

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Palestinian and Zionist officials will resume indirect talks on the crisis in the beleaguered Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

The Egypt-brokered talks are set to resume in the Egyptian capital Cairo, officials said on Saturday.

“Egypt has invited Palestinian and Israeli delegations

Wealth reaches both believers and unbelievers (Kafir), while knowledge is reserved only for those who are worthy of it.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Syrian Army Forces Score Major Gains



Syrian armed forces score major advances against the foreign-backed terrorists across the country.

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – Syrian army forces have continued carrying out military operations against the foreign-backed terrorists across the country, inflicting major losses and casualties on the terrorists.

On Saturday, Syrian troops launched an operation in the north of the capital, Damascus, taking control of several industrial build-

ings. They also discovered a tunnel used by the terrorists.

In Jobar district of the capital, government forces managed to kill a number of terrorists, including non-Syrian nationals.

Syrian troops also confronted terrorists in the Damascus suburbs of Tal al-Sawan, al-Bilaliyeh, Zamalka, Douma, located about 10 kilom-

eters northeast of the capital, as well as the industrial city of Ain Tarma. Several terrorists were killed and wounded during the operations.

Meanwhile, intense clashes erupted between the Syrian forces and terrorists in the al-Doukhaniyeh neighborhood of Damascus on Saturday. The Syrian army killed and injured a number of terrorists.

Foreign-sponsored terrorists also suffered losses in Syria's northwestern province of Aleppo as Syrian army troops closed in on the armed groups.

Terrorist hideouts were raided by Syrian forces in the towns of Ekarada, Qabtan al-Jabal, al-Mintar, Kafr Abid and Maskana. Government forces destroyed several pick-up trucks with machine guns mounted on them, killing and injuring a number of terrorists during the operations.

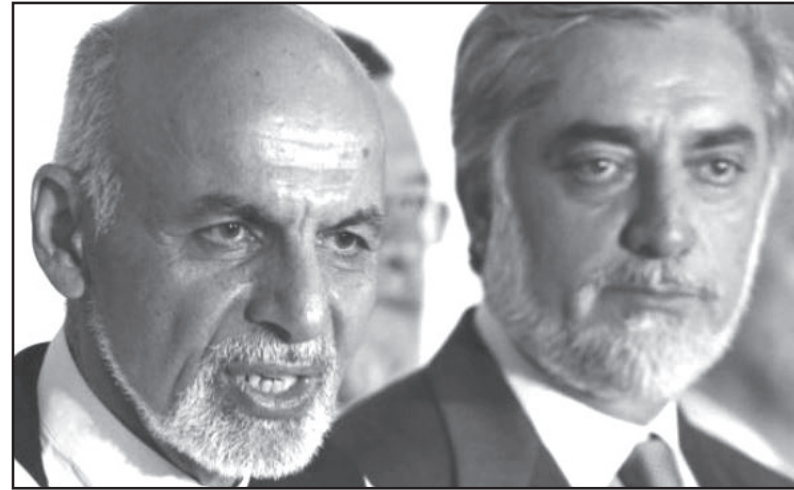
In the city of Aleppo, located in 310 kilometers (193 miles) north of Damascus, foreign-backed terrorists fired rockets, which left several civilians injured and caused massive damage.

Syria has been gripped by deadly violence since 2011 with ISIL Takfiri terrorists currently controlling parts of it, mostly in the east.

The Western powers and their regional allies - especially Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey - are reportedly supporting the terrorists operating inside Syria.

More than 191,000 people have been killed in over three years of fighting in the war-ravaged country, says the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), calling the figure a probable “underestimate of the real total number of people killed.”

Afghan Presidential Rivals to Sign Unity Deal



Afghan rival presidential candidates Abdullah Abdullah (R) and Ashraf Ghani are expected to sign a unity agreement.

KABUL (AFP) – Afghanistan's two rival presidential candidates, Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani, are expected to sign a power-sharing agreement.

Abdullah and Ghani are expected to sign a deal to form a unity government on Sunday.

“Both candidates are expected to sign an agreement on the structure of National Unity [Government] tomorrow,” the spokesman for outgoing President Hamid Karzai, Aimal Faizi, said late Saturday.

The agreement was reportedly reached during a meeting between the two candidates and Karzai.

This comes as Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission (IEC) is also expected to announce the final results of the country's disputed presidential election.

The two candidates claim to have won the presidential election held in June.

Ghani, who won the election based on preliminary results, is set to become president, with Abdullah possibly taking on the role of “chief executive officer.”

Earlier this month, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called on both candidates to agree to a unity government deal.

The new government will replace the administration of Karzai, which has been in power since Washington and its allies invaded the country in 2001.

Afghanistan's new government will have to decide on its relationship with the US-led NATO alliance, after Karzai refused to sign a security agreement that would ensure a continued presence of foreign military forces in the country.

