

AL-QUDS (Times of Israel) – Several large blazes break out near Zionist communities in the hills around al-Quds, with four firefighting planes dispatched to help battle the fires.

Some residents of the settlements were evacuated due to the approaching fire and a number of nearby roads were closed, according to Hebrew media reports.

Generosity is to help a deserving person without his request, and if you help him after his request, then it is either out of self-respect or to avoid rebuke.

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Zionist Army Chief: Dead Espionage Officer Was About to Reveal 'Big Secret'



Zionist infantry troopers walk next to tanks and armored personnel carriers near the Gaza Strip, on August 16, 2020.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's army chief Aviv Kochavi said on Wednesday that the espionage officer who died in military prison was about to compromise "a big secret," and that he was stopped "at the last minute."

Speaking at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi said that the officer "committed very serious of-

fenses" and that he did so "knowingly, on purpose, for reasons I can't describe."

The Zionist officer was arrested in September and tried in secret by a military court, with his identity and the specifics of his offences not revealed.

In mid-May, he was found in a serious condition at the detention facility where he was being held and

then rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

"On the night between 16 and 17 May, 2021, the officer was found at a military detention facility in the center of the country in serious medical condition. The officer was transferred for medical treatment to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His family was notified," said the military tribunal in a statement.

At the hearing, Kochavi regretted the death of the officer, describing him as "an excellent officer" and calling for the death to be investigated.

The occupying regime's military said that "the investigation uncovered suspicions that the officer, who served in a technology unit in the Intelligence Directorate, knowingly took actions that severely harmed the regime security."

The officer's family members have been placed under a gag order and are furious at how far the Zionist regime has gone to hide the affair from both them and the public.

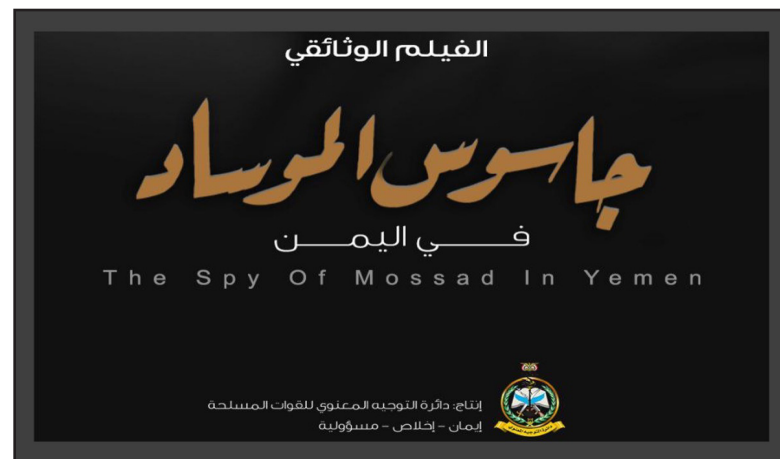
Most of the officer's public posts on social networks have been deleted from 2018 onward, his family members said.

"The anger is at the attempt to disappear a person who died in military prison," Israeli daily newspaper Haaretz quoted a relative of the officer as saying without giving his name.

"We don't know anything. To this day, no one has explained to us what happened," the unnamed relative said.

He added, "The whole way that the army is behaving looks like an attempt to hide their failures. How can it be that they are trying to wipe out a person in this way?"

Yemen Says to Expose Mossad Activities After Detaining Spy



The poster of the documentary "the Spy of Mossad in Yemen"

SANA'A (Dispatches) – The spokesman for the Yemeni armed forces, Brigadier General Yahya Saree, has announced that a new documentary will be aired in the coming days, which will reveal the extent of the Zionist regime's Mossad espionage operations in the war-torn country.

The documentary entitled "The Spy of Mossad in Yemen", will shed light on part of the occupying regime's interference in the country and "the plan to target Yemen militarily, and other secrets revealed for the first time", said Saree in a tweet.

The announcement of the documentary is thought to be in connection to reports that a Mossad spy was arrested by the Yemeni government.

It also comes amid earlier reports that the Zionist regime and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have been working to establish a spy base on the strategically-located island of Socotra. The UAE has also been accused of constructing an air base on the Mayyun Island, situated off the Yemeni coast in the Bab El-Mandeb.

Both developments recently drew condemnation of the UAE by the Yemeni government over violating Yemen's sovereignty and contravening international law, especially following the illegally-run tours

to Socotra from Abu Dhabi, some of which included Zionist tourists.

"The transfer of tourists to the Socotra Island reveals the plans and programs of the occupying UAE, which are in line with the Zionist schemes to dominate Yemeni islands as well as the steps towards normalization with the regime," a statement read.

Yemeni has previously warned if will attack the occupied territories if it the Zionist regime was "involved in any action against our people". The regime has taken the warning seriously and has deployed its Iron Dome and Patriot systems around the southern occupied city of Eilat early this year.

In another development, a senior Yemeni official has refuted a recent announcement by the White House that the United States has ended its support for the Saudi Arabia-led war on Yemen.

Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, a member of Yemen's Supreme Political Council, made the remarks in a tweet on Wednesday after the White House informed Congress that it had stopped the U.S.'s full-fledged support for the military campaign.

Washington's allegation "could only be considered fulfilled" once Saudi Arabia stopped deploying American weapons against Yemen, he said in a tweet.

Reports: Zionist Cyber Firm Sells Spyware to Saudi Arabia

RIYADH (Dispatches) – Quadream, a Zionist cyber company that provides hacking software, has been selling iPhone spyware to Saudi Arabia since 2019, the occupying regime's media have revealed.

