

Gaza Agriculture Losses Reach \$17mn Due to Ongoing Zionist Offensive



Two women in Gaza have taken to agriculture to harvest broccoli for sale in the local market in an effort to overcome the besieged enclave's rising poverty levels.

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – Palestinian Agriculture Ministry says that the losses of the agricul-

ture sector due to the ongoing Zionist offensive on Gaza reached \$17 million.

In a statement, the ministry said that the losses are increasing day by day due to the re-

tention of the offensive by the Zionist regime, which is likely targeting hundreds of dunams of farmlands intentionally.

The ministry also noted that the strikes by the regime directly targeted dozens of agriculture facilities and storehouses for agricultural inputs.

Meanwhile, the ministry stated that wheat fields, poultry farms, and livestock were the most affected sectors, mainly due to the inability of the farmers to reach their farms and work.

The ministry stated that if the crossing did not open or allow animal food to enter the Gaza Strip, there would be a disaster facing the poultry and livestock sectors.

Regarding fishing, the main cause of the losses is the blockade imposed on the fishermen who are being prevented from entering the sea.

Palestine and in Iran," he added.

Velayati also thanked Palestinians for their struggle, courage, prudence and perseverance in the face of Israeli crimes, voicing hope that a meeting will be held in Iran soon after the Palestinians' victory.

"The honorable people of Palestine have resisted the crimes of the occupying Zionist regime for more than a quarter of a century. They have fought and offered martyrs to show that they are the flag-bearers of the Islamic awakening," said Velayati, who is also the secretary general of the World Assembly of Islamic Awakening.

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The supercomputer is said to comprise 42 racks in an area of approximately 250sq meters (2,690 sq feet) based on the TIA-942 standard and is projected to be upgraded to 84 racks laid out in an area of 400sq meters (4,305 square feet).

According to the IRNA, the infrastructure put in place at Tehran's AUT will allow the supercomputer to reach a capacity of 10 petaflops in its next stages of development, which will put it in the ranks of some of the strongest international peers.

The university worked in cooperation with the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), which provided half of its 1 trillion rial (\$4.5m) budget, and the scientific division of the presidential office and the ministry of science bore the rest of the cost. ICT Minister Muhammad Javad Azari-Jahromi said that work on the next supercomputer has already started, and it will have 100 times the capacity of Simorgh.

He said in a tweet the supercomputer will be named Maryam, after the late world-class Iranian mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani, to "thank the efforts of our Iran's girls in the ICT field".

A Stanford University professor, Mirzakhani passed away in 2017 from breast cancer at the age of 40. In 2014, she was honored with the Fields Medal, the most prestigious award in mathematics, becoming the first woman and the first Iranian to receive it.

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Safeguards Agreement, and this began three months ago. And now the International Atomic Energy Agency does not have any access beyond Safeguards Agreement. We also agreed that the footage should be recorded, but not made available to them. This was a domestic decision made inside Iran," he explained.

He added that the footage can be deleted at the end of the three-month deadline, or the agreement can be extended for one month or so.

Khatibzadeh also said that Iranian negotiators insist on the country's firm stance in their talks with the other parties.

Iran has repeatedly said that the restoration of the JCPOA must include, as first and second steps, the U.S. removal of all of its sanctions in a way that can be verified by Iran, and then, followed by Tehran's reversal of all of its nuclear measures as the third step.

"While we do not want the talks to be attritional, we certainly do not want an agreement to be reached that is not within the framework of the establishment's high-level policies and executive

instructions," he said.

"If the conclusions reached require delegations to return to their capitals, this may happen over the weekend," he said. "We must wait for the next one or two days to see where these technical negotiations will lead."

Asked whether he would confirm a Middle East Eye report that said Iran had asked Saudi Arabia to help sell its oil and circumvent U.S. sanctions in exchange for limiting Yemeni attacks on the kingdom's oil facilities, Khatibzadeh rejected the claims as untrue and fake news.

"Our talks with Saudi Arabia are about bilateral, regional and international issues, and this news is not true," he said.

Last Monday, Khatibzadeh confirmed talks with Saudi Arabia, saying the goal of the talks is to secure bilateral and regional interests.

"We have always welcomed such talks in any form or at any level and this is not our new policy, but let us wait and see the outcome of the negotiations and judge accordingly," he said, noting that it may be still premature to talk about the outcome at this stage.

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Twitter account on Saturday that Zarif's trip had been called off at the last minute due to the hoisting of the Israeli flags.

"The cancelation of this trip will not change our good traditional relations and communication channels with Iran. But we will not make our declaration of solidarity with Israel dependent on the diplomatic visits of other countries," she added.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi had earlier condemned Austria for raising Israeli flags over government offices in Vienna, where intensive talks over the revival of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal are underway.

