

Netanyahu: BDS Movement Threatening Israel's Existence

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Tel Aviv is being endangered by an international campaign to boycott the regime.

Netanyahu said at a meeting of his new cabinet on Sunday that the international campaign seeks to deny what he referred to as Israelis' right to live in the territories they have occupied.

He further said that the international campaign to boycott Israel and Israeli-made products is aimed at blackening the regime's name and delegitimizing its existence.

Bibi said Israel is being vastly singled out by the international community as world rights bodies continue to protest over its serious human rights violations. He further rejected the idea that Israeli regime is the "focus of all evil in the

world".

The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS Movement) is a global campaign which uses economic and political pressure on Israel to comply with the goals of the movement -- the end of Israeli occupation and colonization of Palestinian land particularly through illegal settlement constructions in the Palestinian territories.

The movement against the Tel

Aviv regime began in July 2005 by 171 Palestinian organizations, calling for "various forms of boycott against the regime until it meets its obligations under international law."

More than half a million Zionists live in over 120 illegal settlements built since the regime's occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East al-Quds in 1967.

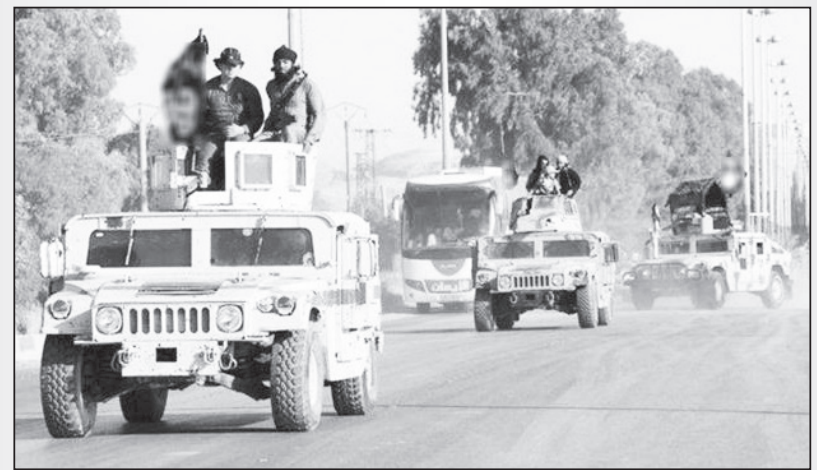
PM: Iraq Lost 2,300 Humvee Armored Vehicles to ISIL

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has acknowledged that security forces lost 2,300 Humvee armored vehicles when the ISIL Takfiri group overran the northern city of Mosul.

"In the collapse of Mosul, we lost a lot of weapons," Abadi said on Sunday in an interview with Iraqiya state TV. "We lost 2,300 Humvees in Mosul alone."

The crisis in Iraq escalated after the ISIL terrorists took control of Mosul, in a lightning advance on June 10, 2014.

ISIL has used captured Humvees, which were provided to Iraq by the United States, in subsequent attacks, reports said.



Humvee armored vehicles captured by ISIL terrorists

While the exact price of the vehicles varies depending on how they are armored and equipped,

it is clearly a huge loss on the government's side.

In 2014, the US State Depart-

ment approved a possible sale to Iraq of 1,000 Humvees with increased armor, machine guns, grenade launchers as well as other gear and support that was estimated to cost \$579 million.

The Takfiris gained ample arms, ammunition, and other equipment when multiple Iraqi divisions fell apart in the country's north and west.

The Iraqi army backed by volunteer forces has managed to regain some occupied regions especially in northern Iraq.

The ISIL terrorists have perpetrated heinous crimes and terrorized all communities, including Shias, Sunnis, Kurds, and Christians during their onslaughts in Iraq.

Afghan President Demands Action From Pakistan Against Taliban



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani (R) speaks during a press conference while Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif looks on at the Presidential palace in Kabul.

KABUL (Press TV) – Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has demanded tough action from Pakistan against Taliban militants amid deteriorating security situation along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

In a letter seeking greater anti-

terrorism cooperation, President Ghani on Sunday asked Islamabad's civilian government and military leadership to condemn Taliban's so-called spring offensive.