Saudi Arabia uses the technology to hack smartphones of dissidents and opponents of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) and spy on their communications, Israeli newspaper Haaretz said.

The report said Quadream was founded in 2016 by three Zionists – two cyber experts and a former senior official in the regime's military espionage.

Citing sources and documents, Haaretz said that the company uses a front in Cyprus to sell its Reign spyware, which allows the extraction of all data from iPhones, enables the activation of the device's camera and microphone and tracks the user's location without their knowledge. The spyware can be deposited on the user's phone without their knowledge and they do not need to click on any link.

Moreover, it cannot be remotely deactivated by the developer, unlike similar tools offered by competitors.

Back in early December 2018, the Washington Post reported

that Tel Aviv was directly involved in the sale of sophisticated spyware to Saudi Arabia to help the kingdom purge and assassinate dissidents.

The Post said the regime's war minister had authorized the NSO Group to sell Pegasus, a patch of highly complicated software used for hacking and espionage, to the Saudi kingdom.

The report said the sale was carried out through a subsidiary of the NSO in Luxembourg. The firm, officially known as Q Cyber Technologies, enabled Riyadh to target individuals and entities in six Middle Eastern countries.

Saudi Arabia has expanded its secret ties with the Zionist regime under MbS.

A member of Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet and Likud party on November 23 last year confirmed reports that Netanyahu had flown to Saudi Arabia for a clandestine meeting with MbS and then U.S. secretary of state Mike Pompeo.

The Zionist regime's Kan public radio and Army Radio said Mossad chief Yossi Cohen also attended the meeting.

The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas denounced the meeting as an "insult" to the Palestinian cause.

Bahraini Political Inmate Dies of COVID-19

MANAMA (Dispatches) – A political prisoner serving a life sentence in Bahrain has died after contracting COVID-19, activists and an opposition group said on Wednesday.

The Interior Ministry on Wednesday said Husain Barakat, 48, died after being infected with the virus.

Prison authorities had denied him temporary medical leave and had not even informed his family about his health condition.

Britain-based human rights group the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD) said Barakat was a political prisoner being held in Jau.

Barakat was sentenced in 2018, along with another 53 individuals, to life in prison in a mass trial of 138 defendants accused by authorities of belonging to a 'terror cell', BIRD said.

He was also stripped of his citizenship, which

was later restored by royal decree, BIRD said.

Western-allied Bahrain has come under pressure from human rights organizations over prison conditions including overcrowding, poor sanitation and lack of medical care.

Since an outbreak of the disease in Jau, Bahrain's main prison, in March, families have been holding small protests demanding the release of political prisoners and better conditions. There was a violent confrontation between guards and prisoners in April after detainees protested against conditions.

Bahraini opposition group al-Wefaq has called for the release of prisoners of conscience since the start of the pandemic.

Bahraini people have held rallies to urge the Al Khalifah rulers to release prisoners amid concerns over the alarming situation in the country's prisons in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

The protesters hold the regime responsible for the lives of prisoners.

There has also been widespread condemnation of the regime's media censorship regarding the number of infected inmates.

At least 220 political prisoners have been infected with the coronavirus.

Bahrain's most prominent Shia cleric Sheikh Isa Qassim has already warned that political dissidents in prisons are facing death, demanding their immediate release.

The main opposition group, the al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, has also called for the release of prisoners of conscience since the start of the outbreak.

The latest development comes as the ruling Al Khalifah regime presses ahead with its crackdown on dissidents, with regime forces reportedly attacking and injuring dozens of inmates at the country's prisons.

Hashd al-Sha'abi Commander in Anbar Released

ANBAR (Press TV) – Iraqi authorities have released a high-ranking commander of anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), known as Hashd al-Sha'abi, after charges of involvement in a series of attacks on U.S. military forces and installations against him were dropped.

Iraq's media outlets, citing informed sources, said Qasim Muslih, the PMU's head of operations in the volatile western Anbar province, was freed on Tuesday.

Social media users even published pictures of Muslih surrounded by his fellow fighters moments after his release.

Iraqi security forces on May 26 arrested the senior commander of the PMU.

Muslih was arrested in Baghdad for alleged involvement in several attacks, including on the Ain al-Asad airbase, which houses American troops.

His arrest immediately drew a sharp rebuke from Iraqi people, resistance groups and political activists.

"The arrest of the prominent PMU commander by Iraqi security forces is politically-motivated. Over the past few months, several acts of terror have taken place in different parts of the country. Security forces

were expected to pursue the perpetrators of such acts, than to arrest the commanders of the Popular Mobilization Units," Qais al-Khazali, the leader of Iraq's Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq movement whose group is a part of the Hashd al-Sha'abi, said at the time.

He also directed strident criticism at Mustafa al-Kadhimi, arguing that the Iraqi prime minister had been ordering the arrest of Hashd al-Sha'abi commander ever since he took office in May 2020.

Iraqi lawmaker Ahmed al-Asadi also lambasted Muslih's arrest as a very dangerous act.

"Such actions could escalate tensions in Iraq. It is an attack on a security apparatus, which we are all proud to belong to. A mistake has been made, and it needs to be rectified," the spokesman of the Fatah Alliance in the parliament pointed out.

The Iraqi Kata'ib Hezbollah in a statement denounced Muslih's detention, holding the Baghdad government responsible for its repercussions.

Hashd Shaa'abi forces played a key role in the defeat of Daesh and other terrorist groups in Iraq, but the U.S. government has targeted their positions on several occasions.