

BAGHDAD (FNA) – Iraq's top Shiite Cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani met with the country's prime minister in a sign of support for his newly-formed government and its struggle against the ISIL terrorist group. Iraqi state TV says the Prime Minister, Haider al-Abadi, arrived in Najaf on Monday and met the Supreme Religious Authority, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, at his arrival and Ayatollah Sistani received Abadi at his residence in Najaf province, Al-Alam reported.

When a community is composed of honest, sober and virtuous people, your forming a bad opinion about anyone of its members, when nothing wicked has been seen of him is a great injustice to him.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

# Iraq Bomb Attacks Kill 33 in Baghdad, Karbala



Iraqi municipal workers clean up the site of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad's Karaada district.

BAGHDAD (AFP) – At least 33 people have been killed in Iraq in a series of bombings in the capital city of Baghdad and the holy city of Karbala.

An assailant blew up his explosives among worshippers leaving a Shia mosque in a commercial area in the center of Baghdad following midday prayers on Monday.

Iraqi officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said at least 17 people lost their lives and 28 others were injured. Hours later, three separate car

bombs went off simultaneously near government offices in the Shia holy city of Karbala, killing at least 16 people and injuring 40 others.

There has been a rise in bomb attacks by the ISIL terrorists group in Iraq during the last week, claiming scores of lives.

On Sunday afternoon, a bomb explosion outside a Shia Muslim mosque in western Baghdad left 17 worshippers dead and dozens wounded.

The overall security situation in Iraq has worsened over the past months after the ISIL Takfiri terrorists, of whom many are foreign terrorists, took control of parts of the country's northern and western regions.

According to the United Nations, at least 1,110 people were killed in acts of violence across Iraq in September.

The ISIL terrorists have been committing heinous crimes in the captured areas, including mass executions and beheading of people. They have threatened all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds, Christians and Izadi Kurds.

## 20 Ansarullah Fighters Killed In Southern Yemen



At least 20 Ansarullah fighters are killed in clashes with al-Qaeda-linked terrorists in Yemen.

SANAA (Press TV) – At least 20 fighters from the Shia Houthi Ansarullah movement have lost their lives in a fresh fighting with al-Qaeda-linked militants in southern Yemen.

Yemeni tribal sources said on Monday that the deadly clashes broke out in the strategic town of Rada' in the province of al-Bayda. The al-Qaeda-linked militants also seized 12 Ansarullah fighters during the clashes.

Houthi fighters have been making advances in Yemen's restive south, taking control of the towns of Yarim and Rada'. Al-Qaeda-linked militants were controlling the towns for nearly two years.

The Ansarullah fighters have been sending reinforcements to the south, near al-Qaeda strongholds, in an attempt to drive the terrorists

out of the area.

In September, Ansarullah revolutionary fighters gained control over the capital, following a four-day battle with army forces loyal to General Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, the half-brother of former dictator, Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Ansarullah fighters already control the cities of Sana'a, Ibb, Dhamar and the major port city of Hodeida. They also secured their presence in Tawwal border crossing and Wagha region in Hajjah Province on Saturday.

The Ansarullah movement played a major role in the popular uprising that forced Saleh to step down after more than 33 years in power.

Yemen has been facing threats from al-Qaeda-linked militants, as well as a separatist movement in the country's southern region.

## Kurds: US Arms Airdrops Not Enough to Defeat ISIL in Kobani

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – Kurdish forces fighting the ISIL in the Syrian border town of Kobani say munitions airdropped by the US are not enough to help them in its battle against the terrorists.

Redur Xelil, a spokesman for the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), said on Monday that scores of fighters from the armed group are struggling to hold on to Kobani, known in Arabic as Ain al-Arab.

He added that fighting between Kurdish forces and the ISIL members wouldn't come to an end anytime soon.

"We do not think the battle of Kobani will end that quickly. The forces of ISIL are still heavily present and determined to occupy Kobani. In addition, there is resolve from the YPG to repel this attack," Xelil noted.

This comes as the US Central



Smoke rises following a strike in the Syrian border town of Kobani during fighting between Kurdish forces and the ISIL Takfiri terrorists.

