reportedly said.

Earlier on Thursday, a report in Wall Street Journal said the Biden administration was pushing for a deal that would see Israel express a “new commitment to Palestinian statehood” in exchange for Saudi Arabia normalizing relations with Israel.

South Africa’s deputy representative to the UN, Marthinus Van Schalkwyk, said the international community must avoid stifling “the very existence of the State of Palestine.”

South Africa has been among the staunchest opponents of the Israeli war on Gaza, and has led the case before the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of committing genocide against the Palestinians in the besieged enclave, and requesting provisional measures to end the war.

On January 26, the ICJ issued provisional measures calling on Israel to refrain from impeding the delivery of aid into Gaza and improve the humanitarian situation. It also ordered Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent acts of genocide in the besieged enclave and to punish incitement to genocide.

Thursday’s vote came more than six months into Israel’s bombardment of the Gaza Strip, which has martyred nearly 34,000 Palestinians and plunged the coastal enclave into a humanitarian catastrophe.

The latest food security report by a UN-backed initiative found that the entire population of Gaza, estimated to be around 2.3 million, is enduring “acute” food insecurity while half the population suffers from a greater level of food insecurity classified as

“catastrophic”.

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“We believe that the push to designate the IRGC is influenced by external actors, notably the Israeli regime, which has a history of antagonism towards Iran,” said the embassy in a statement.

“This attempt serves to escalate tensions and provoke confrontation rather than promote peace and stability in the region.”

The embassy said the IRGC has been crucial in countering “terrorist threats and extremist groups” in the Middle East, including Daesh.

“Accusations of terrorism against the IRGC are lack of substantiation and are driven by political agendas, serving only to benefit certain interests,” it said.

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ensure proportionality and accurate execution.”

Iran, Amir-Abdollahian said, has always been a positive part of regional developments, treading the path of stabilizing peace and lasting security, including the fight against terrorism.

It “will have no reservations nor compromise at all with any party over our national security and interests as well as the collective security in the sensitive region of West Asia,” he said.

The Security Council, the minister said, “must compel the rogue and rebel regime of Israel to immediately stop the war and genocide in Gaza”.

Amir-Abdollahian later told UN chief Antonio Guterres Iran could have conducted its recent retaliatory strikes against the Israeli regime in a wider scope, but sufficed to hit only part of the regime’s military positions.

“Although Iran was capable of conducting the operation across a wider radius, only a part of the Zionist regime’s military positions were targeted, from which the attack on our country’s Embassy in Damascus had taken place,” the top diplomat said.

Guterres called for self-restraint, but also condemned any violation against diplomatic missions, saying the facilities have to enjoy immunity.

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attempt to relocate Palestinians to neighboring countries.

Safadi said Jordan and Iran have common views and positions on the need to end the war against Gaza as soon as possible and called for the continuation of efforts in that regard.

Amir-Abdollahian and his Emirati counterpart Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan also exchanged views on the latest developments in Gaza and the continuation of Israeli aggression on Gaza.

In a phone conversation on Thursday, the two foreign ministers underlined the need to stop the occupying regime’s crimes as soon as possible and to accelerate the delivery of humanitarian aid.

Amir-Abdollahian expressed his regret over the severe flooding in the UAE and announced Iran’s readiness to help the affected people.

The top Emirati diplomat also emphasized his country’s will to develop bilateral relations with Iran in all fields as the two placed a premium on the regular holding of joint economic and consular committees.

# U.S., Europe Continue Crackdown on Pro-Palestine Activists

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Three Barnard College students, including U.S. lawmaker Ilhan Omar’s daughter Isra Hirsi, have been suspended for participating in a Gaza solidarity protest encampment at Columbia University in New York City.

The suspension of the three students came as university administrators called on the New York Police Department (NYPD) to dismantle the tents that had been set up earlier on Wednesday.

Several students told MEE that heavily armed police dressed in riot gear entered the university lawns on Thursday to tear down the 50-plus tents. By late Thursday afternoon, the camps were gone and at least 108 students were arrested, including Hirsi.

In an X post, Hirsi, the daughter of U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar, confirmed that she had “received

notice that I am 1 of 3 students suspended for standing in solidarity with Palestinians facing a genocide.”

“Those of us in Gaza Solidarity Encampment will not be intimidated. We will stand resolute until our demands are met,” she said in another post.

Protesters at Columbia have demanded a permanent ceasefire in Israel’s Gaza war and an end to U.S. military assistance for the regime, as well as university divestment from companies profiting from the aggression.

Meanwhile, Germany is accused of promoting only those Jews who are willing to produce anti-Muslim discourse. Jews who do not perceive Muslims as such are being marked as a threat not just to the German nation but to Jews themselves.

Udi Raz, 34, is sitting in a cafe in

Berlin, where he lives, reflecting on a turbulent six months. Since Israel’s war on Gaza began October 7, Raz, an Israeli Jew raised in Haifa, has been fired from his job and had the activist group he’s part of labeled anti-Semitic by Germany’s official anti-Semitic commissioner.