15 Militants, 1 Soldier Killed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) – At least 15 pro-Taliban militants and one soldier have been killed in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area, the country's army says.

On Saturday, Pakistan's Inter Services Public Relations said that army helicopters had killed 12 militants in North Waziristan's Ghulam Ali area.

Army sources also said that three militant hideouts and four explosive-laden vehicles had been destroyed in the airstrikes.

In the town of Boya, three militants and one soldier were also killed in clashes.

This comes just days after the Pakistani army carried out a number of airstrikes in the town of Datta Khel,

near the border with Afghanistan, killing some 40 militants. They also managed to destroy ammunition depots belonging to the militants.

The Pakistani army says it has killed over 1,000 militants since it started its clean-up operation along its border with Afghanistan in June.

North Waziristan's tribal region has long

been home to pro-Taliban militants. The militant groups in Pakistan have carried out numerous attacks against Pakistani security forces and civilians.

Many Pakistanis have lost their lives in bombings and other militant attacks since 2001, when the Pakistani government entered an alliance with Washington in its so-called war on terror.

Clashes Between Rival Factions Continue in Yemeni capital

SANAA (Press TV) – Fierce fighting continues between the Ansarullah fighters of the Shia Houthi movement and members of the Salafist Islah party despite a curfew imposed by Yemen's top security body in the restive areas of the capital, Sana'a.

Clashes are underway in several parts of the city, including in Sana'a University. Several explosions were also heard in the northern parts of the conflict-plagued city.

On Saturday, the Supreme Security Commission declared the curfew in the north and west of Sana'a.

Meanwhile, the UN envoy to Yemen Jamal Benomar says an agreement has been reached between the warring sides to resolve the crisis.

He said the deal is based on the outcomes of the National Dialog Conference and that preparations are underway to sign the agreement.

Fighting has been raging on between Ansarullah fighters and loyalists to Salafist Islah party in Sana'a since Thursday.

The Salafists are backed by some army units, which are under the control of Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar,



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the stepbrother of the country's deposed dictator Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The Yemeni capital has been the scene of protests by Ansarullah members for weeks; they have been demanding the establishment of a new government and the reinstatement of fuel subsidies. The protesters say the government is corrupt and marginalizes the country's Shia community.

The Human Rights Watch (HRW) recently called on Yemeni authorities to probe the use of force against

anti-government protesters in Sana'a and other cities.

The Houthi movement played a key role in the popular revolution that forced former dictator, Ali Abdullah Saleh, to step down in February 2012.

Iraqi Forces Foil Gas Attack in East

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraqi forces have foiled a poisonous gas attack by the ISIL terrorists in residential areas of an eastern province, an Iraqi lawmaker says.

Lawmaker Foral al-Tamimi said on Saturday that the army forces dismantled seven rockets filled with chlorine gas in the Diyala province.

The rockets had reportedly been prepared to be launched against civilian compounds in the city of Muqadiyah.

In July, Iraq warned that the Takfiri terrorists have taken control of a huge former chemical weapons facility northwest of the capital Baghdad.

In a letter distributed at the UN on July 8, Iraq said remnants of 2,500 chemical rockets filled with the deadly nerve agent sarin are kept in the facility along with other chemical warfare agents. On June 12, the site's surveillance system showed that some equipment had been looted.

The Takfiri terrorists currently control parts of Syria and Iraq. They have threatened all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds, Christians, Izadi Kurds and others, as

they continue their atrocities in Iraq.

Senior Iraqi officials have blamed Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and some Persian Gulf Arab states for the growing terrorism in their country.

The terrorist group has links with Saudi intelligence and is believed to be indirectly supported by the Israeli regime.

Meanwhile, Kobani (also Ayn al-Arab) Kurdish region in Northern Syria has been beset with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) for the last two years and it has been under siege by the terrorist group during the last 18 months; but now they might be massacred in thousands any moment.

The terrorist organization has laid a siege to the town one and a half years ago and isolated it from the outside world. Before that, Turkey had shut the border checkpoints for emergency supplies to the population.

On 15 September, ISIL started a major assault against Kobani with heavy weaponry – including tanks – and managed to gain ample terrain. Current reports speak of massacres of civilians and hijackings of young women and girls.

50,000 People Evacuated as Flooding Hits Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (FNA) – Pakistan's disaster management agency said that rescuers with boats and helicopters had evacuated about 50,000 people from the country's south after raging floods inundated more villages there.

“About two dozen people were killed in the past 24 hours in the Eastern Punjab province, raising the death toll from rains and flooding to 346,” Pakistan's National Disaster Management Agency said in a statement, CTV reported.

“Flood waters wreaked havoc in Punjab province and were now passing through remote areas in the Southern Sindh province, but so far no deaths had been reported there. Pictures from Pakistani news channels showed submerged villages and people living in tents and in open areas,” it added.

Medical staff in the flood-hit areas has so far treated more than 300,000 patients.