In late April, the Taliban militant group announced the start of its an-

nual offensive against Afghan forces and the US-led foreign troops and launched a new wave of attacks across the war-ravaged country.

The Afghan president also reiterated Kabul's longstanding demand that Pakistan deny the militants sanctuary and hideouts on its side of the border.

The letter also called on Islamabad's law enforcement agencies to detain members of the Pakistani-based Taliban-allied Haqqani network "responsible for recent terror campaign in Afghanistan."

The developments come as the spy agencies of the two neighboring countries this month agreed to share intelligence and boost cooperation in their fight against the terrorism.

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited Afghanistan in early May to hold talks on ways to reinforce cooperation between the two neighbors in the battle against militants on both sides of the border.

Tensions and distrust between the two neighbors have escalated in recent years. Senior Afghan officials have frequently blamed elements within Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) for harboring Taliban militants, who have waged a 13-year war against Afghan and foreign forces in the country.

This is while Islamabad blames Kabul for giving refuge to militants on its side of the border.

Under the pretext of the so-called war on terror, the US and its NATO allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001. However, Afghanistan continues to reel from insecurity and instability several years after the US-led campaign ousted the Taliban militants.

The violence and militancy has also spilled over into Pakistan.

The US announced an end to its combat mission in Afghanistan on December 31, 2014, but at least 13,500 foreign troops, mainly Americans, have remained in the country.

Zionist Regime Places Jailed Hamas Commander in Solitary Confinement

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime has placed a jailed commander of Palestinian resistance movement, Hamas, in solitary confinement, the spokeswoman for Israel's prisons authority says.

Abdallah Barghouti, who is serving 67 life terms, was caught speaking to a radio station aired in the besieged Gaza Strip, Sivan Weizman said.

Barghouti used a mobile telephone that he had "smuggled into the prison where he is being held, and has been placed in an isolation cell," she added.

"We are steadfast and waiting patiently, according to your promise to us," Barghouti said in his interview with the radio station, adding, "We will continue adhering to it whether we are released today or in another thousand years."

Israel has not made clear how long Barghouti would be held in solitary confinement.

The Palestinian resistance fighter, affiliated with the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, was arrested in 2003 and sentenced to 67 life terms for his alleged involvement in several attacks against Israelis, including the bombing of a restaurant in al-Quds in 2001 that killed 15 Zionists and wounded dozens more.

Abdullah Barghouti is a relative of Marwan Barghouti, the former head of the Palestinian Fatah party that operates in the occupied West Bank.

Abdullah Barghouti was the leader of the second Palestinian intifada (uprising) which lasted from 2000 to 2005.

Zionist troops frequently raid the houses of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, arresting many people, who are then transferred to Israeli prisons, where they are kept without any charges brought against them.

According to the Palestinian Prisoners' Affairs Committee (PPAC), there are more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners who are currently held in some 17 Zionist jails, dozens of whom are serving multiple life sentences.

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Iran and the six powers during the previous rounds of talks and changed its approaches and tone.

He said the American officials are making excessive demands in dealing with Iran's nuclear issue and urged the Iranian negotiators to act vigilantly.

Iran and the P5+1 -- the United States, France, Britain, Russia and China -- are seeking to finalize a comprehensive deal on Iran's nuclear issue. The two sides have been working on the text of the potential deal ever since they reached a mutual understanding on its parameters in the Swiss city of Lausanne on April 2.

The senior Iranian official further said all sanctions against the country should be lifted simultaneously with Tehran's measures.

"As mentioned by Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Iran will not allow that they (P5+1 countries) will humiliate the country's scientists under the pretext of meeting nuclear scientists," Velayati said.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses a commencement ceremony for graduates of Imam Hussein Military Academy in Tehran on May 20, 2015.

On May 20, Ayatollah Khamenei said Iran would not allow any inspections by foreigners of its military sites.

