

'Zionist Regime's Golani Brigade Training ISIL Commanders'

CAIRO (FNA) – The Zionist regime's Golani Infantry Brigade is training the high ranks and commanders of the ISIL terrorist group in the Sinai for sabotage operations in Egypt, a senior Iraqi legislator revealed on Saturday. Wahhab al-Tayee, rapporteur of al-Sadeqoun parliamentary faction in Iraq affiliated to the Asaib Ahl al-Haq group, told FNA that ISIL is nearing complete annihilation in Iraq and Syria, and "it has been transferred to Egypt under the name of Daames (the Islamic State in Egypt and Sudan)".

Thought for Today

Success is the result of foresight and resolution, foresight depends upon deep thinking and planning and the most important factor of planning is to keep your secrets to yourself.

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Report

Pentagon Officials Throw Doubts on Spring Offensive Against ISIL



A US-led coalition pounded Kobani for four months in order to recapture the Syrian border town from the ISIL group.

WASHINGTON (Press TV) – Pentagon officials are throwing doubts on a US military plan to recapture the vital Iraqi city of Mosul from the ISIL terrorists, less than a day after it was revealed, according to a report.

On Thursday, US military officials

publicly outlined details of their plans for a spring offensive against ISIL, and retake Iraq's second largest city as early as April.

However, many within the Pentagon privately questioned whether the plan might work, The Daily Beast reports.

"I really doubt it is going to happen that soon," one military officer told the American news reporting website Friday on condition of anonymity. "And if it does, it will take months."

Several other US military officers told The Daily Beast that the Iraqi forces

were not ready to take on the ISIL Takfiri terrorists. They claimed that many of the Iraqi army's largely Shia troops would not risk their lives to win back a Sunni city.

Pentagon official believe that the planned offensive to retake Mosul would be much harder than the 112-day battle to win back the small northern Syria city of Kobani.

While Kobani was almost abandoned when the US-led coalition intensified its airstrikes there to retake the border town, the heavily-populated city of Mosul is arguably the capital of the ISIL group in Iraq, according to the report.

"They will fight for Mosul. This is not like Kobani, which was peripheral," one US military official told the Daily Beast.

"They will fight to the last drop of blood defending Mosul, and for them this battle could define their existence. Losing Mosul means a final defeat for Islamic State in Iraq," a retired army general living in Mosul told Reuters last month.

A senior US Central Command official said Thursday the "shaping" for the spring offensive is currently underway. A total force of up to 25,000 Iraqi troops are expected to participate in the battle. Three brigades of Kurdish Peshmerga forces will take part as well.

Hamas Condemns Egypt's Pro-Zionist Campaign Against Resistance

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has condemned some Egyptian media for their "pro-Israeli campaign of incitement" against the group and the people of Gaza.

A statement by Hamas spokesman, Sami Abu Zuhri, on Saturday rejected reports by Egyptian media that militants from Gaza are involved in the armed militancy in east Egypt.

Abu Zuhri condemned the unfounded claims and urged the Arab governments to stop the conspiracy.

"Hamas calls on Arab states to bear their responsibilities towards this incitement not only on Hamas but also on the Palestinian people. We call for a large media campaign to unveil this conspiracy," said Abu Zuhri.

The statement dismissed reports that Hamas fighters have crossed into Egyptian territory, saying that the resistance movement continues fulfilling its responsibility regarding the protection of the Gaza-Egypt border.

"All the tunnels underneath the border with Egypt had been destroyed and there are both Palestinian and Egyptian security forces guarding the borders area," said the Palestinian official.

On Friday, the Sky News Arabia, a news channel which is based in

Dubai and is close to the government in Cairo, claimed that the Egyptian army has raised the alert level in Sinai following reports that militants have crossed into the region from Gaza. Cairo has yet to make any statement on the report.

Hamas and Egypt have considerably downgraded their relations after a pro-Hamas government in Cairo led by President Mohamed Morsi was ousted in the summer of 2013 in a coup. Last month, Egypt listed as terrorist the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas and the most notable force standing against Israel's repeated attacks on the Gaza Strip over the past years.

The incumbent military-backed government of Egypt has been involved in a deadly battle with militants in the restive Sinai region, which borders Gaza. Dozens of security forces and civilians have been killed over the past months in attacks that were claimed by the militant group calling itself Ansar Bait al-Maqdis.

Sporadic attacks on security forces have continued over the past weeks despite a pledge by the Western-backed President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in January that he will do everything in his capacity to eradicate the militancy in the Arab country.

US Hypocrisy on Takfiri Terror Boomerangs

(Dispatches) - The US Justice Department has indicted an American teen for attempting to join the Takfiri terrorists, which Washington itself had equipped and sent thorough Turkey to destabilize Syria and Iraq.

