

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – India's Ministry of Defense has called off an order to buy Spike anti-tank guided missiles from the Zionist regime's military contractor Rafael, the company said on Wednesday.

The deal was worth about \$500 million (368.30 million pounds) and the announcement of its termination came just a couple of weeks before Zionist Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is due to visit India. Indian officials had no immediate comment.

Endurance is composed of four attributes: eagerness, fear, piety and anticipation (of death).

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# Palestinian Teenager Shot Dead by Zionist Troops



*Zionist troops stand guard during clashes with Palestinian demonstrators following the weekly Friday prayers in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah on December 29, 2017.*

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) – A Palestinian teenager was shot dead by the Zionist army on Wednesday in Ramallah district in the West Bank, Palestinian Ministry of Health said.

The boy, identified as Musab Al-Tamimi, 17, was killed by the Zionist regime's army in Deir Netham village north of Ramallah city, the ministry said

in a press statement.

Local sources said that Zionist troops opened fire on the boy during clashes in the village, after the troops stormed into the village. The Zionist regime's sources did not comment on the incident.

Zionist troops storm the village on the pretext of arresting Palestinian young men who

threw stones on Zionist settlers' vehicles on the adjacent northern road.

The developments comes in the backdrop of Trump's decision to recognize al-Quds as the Zionist regime's capital and relocate the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to the occupied city.

The dramatic shift in Wash-

ington's policy vis-à-vis the city triggered demonstrations in the occupied Palestinian territories, Iran, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Iraq, Morocco and other Muslim countries.

On December 21, the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly voted in favor of a resolution that calls on the U.S. to withdraw its controversial recognition of al-Quds as the Zionist regime's "capital."

In an attempt to avert the resolution, Trump had warned that "we're watching," threatening reprisals against countries that backed the measure, which earlier faced a U.S. veto at the UN Security Council.

The Zionist regime, however, rejected the world body's resolution while thanking Trump for his decision to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to al-Quds.

Al-Quds remains at the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Palestinians hoping that the eastern part of the city would eventually serve as the capital of a future independent Palestinian state.

## Rocket Hits Israeli-Occupied Territories

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – A rocket fired from Gaza exploded in southern parts of the occupied territories on Wednesday, causing no injuries or damage, the army said.

"A projectile was launched from the Gaza Strip at Israeli territory," a military spokesperson said in a statement.

A later notice said the projectile was located in an open field in the Eshkol Regional Council in the Negev desert.

On Saturday, Zionist war minister Avigdor Lieberman said three rockets fired from Gaza to the Israeli-occupied territories on the same day were "made by Iran."

On Sunday, a military official told the Hebrew-language Ynet news site

that the rockets were fired by the Islamic Jihad, a resistance group based in the Gaza Strip.

The number of rockets fired from Gaza toward the occupied territories has been rising since U.S. President Donald Trump's recognition of al-Quds as the capital of the Zionist regime on Dec. 6, 2017.

At least 12 Gazans have been killed in clashes with Zionist troops since Trump's announcement, and dozens more injured.

The rockets are typically launched by resistance fighters in Gaza. Hamas runs the besieged Palestinian enclave.

The rockets are usually fired in relation against the Zionist regime's strikes on Gaza.

## Bahrain Arrests Death-Row Activist Amid Protests



*Bahraini anti-government protesters wave national flags and hold up images of jailed political leaders during a protest after midday prayers in Diraz, Bahrain, May 8, 2015.*

MANAMA (Press TV) – Bahraini regime forces have arrested two political activists, including one who has been sentenced to death, amid ongoing anti-regime protests across the country.

On Tuesday, Bahraini police forces detained Hussein Abdullah Hali al-Rashed, 29, who has been handed a death penalty and also stripped of his citizenship.

Rashed had been on Manama regime's wanted list since 2008.

Security forces also arrested Sheikh Mahmoud al-Aali, after a court issued a six-month prison sentence against him, Arabic-language Lualua TV network reported.

The developments came as Bahraini people staged anti-regime protests across the sheikdom, including in Sanabis, al-Akr, al-Ma'amir and several other regions.

On Thursday, Amnesty International expressed deep concern over

the continuation of human rights violations in Bahrain, saying the situation is indicative of the Al Khalifah regime's campaign to silence voices of dissent.