Last Friday, German authorities arrested Raz, a board member of Jewish Voice for a Just Peace in the Middle East, after they cancelled and then banned the group’s three-day conference on Palestine.

The conference, which was set to feature notable speakers including former Greek finance minister Yanis Varoufakis and leading British-Palestinian surgeon Ghassan Abu-Sitah, was cancelled by Berlin police within its first two hours on Friday.

Furthermore, a prominent Palestinian academic already suspended from her university position over

anti-Zionist comments has been arrested on “suspicion of incitement”.

According to Israeli media, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian has been arrested for questioning by Israeli police, who will then determine whether she should be held in custody or released.

Shalhoub-Kevorkian is a professor at the Hebrew University of Al-Quds, which suspended her last month after she called for “abolishing Zionism” and suggested that accounts of sexual assault during the Hamas-led October 7 operation on Israel were a “lie”.

Shalhoub-Kevorkian is also a chair in global law at Queen Mary University of London in the UK.

Israeli police reportedly asked the prosecutor’s office at the beginning of April to approve the opening of a criminal investigation against the scholar on suspicion of incitement.

# Daesh, Israel Stage Attacks on Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The Daesh terrorist group in Syria carried out two attacks in the desert area on Thursday, killing 28 people, the so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported on Friday.

One attack targeted a military bus in the desert region east of the central province of Homs, killing 22 fighters from the al-Quds Brigade with medium and heavy machine guns.

In a separate attack, six Syrian soldiers were killed by Daesh elements on their headquarters in the village of Hasrat in the countryside of al-Bukamal city in eastern Syria.

The observatory said it had documented a total death toll of 329 since the beginning of this year in the Syrian desert.

Furthermore, the Zionist regime’s military aircraft have carried out a string of airstrikes against positions in Syria’s southwestern provinces of Daraa and As-Suwayda as well as neighboring Iraq.

Sabereen News, a Telegram news channel associated with Iraqi anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), reported that the warplanes targeted a radar site, which lies between the town of Izra’ and Qarfa village, early on Friday.

There were no immediate reports about the extent of damage caused and possible casualties.

Israeli fighter jets also bombed al-Thalaa Airport in Syria’s southwestern province of as-Suwayda.

Additionally, the sound of three

explosions was heard close to Bismayah, situated about 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) southeast of the Iraqi capital city of Baghdad, with no reports of casualties immediately available.

Several blasts also rattled through the northern part of Iraq’s central province of Babylon.

Meanwhile, aircraft intrusion sirens were sounded in several towns on the border between the northern side of the 1948 Israeli-occupied territories and Lebanon, warning of incoming rocket fire.

Israeli media outlets reported that sirens went off in the towns of Eilon, Hanita, Zarit, Even Menachem, Gornot HaGalil, Adamit, Shtula, Ya’ara, Goren, Arab al-Aramshe and Shomera.

A number of missiles fired from southern Lebanon also landed in Ramim area of the Upper Galilee region.

Sirens were also sounded in Margalioth moshav and Kiryat Shmona city.

Additionally, Israeli media reported that a fire broke out inside Yir’on kibbutz in the Galilee Panhandle region as Hezbollah rockets hit the area.

Hezbollah fighters also pounded a building used by Israeli soldiers in al-Manara settlement, striking the designated target precisely.

The Lebanese resistance fighters targeted Ruwaisat al-Alam and Zibdin sites in the occupied Lebanese Kfar Shuba Hills with salvos of rockets and artillery shells.

# Four Dead in UAE, Dubai Airport Still Disrupted After Storm

DUBAI (Reuters) – Deaths from heavy rains earlier this week in the United Arab Emirates rose to four, authorities said on Friday, as well as flooding roads and jamming Dubai’s international airport.

The storm first hit Oman at the weekend, killing at least 20 people, before pounding the UAE on Tuesday with its heaviest rains in 75 years of records.

Two Philippine women and one man died in their vehicles during flooding, the government in Manila said. An Emirati man in his 70s had also died when his vehicle was swept away by floods in the northern Ras Al Khaimah emirate.

Scientists blame increasingly common extreme weather events, such as the rains in

UAE and Oman, on human-led global warming.

Dubai International Airport, one of the world’s busiest and a hub for travel around the Middle East, was still struggling to clear a backlog of flights three days after the storm.

It was limiting arrivals for two days until Sunday.

Flagship carrier Emirates, one of the world’s biggest international airlines, said check-in was suspended for people planning to transit via Dubai though those with the city as a final destination could travel as usual.

As of Friday morning, 1,478 flights to and from Dubai had been cancelled since Tuesday, approximately 30% of all flights, according to aircraft flight tracking website FlightRadar24.

In the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, state carrier Etihad said flight operations were back to normal.

The main road connecting Dubai, the most populous emirate, with Abu Dhabi remained partially closed on Friday, while an alternative route saw vehicles driving through low water on the hard shoulder past abandoned cars and buses.

In the UAE’s north, including in the emirate of Sharjah, local media reported people were reportedly still trapped in homes. Residents said there was extensive damage to businesses.

Rains are uncommon in the UAE, which is known for its hot desert climate and temperatures that can soar above 50 degrees Celsius in the summer.