

17 Killed, 4 Injured in Vehicle Collision in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) – A vehicle collision in southern Egypt has killed at least 17 people, and left four others injured, authorities said on Wednesday.

The crash took place late Tuesday when a passenger microbus collided with a truck on a highway in the district of Juhaynah in Sohag province, 390 kilometers (244 miles) south of the capital Cairo, provincial authorities said.

Ambulances rushed to the scene to carry bodies and the injured to provincial hospitals, authorities added in a statement.

Knowledge and wisdom are really the privileges of a faithful Muslim. If you have lost them, get them back even though you may have to get them from the apostates.

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Hezbollah Slams U.S. Over ‘False Promises’

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – The leader of Hezbollah resistance movement has slammed the U.S.’ false promises for the transfer of natural gas and electricity from Egypt and Jordan to Lebanon.

One year has passed since the U.S. ambassador’s promise, but nothing has happened in practice, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said in an address to Hezbollah Central Ashura mourning ceremony in Dahiyeh, Lebanon.

“After a few days, the memory of the false promise of the American ambassador to bring gas from Egypt and electric energy from Jordan through Syria will come to us,” he said.

Nasrallah said the United States and the Zionist regime are the embodiment of Devil and Hezbollah’s struggle against them will continue.

“We will continue with the meth-



The leader of Hezbollah resistance movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah

odology of finding solutions,” he said, noting the movement had proposed to buy fuel from Iran to meet Lebanon’s energy needs, but the U.S. did not allow it to happen.

Nasrallah’s remarks came two days after he issued a stern warn-

ing to the occupying regime about exploiting Lebanon’s offshore energy resources.

Nasrallah said the resistance movement is ready for any scenario, including a war, to protect those resources.

Given the entrance of the Zionist vessels into the waters, he said Sunday, “Hezbollah’s leadership discussed the options in front of the country.”

“There is a 50 percent chance that [the situation] could be resolved, and a 50 percent chance that the situation could advance towards war,” he added.

The resistance’s attitude and behavior towards the Zionist regime in the case, Nasrallah said, depended on the results of ongoing indirect negotiations between Beirut and Tel Aviv over the disputed maritime area.

The dispute between Lebanon and the occupying regime escalated in early June, after the regime sent a drilling ship to the Karish gas field in the Mediterranean. Lebanon dismisses the occupying regime claim that the field falls within its so-called exclusive economic zone.

Zionist Regime Limits Civilian Traffic Around Gaza

GAZA STRIP (Middle East Eye) – The Zionist regime’s army blocked roads and halted rail services near Gaza for a second consecutive day on Wednesday, citing a risk of reprisals following the arrest of a senior Islamic Jihad member and killing a Palestinian teenager.

Bassam al-Saadi was detained on Monday during a raid in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin, during which 17-year-old Palestinian Dirar al-Kafrayni was shot dead by Zionist troops.

Saadi’s son-in-law, Ashraf al-Jada, was also arrested in the raid. Saadi’s wife sustained injuries during the arrest and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Security camera footage of Saadi’s arrest showed Zionist troops dragging the 62-year-old along the ground.

He was also reported to have been injured by a Zionist army dog.

As news of the fatal raid spread, crowds began to gather in Jenin refugee camp and the nearby city of Nablus, as supporters voiced solidarity with the highly respected figure. Islamic Jihad, seen as the second most influential Palestinian armed resistance group behind Hamas, said it has put its fighters everywhere on alert.

The Zionist army said on Tuesday it was preventing civilian access to areas near Gaza “due to a direct threat”.

Saadi is the most senior Islamic Jihad figure in the West Bank, where the resistance movement has been the main force behind growing armed resistance in Jenin and Nablus.

A former prisoner long wanted by the Zionist regime, Saadi and his family have been a critical part of the Palestinian resistance movement in Jenin.

Saadi’s great uncle, Farhan al-Saadi, led a rebellion against British authorities in 1936.

As part of its measures, the occupying regime also closed the only crossing for people entering or leaving Gaza on Tuesday, while the regime said Zionist prime minister

Yair Lapid was reviewing security.

The occupying regime’s army said it deployed reservist troops to assist in keeping civilians safe.

The occupying regime has maintained a crippling blockade of the Gaza Strip since 2007, which critics say amounts to collective punishment of the enclave’s two million residents.

The regime prevents the importing of materials and equipment into Gaza and has imposed strict restrictions on exports, leading to a state of “paralysis” in several sectors of Gaza’s economy.

Egypt also upholds the siege, controlling movement in and out of Gaza on its border.

UN: Yemen’s Warring Sides Agree to Renew Existing Truce



Remnants of Saudi cluster bombs are taking more lives as Riyadh refuses to allow badly needed equipment, including mine detectors, to enter Yemen, according to reports.

SANA’A (Al Jazeera) – The United Nations says Yemen’s warring parties have agreed to renew an existing truce for another two months, the UN envoy has said, despite international pressure for an extended and expanded deal.

Special envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg said in a statement on Tuesday that the Saudi-, UAE-backed militants and the Sana’a-based government agreed to extend the truce.