Thousands of anti-regime protesters have held demonstrations on an almost daily basis ever since a popular uprising began in the tiny Persian Gulf state in mid-February 2011.

They are demanding that the Al Khalifah dynasty relinquish power and allow a just system representing all Bahrainis to be established.

Manama has gone to great lengths to clamp down on dissent. On March 14, 2011, troops from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were deployed to assist Bahrain in its crackdown.

Scores of people have lost their lives and hundreds of others sustained injuries or been arrested as part of the crackdown.

## 'West Seeking to Save Terrorists in Iraq'

BAGHDAD (Tasnim) – The secretary general of Hezbollah al-Nujaba, a major Iraqi Shia resistance movement fighting terrorist groups, warned Baghdad about Western attempts to save terrorists under the pretext of defending human rights.

Speaking at a meeting with Iraqi Minister of Justice Haidar al-Zamali in Baghdad, Sheikh Akram al-Kaabi stressed the need for the execution of terrorists condemned to death in

the Arab country regardless of pressures from "Western mercenary institutions".

The cleric further cautioned against some secret deals to let detained terrorists escape from the country and said foiling "the sinister plot" is the responsibility of Iraq's security and judicial organizations.

The Iraqi minister, for his part, underlined the need for legal action to deal with those who jeopardize Iraq's national

security and hailed the major role of the Hezbollah al-Nujaba in the fight against terrorism.

On November 19, Daesh terrorists were flushed out of their last stronghold in Syria's Al-Bukamal. The city's liberation marked an end to the group's self-proclaimed caliphate it had declared in 2014.

Daesh militants made swift advances in northern and

western Iraq over the summer of 2014, after capturing large areas of Syria.

But the timely support by Iran helped Syria and Iraq fight off Daesh. In addition, formation of military units by volunteers in Iraq, known as Hashd al-Shaabi or Popular Mobilization Units, blunted the edge of Daesh offensive and later made the terror group withdraw from much of the territories it had occupied.

## Russian Helicopter Crashes in Syria

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – Russia has confirmed that a Russian military helicopter earlier crashed in northwestern Syria, killing two pilots and injuring a technician.

Russia's Defense Ministry announced on Wednesday that a Russian Mi-24 helicopter carrying three personnel had crashed over Hama Province on December 31.

The copter was making a hard landing 15 kilometers from the Hama airfield in the province's capital of the same name when it crashed, the ministry said. It cited a technical fault as the cause of the crash, dismissing some reports that the aircraft had been fired at.

The technician injured in the crash was trans-

ported to Khmeimim Airbase. The base, one of the two run on a permanent basis by Russia in Syria, is located in the province of Latakia, which neighbors Hama.

Russia has been carrying out an aerial bombardment campaign against extremist militants in Syria at Damascus' request since September 2015.

Meanwhile, the Syrian army, backed by the Russian air force, is preparing for a major operation as part of a new push to rid the terrorists of their last stronghold on the eastern outskirts of the capital, Damascus.

The push zooms in on Harasta District in Eastern Ghouta, where terrorists with the Ahrar al-

Sham outfit have gone on rampage over the past days.

Reuters reported Wednesday that Syrian forces are set to conduct a swoop there on the Military Vehicles Administration Army base, which has been besieged by the terrorists.

The report quoted locals and witnesses as saying that the army is amassing elite forces in preparation for the offensive against the militant siege.

At least 200 Syrian troops are believed to be trapped within the premises.

Damascus-based Sama TV television network said combined Syrian military operations and Russian aerial backup had killed more than 200 gunmen in the area.

## Kuwait to Take Role as UNSC Member

KUWAIT CITY (Xinhua) – Kuwait as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council will take its responsibilities seriously, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Mansour al-Otaibi told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Wednesday.

On June 2, the UN General Assembly elected Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, Poland and Peru as non-permanent members of the UNSC to serve a two-year term starting Jan. 1, 2018.

Kuwait will cooperate with all members in accomplishing the Security Council's tasks and responsibilities, al-Otaibi said.

He added that the most important and outstanding achievement is what will be achieved during the term of membership, especially that the Council is currently pursuing great responsibilities and issues of concern to the State of Kuwait, as most of the issues on the agenda concern the Arab countries such as Palestine, Yemen, Syria and Iraq and also affect the security of Kuwait and the region in general.