"They (P5+1 countries) are making new comments in the nuclear negotiations. Regarding the inspections, we have said that we will not allow foreigners to carry out inspections of any (Iranian) military sites," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that foreigners' call for interview with Iranian nuclear scientists means "interrogation" and emphasized that he would not allow foreigners to speak with Iranian scientists in the nuclear domain and "other sensitive fields".

Russian veto on sanctions restoration.

France's Ambassador to the United States Gerard Araud said in Washington last week that, under a French idea, sanctions would be reinstated automatically in the event of non-compliance, avoiding the threat of a veto.

A senior Iranian diplomat confirmed that discussions of specific snapback options were underway. He told Reuters Tehran was preparing its own "snapback" in the event the Western powers fail to live up to their commitments under the agreement.

"At least three or four different suggestions have been put on the table, which are being reviewed," he said.

"Iran also can immediately resume its activities if the other parties involved do not fulfill their obligations under the deal."

He added that it was "a very sensitive issue".

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"We simply let our partners in the European Union know that we, too, have a blacklist because we did not want to follow the European Union's bad example and stage a noisy campaign publicizing these names."

Meanwhile, U.S.-led NATO drills began Monday in the Baltic states and Poland, a move intended to reassure Russia's nervous neighbors amid tensions over Ukraine.

Russia's increased military presence in the Baltic Sea and regional airspace since its annexation of Crimea from Ukraine last year has jangled nerves in the area, which lay behind the Iron Curtain 25 years ago.

More than 6,000 troops from 13 NATO countries are participating in the Saber Strike 2015 drills in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, all EU and NATO members.

"This is one of the biggest exercises in Lithuania since we joined NATO" in 2004, Major General Almantas Leika, commander of Lithuania's land forces, told reporters in Vilnius.

"The huge allied presence demonstrates solidarity with the countries of this region," he said, adding that Lithuania is hosting the command centre for the drills.

NATO has been guarding the skies over the three small Baltic states since 2004, when they joined the defense alliance but lacked the air power to monitor their own airspace.

Last month, the Baltic trio formally asked NATO to permanently deploy several thousand troops in their region as a deterrent to Russia.

NATO has not yet replied to the request, military spokesman Lithuanian Captain Mindaugas Neimontas told AFP.

The exercises, organized by the U.S. Army in Europe, will run until June 19 and include Abrams tanks and B-52 bombers, General Leika said.

The drills take place after Russia last week began conducting unexpected war games involving 12,000 troops and 250 aircraft, at the same time as NATO planes joined Nordic air forces for a drill in Sweden's sub-Arctic north.

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want any easing of UN sanctions to be automatically reversible if Tehran violates a deal. Russia and China traditionally reject such automatic measures as undermining their veto power as permanent members of the UN Security Council.

As part of the new agreement on sanctions snapback, suspected breaches by Iran would be taken up by a dispute-resolution panel, likely including the six powers and Iran, which would assess the allegations and come up with a non-binding opinion, the officials said, Reuters reported.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would also continue regularly reporting on Iran's nuclear program, which would provide the six powers and the Security Council with information on Tehran's activities to enable them to assess compliance.

If Iran was found to be in non-compliance with the terms of the deal, then UN sanctions would be restored, it said.

The officials did not say precisely how sanctions would be restored but Western powers have been adamant that it should take place without a Security Council vote, based on provisions to be included in a new UN Security Council resolution to be adopted after a deal is struck.

A senior Iranian diplomat said Iran was now reviewing several options for the possible "snapback" of Security Council sanctions against Tehran, Reuters claimed.

It was unclear exactly how the snapback mechanism would function, and the officials did not discuss the precise details. It was also unclear how the proposal would protect the United States and other permanent Council members from a possible Chinese or

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restriction imposed on its nationals, and hopes it will end at the earliest," Afkham said.

Her remarks came after the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) said it has received notification from the ECFMG, as its source verification provider, that the ECFMG is not processing incoming and outgoing credentials issued by Iranian schools and institutions at this time.

ECFMG, based in the United States, is assessing whether the current U.S. law permits interactions with educational, healthcare, and medical licensing institutions in Iran.