

Houthi: Saudis Removed Qur'an Verses to Appease Zionists

SANA'A (Dispatches) – The leader of Yemen's Ansarullah movement, Abdul Malik al-Houthi, has accused Saudi authorities of removing certain Qur'anic verses from the school curriculum in order to appease Zionists. In a speech, al-Houthi said the Saudis have omitted Qur'anic verses from textbooks, in particular, verses that speak about crimes committed by Jews or their disobedience to God, claiming they are being censored. The Yemeni official also stated that the Saudi government has altered or omitted certain Prophetic traditions from educational curricula, describing it as a significant disservice to future generations. He suggested that this action aligns with Riyadh's strategy to normalize relations with Israel, following in the footsteps of the UAE.

Resistance Continues to Target U.S., Israeli Positions

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement has carried out a missile strike against a gathering of the Zionist regime troops in southern Lebanon.

The movement announced the development in a statement, saying it had targeted the forces near the town of al-Dhahira in the country's Tyre District on Monday.

The missile strike set off missile sirens in Galilee in the northern part of the occupied territories, Qatar's Al Jazeera television network reported.

Hezbollah said it had conducted the Monday operation "in support of our steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and in support of their brave and honorable resistance."

The occupying regime has been waging sporadic attacks against Lebanon since October 7, 2023, when it launched a genocidal war against Gaza. The attacks have prompted a firefight with Hezbollah.

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76,980 others sustained injuries in the regime's genocide. More than 1.7 million people have been internally displaced as well.

The United States has supplied Israel with weapons and intelligence support and blocked UN Security Council resolutions that called for a humanitarian ceasefire in the Palestinian territory.

Meanwhile, two major military bases used by the occupying American forces in Syria

have come under missile and drone attacks amid simmering anti-U.S. sentiments in the region over Washington's support for the Tel Aviv regime's genocide in Gaza.

According to Lebanon's al-Mayadeen news channel, the attacks came early Monday, targeting the U.S. military base in the al-Omar oil field as well as Kharab al-Jir base, both in eastern Syria.

The report added that the U.S. base at the al-Omar oil

field was targeted with four missiles, while the Kharab al-Jir base was targeted with three missiles and a drone.

Al-Mayadeen said the two bases, which are the most important American bases in eastern Syria, were attacked less than an hour apart.

There has been no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks. There were also no reports on any possible casualties or the extent of damage at the two bases.

Quoting two Iraqi security sources, Reuters said the missiles were launched from the town of Zummar in northern province of Nineveh.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, which is an umbrella group of anti-terror fighters, has claimed responsibility for most previous retaliatory strikes on U.S. military bases in Iraq and neighboring Syria.

The group has asserted that its strikes on American and Israeli military sites will continue as long as the Tel Aviv regime's genocidal war on the besieged Gaza Strip continues.

Report: Israel Has Not Provided Any Evidence of UNRWA Staff Link to Hamas

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist regime authorities have not provided "any supporting evidence" to back up allegations that United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees employees are members of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas that launched the operation on the occupied territories on October 7, a review led by the former French foreign minister Catherine Colonna has said.

The Colonna report, which was commissioned by the UN to look at UNRWA's operations and policies in the wake of Israel's allega-

tions, said Israeli authorities have not responded to letters UNRWA in March and April requesting names and evidence in order to open an investigation.

The Zionist regime, according to the independent review, "has not informed UNRWA of any concrete concerns relating to UNRWA staff since 2011".

In late January, Israel accused 12 UNRWA employees of participating in the October 7 operation.

As a result of the allegations, UNRWA terminated the contracts of 10 of the employees (two were

confirmed dead) and 16 countries paused or froze their financial contributions to the agency, amounting to around 50 percent of the agency's budget for the year.

Several countries who froze their contributions, including Australia, Canada and Finland, have since lifted those suspensions, with some citing a lack of evidence.

The UK government, which froze its funding, has said it would await the findings of the report before deciding whether to restore its contribution.

Meanwhile, in the U.S.,

UNRWA's largest donor, Congress passed legislation last month that cuts off funding to the agency for the next year.

At the time the funding was cut, UNRWA said the decision would force the agency, the largest organization operating in Gaza, into a dire situation with lives hanging in the balance.

In addition to its efforts in Gaza, UNRWA delivers essential services including education and healthcare to 5.9 million Palestinians refugees across the region, described in Colonna's report as "indispensable".

Erdogan in Rare Iraq Visit to Discuss Water, Oil, Security

BAGHDAD (AFP) – Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan arrived Monday in neighboring Iraq for his first state visit there in years, with water, oil and regional security issues expected to top the agenda.

Erdogan was greeted with a 21-gun salute at Baghdad's international airport by Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani, state television showed, with the Iraqi and Turkish national anthems played by a marching band.

The Turkish leader met with Iraqi President Abdel Latif Rashid in Baghdad. He told Rashid that Turkey "had expectations of Iraq regarding the fight against the terrorist organization PKK, and that Iraq must be rid of all forms of terrorism", according to his office.