“This truce extension includes a commitment from the parties to intensify negotiations to reach an expanded truce agreement as soon as possible,” Grundberg said in a statement.

The envoy had been pushing for a six-month truce with additional measures, according to the Reuters news agency, but both sides have had grievances about the implementation of the existing truce deal, and mistrust runs deep.

“The main objective of the current truce continues to be to provide tangible relief to civilians and to create a conducive environment for reaching a peaceful settlement to the conflict through a comprehensive political process,” Grundberg added.

Saudi Arabia launched a devastating war on Yemen in March 2015 in collaboration with its Arab allies and with arms, logistical, and political

support from the United States and other Western states. Simultaneously with the invasion, the aggressors and their supporters also put the entire impoverished country under an all-out land, aerial, and naval blockade.

The objective was to reinstall the Riyadh-friendly regime of former Yemeni president, Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, and crush Ansarullah, which has been running state affairs in the absence of a functional government in Yemen.

While the Saudi-led coalition has failed to achieve any of its objectives, the war has killed hundreds of thousands of Yemenis and spawned the world’s worst humanitarian crisis.

The United Nations brokered the truce between the coalition and Ansarullah, which came into effect in April, and was extended for another two months on June 2.

Under the truce, commercial flights have resumed from the Yemeni capital of Sana’a to Jordan and Egypt, while oil tankers have been able to dock in the lifeline port city of al-Hudaydah.

“In the coming weeks, I will intensify my engagements...to ensure the full implementation of all the parties’ obligations in the truce,” Grundberg said, adding he wanted to “put Yemen on a path to sustainable peace.”

Palestinian Prisoner Faces Death After 144 Days on Hunger Strike

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Palestinian prisoner Khalil Awawdeh has continued his hunger strike for 144 days as of Wednesday, in protest against his continued so-called administrative detention, amid serious health conditions.

The Palestinian Prisoners Club warned that Awawdeh, 40, from the town of Idna, west of Al-Khalil, faces the risk of death in the Ramleh prison clinic, in light of the lack of serious solutions, to date, regarding his case.

He explained that he suffers from severe aches in his joints, headaches, severe dizziness and blurred vision, and that he is unable to walk and moves around in a wheelchair.

The occupying regime’s prison’s administration deliberately transfers Awawdeh repeatedly to civilian hospitals, claiming that he undergoes medical examinations but, every time, he is returned to the prison without receiving treatment under the pretext that he has not reached the stage of danger.

Awawdeh resumed his strike on

2 July, after suspending it for a week, after 111 days of the strike, based on promises of his release, but the regime broke its promise and issued a new ‘administrative detention’ order against him for four months.

In this context, the administrative detainees continue their boycott of the Zionist regime’s courts for the 214th consecutive day, as part of their confrontation with the crime of ‘administrative detention’.

The regime authorities and prison administrations claim that the administrative detainees have secret files that can never be revealed, so the detainee does not know the length of their sentences or the charges against them.

‘Administrative detention’ is detention without charge or trial, and without allowing the detainee or their lawyer to inspect the evidence materials, in a clear and explicit violation of the provisions of international humanitarian law, making the regime the only party in the world that practices this policy.

U.S. Has ‘No DNA’ to Confirm Death

Tight-Lipped Taliban Leaders Gather After Zawahiri Death

KABUL (Reuters/MEMO) – Top leaders of Afghanistan’s Taliban were holding discussions on Wednesday about how to respond to a U.S. drone strike in Kabul that the United States said killed Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, three sources in the group said.

The United States said it killed Zawahiri with a missile fired from a drone while he stood on a balcony at his Kabul hideout on Sunday, U.S. officials said, the biggest blow to the terrorists since Osama bin Laden was shot dead more than a decade ago.

The Taliban have not confirmed Zawahiri’s death.

Officials of the group, long-time allies of Al-Qaeda, initially confirmed the Sunday drone strike but said the house that was hit was empty.

“There are meetings at a very high level on whether they should react to the drone strike, and in case they decide to, then what is the proper way,” a Taliban leader who holds an important position in Kabul said.

The official, who said there had been lengthy leadership discussions for two days, declined to be identified. He did not confirm that Zawahiri was in the house that the missile struck.

How the Taliban react could have significant repercussions as the group seeks international legitimacy, and access to billions of dollars in frozen funds, following their defeat of a U.S.-backed government a year ago.

Zawahiri, an Egyptian doctor, was closely involved in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States and was one of the world’s

most wanted men.

His death in Kabul raises questions about whether he received sanctuary from the Taliban, who had assured the United States as part of a 2020 agreement on the withdrawal of U.S.-led forces that they would not harbor other militant groups.

The United States said on Tuesday it has “no DNA confirmation” of the death of al-Zawahiri.

“We do not have DNA confirmation, and we don’t need it,” White House spokesperson John Kirby told reporters. He explained that the U.S. government had “visual confirmation” as well as confirmation “through other sources.” Kirby added that there was a “small Al-Qaeda presence remaining in Afghanistan.”