

BEIRUT (Press TV) – Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement has welcomed the nation's army intervention in the border town of Aarsal to combat Takfiri terrorists that have fled Syria. "The party welcomes the Lebanese army's entrance into the town and looks toward its reinforced presence," said Hezbollah's Deputy Chairman of Executive Council Sheikh Nabil Qaouk on Sunday.

O you, who are blaming the world, who have been allured and enticed by it, and have been tempted by its false pretenses. You allowed yourself to be enamored of, to be captivated by it and then you accuse and blame it.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Turks Commemorate Victims of Mavi Marmara Attack



Turkish demonstrators march to mark the fifth anniversary of a Zionist attack that killed 10 people on a Gaza-bound ship in the city of Istanbul.

ANKARA (Dispatches) – Tens of thousands of protesters have held a rally in the Turkish city of Istanbul to commemorate the anniversary of the Zionist regime's 2010 attack on a Gaza-bound aid ship that left 10 Turkish activists dead.

The rally was held on Sunday with the demonstrators assembling at a mosque in the Istanbul district of Fatih for the commemoration

event. After holding prayers inside and outside the mosque, they listened to an address by the father of one of the victims.

On Sunday morning, young activists displayed in a play the pains caused by the Zionist separation barrier for the Palestinian people as well as the Zionist troops' treatment of Palestinians.

Activists also took a bike tour of

Istanbul with Palestinian and Turkish flags, and banners, to remember those who lost their lives in the brutal raid while in the evening people, shouting pro-Palestinian slogans, marched to the graveyard where the victims are put to rest. The commemoration event ended after prayers in the graveyard.

Over 100,000 people are estimated to have participated in the

activities, says Izzet Sahin, a board member of the IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, the Istanbul-based aid group that organized the commemoration events.

"Although five years have passed since the incident, the motivation of people to achieve justice is alive more than ever," he was quoted by media reports as saying.

Earlier in the day, a group of IHH members held morning prayers in front of the Zionist ambassador's residence in the capital of Ankara.

On May 31, 2010, Israeli commandos attacked the Turkish-flagged MV Mavi Marmara that was part of the Freedom Flotilla in the high seas in the Mediterranean Sea, killing nine Turkish citizens, including a teenager with dual Turkish-US citizenship, and injuring about 50 other people who were part of the team on the six-ship convoy. A 10th died recently after four years in a coma.

The flotilla was attempting to break the Israeli naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, carrying aid to the Palestinians in the impoverished enclave.

Gaza has been blockaded since June 2007, which has caused a decline in the standards of living, unprecedented levels of unemployment, and unrelenting poverty.

The attack sparked international outcry and plunged relations between Tel Aviv and Ankara to an all-time low at the time.

Syria Kurdish Fighters Drive ISIL Out of 12 Villages



Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) fighters sit in the back of a truck in the town of Tal Hamis, Syria.

DAMASCUS (Press TV) – Kurdish forces have recaptured a dozen villages from the ISIL Takfiri terrorists near the Syrian northern province of Raqqqa.

According to the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights on Sunday, the Kurdish People's Protection Units, also known as YPG, liberated eight of the villages, located on the western edges of the province, which is the main stronghold of Takfiri terrorists in the war-ridden country.

"Kurdish units and their allies advanced and took control of at least eight villages southeast of Kobani," said the monitoring group.

The observatory added that Kurdish fighters also flushed Takfiri elements out of four other villages near the city of Ras al-Ain in the north-eastern Hasakah province.

According to reports, the fighting between the two sides is still going

on in Hasakah near the Kurdish border. The clashes have so far claimed the lives of at least eight ISIL terrorists and three Kurdish forces.

"There are still clashes between the YPG and ISIL southwest of Ras al-Ain," the observatory went to say.

The Kurdish victories came a day after the ISIL terrorists attacked the capital of Hasakah province, advancing around four kilometers into the key city.

On January 26, Kurdish fighters managed to wrest full control of the strategic town of Kobani, also known as Ain al-Arab.

Takfiris started their campaign of terror in Syria in March 2011 with the backing of Western powers and their regional allies, including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Qatar.

At least 222,000 people have been killed in the Arab country since the onset of the clashes fueled by Takfiri terrorists.

Iraqi Airstrike Kills 2 Top ISIL Film Propagandists

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Two ISIL Takfiri filmmakers have been killed in an Iraqi army airstrike in the country's western province of Anbar.

Abu Mohammed al-Soory, a film making expert, and Abu Osama al-Amriky, a documentary specialist, were killed as the Iraqi air force raided an ISIL compound in city of Qaim, near Fallujah, RT reported on Sunday.