Command said in a statement that three C-130 transport planes conducted airdrops of small-arms weapons, ammunition and medical supplies in the vicinity of Kobani on Sunday.

It said the airdrops, which have

been provided by Kurdish authorities in Iraq, were "intended to enable continued resistance against ISIL's attempts to overtake Kobani."

Kobani and its surroundings have been under attack since mid-Sep-

tember, with ISIL terrorists capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages.

ISIL's advance in the region has forced tens of thousands of Syrian Kurds to flee into Turkey, which is a stone's throw from Kobani.

Turkey continues to block any delivery of military, medical or humanitarian assistance into Kobani where the ISIL terrorists are feared to be aiming at massive bloodletting.

Analysts say Ankara, having already won the US green light, plans to let the terrorists seize the Kurdish town of Kobani before sending tanks and troops to fight them in a bid to capture and possibly annex the Syrian territory.

This is while Press TV has learned that Washington has moved its base from Jordan to Turkey to train radical extremists who are fighting the Syrian government.

## Bahrain Court Extends Custody of Nabeel Rajab

MANAMA (Press TV) – A Bahraini court has remanded prominent rights activist Nabeel Rajab in custody after the first hearing in his trial ended on charges of insulting officials.

On Sunday, the court adjourned the trial of Rajab, the director of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights (BCHR), until October 29.

He has been accused of posting tweets in which he said members of Bahraini security forces are fighting alongside terrorists in Syria.

Rajab was under the regime's custody in Jaw prison in eastern Bahrain from July 9, 2012 until May this year.

The United Nations has condemned the Bahraini government for arresting Rajab.

"We urge Bahraini authorities to immediately release Nabeel Rajab and all other individuals detained for peaceful exercise of their rights," said Rupert Colville, the spokesman for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), at a press conference in the Swiss city of Geneva on October 3.

The New York based Human Rights Watch (HRW) also called on Manama regime to release Rajab, saying that Bahrain wishes to "silence its critics" with such actions.

Since mid-February 2011, thousands of pro-democracy protesters have held numerous demonstrations in the streets of Bahrain, calling for the Al Khalifa royal family to relinquish power.

On March 14, 2011, troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates invaded the country to assist the Bahraini government in its crackdown on peaceful protesters.

According to local sources, scores of people have been killed.

## Israeli MP: Zionist Troops Worse Than ISIL Terrorists

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – An Israeli lawmaker says there is no difference between Zionist troops and terrorists of the ISIL and that both are "armies of murderers with no boundaries and red lines."

"They (ISIL) kill one person at a time with a knife and the IDF at the press of a button [kills] dozens of Palestinians," Haneen Zoabi said in a Sunday interview with Channel 2 Online.

The Arab member of the Israeli Knesset added that an Israeli pilot is no less a terrorist than a person who takes a knife and commits a beheading.

The Israeli military unleashed aerial attacks on Gaza in early July and later expanded its military campaign with a ground invasion of the Palestinian strip. Over 2,130 Palestinians, including around 570 children, lost their

lives and some 11,000 were injured in the raids.

"In Iraq and Syria, they (ISIL terrorists) have their picture taken with a knife and here they (Zionist troops) have their picture taken with dead bodies and with their bombardments and they also laugh," Zoabi said.

The ISIL Takfiri terrorists currently control parts of Syria and Iraq. The ISIL terrorists have been committing heinous crimes in the captured areas, including mass executions and beheading of people.

Zoabi went on to say that "The M-16 [rifles] and the bombardments kill more than a knife."

The comments caused an uproar across the Israeli political spectrum, with Likud MK Miri Regev calling Zoabi "a dangerous enemy of Israel who belongs in jail."

## 18 Taliban Killed in Afghan Mop-up Operations

KABUL (FNA) – At least 18 Taliban militants were killed in joint military operations by Afghan national security forces in the past 24 hours.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Monday that the operations were conducted in Laghman, Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Ghazni, Khost and Paktiya provinces, Khaama Press reported.

A statement released by MoI said the operations were jointly conducted by

Afghan national police, Afghan national army and Afghan intelligence – national directorate of security (NDS) operatives.

Afghan National Police discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition, the statement added.

MoI said, during the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused 22 different types of IEDs from Ghazni, Kandahar and Laghman provinces.