According to reports, Andrew Luger, the US attorney for Minnesota, said Thursday that Hamza Naj Ahmed, 19, was indicted on charges of joining the ISIL – the self-styled Islamic State of Iraq and Levant.

He said dozens of people from the US have traveled or attempted to travel overseas in support of terror since 2007.

Ahmed along with three other men arrived at New York City's John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK) on November 18 from Minneapolis to fly to Turkey, the indictment and documents show.

He managed to board the plane while the other three were prevented from boarding the flights. However, before the plane took off, Ahmed was arrested by the US Customs and Border Protection agents.

In January, another American teenager was indicted by a federal grand jury for trying to travel to Syria to join the ISIL terrorist group.

Mohammed Hamza Khan, 19, from Chicago was formally charged on January 8 with trying to provide material to the ISIL terrorists, the US Justice Department said in a statement.

The US, along with the Zionist entity, reactionary Arab states and Turkey, had recruited thousands of hoodlums from other countries to band together as ISIL in order to destabilize the Middle East, but it now seems, US citizens are also being attracted to this terrorist outfit, embarrassing American authorities, who have begun to fear the backlash from homecoming terrorists.

The ISIL terrorists were trained by the CIA in Jordan in 2012 to try to overthrow government of Syria – a task in which they failed, thanks to the resistance of popular forces. The ISIL terrorists also failed in their US-backed mission to take Baghdad because of the mass mobilization of Iraqis on the instructions of Grand Ayatollah Sistani.

The US is now trying to pretend that it is against the ISIL and similar groups, and is carrying out mock bombing sorties by its air force, which according to eyewitness accounts, are actually dropping army and supplies to the terrorists.

"The idiom: REAP WHAT YOU SOW, is very appropriate to explain the vice committed by CIA" Remarkd my friend Jamsheed, nicknamed Jimmy (the simpleminded).

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Source:

Yemen Resigned Leader Leaves Home in Sana'a

SANAA (Press TV) – The Yemeni president, who resigned last month, has left his home in the capital city of Sana'a after weeks under effective house arrest, a source says.

A presidential aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi was headed to Yemen's southern city of Aden on Saturday, adding, "He managed to leave his house this morning and his way is being secured to reach Aden."

On January 22, Hadi and the cabinet of Prime Minister Khaled Bahah resigned. The Yemeni parliament has rejected Hadi's resignation.

Hadi's departure came a day after the United Nations Special Adviser on Yemen Jamal Benomar said the opposing sides in Yemen's conflict had agreed on the formation of a democratic transitional council, which will be tasked with making efforts to end the chaos in the Arab

country.

Last week, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) unanimously approved a resolution drafted on the situation in the country, calling on the involved parties to negotiate an end to the conflict.

The 15-member council urged the Shia Houthi movement to "immediately and unconditionally" withdraw its fighters from Yemen's government institutions and release Hadi as well as his cabinet from house arrest.

The Houthi movement, however, rejected the UNSC demand to relinquish power and said the council should "respect the will and sovereignty of the Yemeni people, and to be accurate and objective."

The revolutionaries also cautioned the UN council against following "the lead of regional powers" which they said "aim tirelessly to eliminate the will of the Yemeni people



The file photo shows Yemeni President Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi who resigned in January 2015.

in a flagrant violation of international conventions that criminalize meddling in internal affairs."

Earlier this month, the Houthi movement dissolved the parliament and announced a constitutional declaration on the Transitional National

Council, following weeks of clashes with government forces.

The Ansarullah revolutionaries say the Yemeni government has been incapable of properly running the affairs of the country and providing security.

US Defense Secretary Visits Afghanistan

KABUL (Dispatches) – New US Defense Secretary Ash Carter has arrived in Afghanistan on an unannounced visit to meet with the country's officials, a report says.

Carter arrived in the war-torn country on Saturday which marks his first official visit since he took over the job on Tuesday.

Carter said that he plans to meet with Afghan and American officials to make sure "lasting" success is achieved as US troops are withdrawing from the country.

US-led foreign forces formally ended combat operations in Afghanistan in December, with only 13,500 troops remaining there in an advisory role.

"We're looking for success in Afghanistan that is lasting, and the lasting accomplishment of our mission here," Carter told reporters shortly before landing in Kabul. "How to do that, what the best way to do that is, is precisely what I'm here to assess."

The Pentagon chief said he was told by President Barack Obama to carry out his own assessment of the situation in Afghanistan adding he would suggest "adjustments" if necessary.

Carter met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani at the Presidential Palace in Kabul on Saturday and discussed the future of the US military presence in Afghanistan.

Carter said he was willing to get an update from Ghani, noting they would talk about peace efforts by Afghanistan with Taliban militants.

According to senior Pakistani, Afghan and diplomatic officials, the Afghan Taliban have voiced their readiness to start peace negotiations with Kabul.