ISIL has a history of posting propaganda videos with grisly motifs like decapitation of captive civilians in Iraq and Syria where the terrorist group has been perpetrating heinous crimes against all communities.

The terrorist group has shared execution videos of Jordanian, Japanese, American, British, French, Egyptian, and Yemeni hostages on social media outlets in an attempt

to spread the Takfiri propaganda across the globe.

ISIL has also posted videos showing the destruction of world heritage sites such as the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud and the ancient city of Hatra and artifacts in the museum in the northern Iraqi city, Mosul.

The site in Qaim was targeted following a complex "reconnaissance operation", according to an Iraqi government statement.

A total of 28 terrorists were killed in the operation dubbed Mustafa al-Sebhawy, the name of an Iraqi soldier, who was tortured, killed, and hung from a bridge in the Iraqi city Fallujah.

Units of Iraqi army soldiers and volunteer fighters have been engaged in joint operations to liberate terrorist-held regions in the country, battered by ISIL militancy since last year.

Saudi Jets Drop Bombs on Yemen Radio Station

SANAA (Press TV) – Saudi warplanes have, "for the first time," launched an attack on a radio station in northern Yemen, while six civilians are killed in similar raids on the capital, Sana'a.

The strike happened on Sunday in northern Sa'ada province, according to Press TV's correspondent in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia's deadly war on Yemen rages on with jet fighters targeting various locations in the impoverished country.

Also, the northern province of Sa'ada, which is close to the Saudi border, was the target of multiple airstrikes.

In the western part of the country, Saudi fighter jets bombarded the Hudaydah International Airport several times.

In another attack, "Saudi Arabia has killed at least 6 civilians" and in-

jured 10 others in the Al Khafji area on the outskirts of the Yemeni capital, Sana'a.

According to the correspondent, Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah movement unveiled on Sunday a new missile that can hit deep into Saudi territory.

The missile is called "Zilzal," literally meaning "earthquake" in the Arabic language.

Ansarullah fighters have in the past launched rocket attacks on Saudi border cities, including the strategic southern city of Najran in retaliation for Riyadh's deadly airstrikes against the Yemeni people.

The Yemeni army has reportedly captured a military position inside Saudi Arabia near the Yemeni border

In recent weeks, several rocket attacks by Yemeni forces targeted military positions in the Saudi border cities of Najran and Dhahran al-Janub.



Smoke billows into the sky following a Saudi air assault in the east of the Yemeni capital, Sana'a.

Yemen has been under Saudi airstrikes since March 26. The military aggression, carried out without a UN mandate, is meant to restore power to Yemen's fugitive former President Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who is a

close ally of the Riyadh regime.

According to the UN, about 2,000 people have been killed, 7,330 others injured and more than 500,000 displaced as a result of the conflict in Yemen.

Zionist Regime to Toughen Palestinian Protesters' Jail Terms

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's cabinet members have approved a bill permitting at least 10 unconditional years behind bars for Palestinian protesters.

The new act was approved unanimously by the ministerial committee for legislation on Sunday.

If passed, the protesters who are caught throwing objects towards Zionist troops or their moving vehicles can be jailed for at least 10 years without proof of intention.

The bill, which faces a series of parliamentary readings before coming into effect, is aimed at changing the existing laws which require proof of intent before jail

sentencing.

The new bill was originally passed by the Zionist regime's cabinet back in November but was not finalized before dissolution of the parliament ahead of the March 17 snap elections.

Over 7,000 Palestinians are reportedly incarcerated in Zionist jails and detention camps. Many of whom are being held under the so-called administrative detention, which is a manner of imprisonment without trial or charge, allowing Israel to incarcerate Palestinians for up to six months. The detention order can be renewed for indefinite periods of time.

Rocket Attack on School in Afghanistan Kills 3

KABUL (AP) – A rocket attack on a school in eastern Afghanistan has claimed lives of at least three people and injured four others, officials say.

The casualties were caused after the rocket struck the school in the Baraki district of Logar Province on Sunday morning.

A statement by Afghanistan's Ministry of Education confirmed that at least two students and a teacher were killed in the deadly attack.

Sources say the injured were rushed to a nearby hospital to receive the necessary treatment. Afghan security forces cordoned off the area, and have launched a hunt for the attackers. No individual or group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. The incident comes as Taliban militants have attacked several schools in Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan over the past years. On December 16, 2014, an attack on an army-run school in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar claimed the lives of about 150 people. Taliban militants have stepped up their attacks against Afghan troops, foreign forces and some civilian targets since they declared their so-called spring offensives in late April.