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party), which has fought a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish state and is considered a terrorist group by Ankara, has a presence in northern Iraq, as does the Turkish military.

Erdogan was held a meeting with Sudani, before visiting officials in Arbil, the capital

of northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan Region.

"Iraq and Turkey share a history and have similarities, interests and opportunities, but also problems," Sudani said during an event at the Atlantic Council on the sidelines of a recent visit to Washington.

"Water and security will be at the top of the agenda," he said of the upcoming meeting with Erdogan, who last visited Iraq in 2011.

The trip comes as regional tensions spiral, fueled by the Zionist regime's war in the Gaza Strip and attacks between Israel and Iran.

Farhad Alaaldin, foreign affairs adviser to Sudani, told AFP that the main topics Erdogan will discuss with Iraqi officials include "investments, trade... security aspects of the cooperation between the two countries, water management and water resources".

Alaaldin expects the signing of several memoranda of understanding during the visit. The sharing of water resources is a major

point of contention, with Baghdad highly critical of upstream dams set up by Turkey on their shared Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which have worsened water scarcity in Iraq.

Erdogan said the issue of water would be "one of the most important points" of his visit following "requests" made by the Iraqi side.

"We will make an effort to resolve them, that is also their wish," he said.

Iraqi oil exports are another point of tension, with a major pipeline shut down for over a year over legal disputes and technical issues.

The exports were previously independently sold by the autonomous Kurdistan region, without the approval or oversight of the central administration in Baghdad, through the Turkish port of Ceyhan.

The halted oil sales represent more than \$14 billion in lost revenues for Iraq, according to an estimate by the Association of the Petroleum Industry of Kurdistan which represents international oil companies active in the region.

UN Rapporteur: Gaza Health System 'Completely Obliterated'



Israel's siege reduced al-Shifa, Gaza's largest hospital, to rubble and ashes

GENEVA (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's war in Gaza has from the start been a "war on the right to health" and has "obliterated" the Palestinian territory's health system, a UN expert said on Monday.

Tlaleng Mofokeng, the United Nations special rapporteur on the right to health, accused the Zionist regime of treating human rights as an "a la carte menu".

Just days into the war that has been raging in Gaza since Hamas's unprecedented operation inside the occupied territories on October 7, "the medical infrastructure was irreparably damaged", she told reporters in Geneva.

Amid the unrelenting Israeli bombardment of Gaza, healthcare providers had for months been working under dire conditions with very limited access to medical supplies, she said.

"This has been a war on the right to health from the beginning," said Mofokeng, who is an independent expert appointed by the UN Human Rights Council but who does not speak on behalf of the United Nations.

"The health system in Gaza has been completely obliterated and the right to health has been decimated at every level".

There has been growing global opposition to Israel's carnage in Gaza, which has turned vast areas of the densely populated territory into rubble and sparked a

dire humanitarian crisis including warnings of famine.

The Zionist regime's onslaught began after the October 7, which has killed more than 34,000 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the territory's health ministry.

Its hospitals, which are protected under international humanitarian law, have repeatedly come under attack.

The World Health Organization said earlier this month that al-Shifa, Gaza's largest hospital, had been reduced to ashes by an Israeli siege, leaving an "empty shell" with many bodies.

"The destruction of healthcare facilities continues to catapult to proportions yet to be fully quantified," said Mofokeng, a medical doctor from South Africa.

The expert said she had received no response from Israel to the concerns she had raised about the situation, and that she had not been able to visit the Palestinian territory.

But she said it was obvious that Israel was "killing and causing irreparable harm against Palestinian civilians with its bombardments".

"They are also knowingly and intentionally imposing famine, prolonged malnutrition and dehydration", the expert added accusing Israel of "genocide".

The current situation in Gaza, she said, "is completely incompatible with the right to health".

Media: U.S. Forces Smuggle Stolen Syrian Resources Into Iraq

DAMASCUS (Xinhua) – A convoy of U.S. forces plundered more Syrian sources on Monday, taking out trucks of oil and grain through an illegal crossing with Iraq, state news agency SANA reported.

According to the SANA report, 69 vehicles, including 45 tankers with oil and 24 trucks with wheat, were observed exiting the illegal al-Mahmudiyah crossing on their way to Iraq.

The resources were looted from northeastern Syria's al-Hasakah province, and it is believed that the convoy's destination is U.S. bases in northern Iraq, said the report.

Civilian sources in the countryside of al-Hasakah near the Iraqi border said that U.S. forces have intensified operations to loot and plunder Syrian resources from areas under their control

in the province.

The Syrian government has been accusing the U.S. forces of "pillaging Syrian resources," a move that further exacerbates the economic hardships facing the war-torn country.

Last July, Farhan Jamil Abdullah, head of the government-run Syrian Oil Company, said that the Syrian government had lost control of most of the energy fields as a result of the U.S. presence in oil-rich areas in northern and eastern Syria.

Due to the U.S. sanctions and military presence in Syria, oil production in the country has decreased to 15,000 barrels per day from 385,000 barrels before the crisis, while gas production has plunged from 30 million cubic meters per day to 10 million cubic meters, according to Abdullah.