Araqchi praised Vienna in a tweet on Friday as a "great host for negotiations" and called the Austrian move "shocking and painful" as the Israeli regime has, over the past days, killed scores of innocent people in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz had earlier offered condolences to the Israeli regime and ordered the hoisting of the illegal entity's flag over government offices in the capital.

The move came against the backdrop of pro-Palestinian rallies held in Vienna earlier this week over Tel Aviv's relentless bombardment of the besieged Gaza Strip and Israeli atrocities in other Palestinian territories.

Prior to his visit to Europe, the Iranian minister had paid a visit to Syria as well as the Persian Gulf nations of Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and Iraq and held talks with senior officials on bilateral and regional matters.

During his visit to the Syrian capital of Damascus, Zarif said the latest Israeli atrocities against the Palestinian population have "generated awfully critical circumstances in the region," insisting that "Syria, as one of the leading countries in the resistance axis, plays a very significant role on this matter."

The top Iranian diplomat further said that in addition to discussing Syrian elections and the Iranian support for the government and people of Syria, he would also hold talks with top officials in Damascus about the country's path to reconstruction as well as combating terrorism.

Saudi Arabia, Turkey Seize Millions of Amphetamine Pills

RIYADH (Dispatches) – Saudi Arabia and Turkey have foiled the attempted smuggling of over eight million amphetamine pills.

The drug haul highlighted the widespread production and smuggling of narcotics across the region, where foreign backed terrorists take advantage of the security deficiency to fund their terrorist operation through the lucrative illegal trade.

Saudi customs officials announced the seizure of 2,312,000 pills found in a refrigerated lorry being driven into the country. Video footage was also released, showing the officials pulling out bags of pills hidden under the vehicle's floor. Four non-Saudi

citizens were detained by the authorities in connection with the incident.

Over the weekend, the authorities in Turkey seized an even larger haul of over 6.2 million pills at the port of Iskenderun. Worth over \$37 million, the haul was found hidden in 11 containers at the port which were intended for transit to the United Arab Emirates.

Officially branded as Captagon, a synthetic amphetamine distributed and consumed widely in the region, the trade in illegal narcotics has grown significantly over the past few years.

Major smuggling shipments to be intercepted include 33 million pills in Greece in 2019 and another of over 44 million



Turkish Army soldiers look at boxes containing confiscated amphetamine and ICE pills on June 23, 2017.

pills seized by the Saudi authorities in April last year. In July last year, Italian authorities seized the largest shipment ever recorded, at over 84 million pills.

Such operations have been

masterminded by the Daesh terrorist group.

Last month, Saudi Arabia announced that it had seized more than 600 million amphetamine pills over the past few years.

Two Dead, 200 Injured as Stand Collapses at Synagogue in Zionist Settlement

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – At least two people were killed and more than 200 injured after a bleacher collapsed at an uncompleted synagogue in the occupied West Bank on Sunday.

The bleacher was packed with Zionists and collapsed during a ceremony. A spokesman for the crowd told Channel 13 that paramedics had treated more than 157 people for injuries and pronounced two dead, a man in his 50s and a 12-year-old boy.

Rescue workers were on the scene, treating the injured and taking people to the hospital. The collapse comes weeks after 45 Zionists were killed

in a stampede at a festival in northern parts of the occupied territories.

The Zionist regime's military said in a statement that it dispatched medics and other search and rescue troops to assist at the scene. Army helicopters were airlifting the injured.

Amateur footage showed the collapse Sunday during evening prayers in Givat Zeev, an illegal West Bank settlement.

The synagogue was packed with hundreds of people.

The mayor of Givat Zeev said the building was unfinished and dangerous, and that the police had ignored previous calls to take action.

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protester holding a banner as a car crashed into the Israeli officers in the background.

Separately, a grandstand collapsed in a synagogue under construction in the settlement of Givat Zeev in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, leaving at least two Israelis dead and more than 100

injured, according to Israel's ambulance service.

Israel's Channel 12 TV broadcast security footage showing a crowded grandstand collapsing and Jews falling on top of each other.

"We were called again to another event where there was negligence and a lack of responsibility. There will be arrests," Doron Turgeman, an Israeli police chief, said from the scene.

Some 45 Zionists were killed in a

stampede during a Jewish bonfire festival held in the north of the occupied territories last April.

More than 600,000 Zionists live in over 230 illegal settlements built since the 1967 Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem Al-Quds.

All settlements are illegal under international law and the UN Security Council has condemned Israel's settlement activities in

the occupied territories in several resolutions.

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sacredness and purity which has unified all Palestinians to support Al-Quds and Al-Aqsa Mosque.

"We ask God to make Islam and Muslims victorious both in