

ANKARA (Reuters) – Talks are underway between Turkish and U.S. officials to arrange a potential meeting between President Joe Biden and Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan later this month, reports say. Discussions would include the war in Ukraine, relations between Turkey and Russia, and the Ukraine grain export deal, according to a senior Turkish official, cited by the news agency. The two leaders met in June during a NATO summit in Madrid, where Biden thanked Erdogan for dropping his veto on the accession of Finland and Sweden to the alliance. Despite policy differences over the Eastern Mediterranean, militants in northern Syria, and concern over human rights issues in Turkey, Washington has courted Ankara amid the war in Ukraine.

An ignorant person will always overdo a thing or neglect it totally.

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At Least Seven Zionist Troops Injured in Reprisal Attack

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – At least seven Zionist troops were injured after a guard tower was targeted by Palestinians on Saturday with Molotov cocktails, in the Beit Ummar area, north of Al-Khalil, reported Hebrew media.

Reports added that the tower was targeted with a large number of Molotov cocktails, in addition to locally made canisters, which led to a fire inside the tower and the injuries of the soldiers.

The Palestinian media quoting local sources also confirmed that several Palestinians set alight with a Molotov cocktail the military turret belonging to the occupying regime troops.

The attack came a day after at least 37 Palestinians were injured during clashes with Zionist troops in the West Bank city of Nablus, Palestinian medics and eyewitnesses said.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said in a statement that among the injured were three shot by live ammunition and nine by



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rubber-coated steel bullets, while the others inhaled teargas fired by Zionist troops.

Fierce clashes broke out between anti-settlement protesters and Zionist troops in the villages of Beita and Beit Dajan, south and east of Nablus city, and in the village of Kafr Qaddum, east of Qaqilya city, said Palestinian eyewitnesses.

Murad Eshteivi, coordinator of popular resistance in Kafr Qaddum village, told Xinhua that the Zionist troops used bullets, teargas, and sound bombs to attack the Palestinian protesters rejecting the measures against their village.

The Palestinian Red Crescent also confirmed on Friday the occupation forces injured the Pales-

tinians participating in the weekly peaceful protests against the regime.

Zionist troops have recently stepped up deadly violence and suppression against the Palestinians taking part in peaceful protests.

The occupying regime faces growing resistance over its land-grab policy and demolition drive as anti-settlement sentiments run high in the occupied territories.

In late August, Zionist troops attacked protesters in several towns and villages near Qalqilia and Nablus. They also fired tear gas at anti-settlement protesters.

Between 600,000 and 750,000 Zionists occupy over 250 illegal settlements that have been built across the West Bank since the 1967 occupation. The settlements are all illegal under international law. The UN Security Council has in several resolutions condemned the occupying regime's illegal settlement projects in the occupied Palestinian lands.

Rights Group: 4mn Children, Mothers Suffer From Malnutrition in Yemen

SANA'A (Dispatches) – Some four million women and children in Yemen, are suffering from malnutrition due to the Saudi-led war on the impoverished country, a human rights organization has said.

In a statement, cited by Yemen's al-Masirah television network, the Yemen-based Entesaf Organization for Women and Child Rights said more than 2.3 million children under the age of five as well as 1.5 million pregnant and lactating mothers

suffer from malnutrition.

According to the report, acute malnutrition is threatening the lives of some 632,000 children across Yemen.

The rights organization said over 3,850 children have been killed and more than 4,230 others wounded since the onset of Saudi Arabia's imposed war in 2015.

According to the data, the war has also claimed the lives of at least 2,430 women while leaving nearly 2,860 others injured, which brings

the total number of Yemeni women and children casualties to well over 6,200.

The rights group also reported that some 2.4 million children are out of school while 1.4 million of them are deprived of their most basic rights.

Saudi Arabia, supported by its regional and Western allies, launched the devastating campaign against its southern neighbor in March 2015. The aim was to return to power the former Riyadh-backed regime and crush the Ansa-

rullah movement, which has been running state affairs in the absence of an effective government in Yemen.

The war has stopped well shy of all of its goals, despite killing tens of thousands of Yemenis and turning the entire country into the scene of the world's worst humanitarian crisis. The blockade against Yemen has been maintained by the coalition even after a UN-sponsored truce came into effect in April. The truce has since been extended twice.

Report: Over 230 Afghan Refugee Children Alone in U.S. Without Families



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WASHINGTON (NBC) – More than 230 Afghan children are alone in the U.S. while their parents or caregivers remain in Afghanistan, according to new figures from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement obtained by NBC News, and as it gets harder to evacuate anyone from Afghanistan, there is little hope of speedy reunions.

Just one flight with evacuees leaves Kabul each week, and some countries where Afghans wait while applying to come to the U.S. have stopped accepting refugees.

As of August 30, the Office of Refugee Resettlement, or ORR, had 104 children in its care, while 130 were in the custody of state governments or non-governmental organizations. Of the 104 still in federal care, 42 are in foster care, according to ORR data.

During the chaotic evacuation of Americans and Afghans who had helped the U.S. in August 2021, many Afghan families made the hard decision to separate to get as many family members as possible to safety. More than 1,500 children came to the U.S. unaccompanied, and ORR has placed more than 1,400 with family members or other adults.

The goal remains to reunify all Afghan children with their parents or relatives in the U.S., a spokesperson said, although many do not yet have family outside Afghanistan.

"These children have experienced far more trauma than any child ever should," said Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, president and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

"The urgency of this moment means doing whatever it takes to reunite these vulnerable children with their families. ... These children can't afford to wait decades for the United States to keep its promise to those left behind," O'Mara Vignarajah added.

Since the U.S. departure from Afghanistan and the Taliban takeover, the Taliban have restricted the number of flights leaving Kabul. In November, the Taliban halted all evacuation flights for several months over a dispute about how Kabul Airport was being run and who was leaving on the flights.

Flights restarted in January. By this summer, an average of two charter flights were leaving with evacuees every week, but the number has since fallen again, and this month it is down to one per week.

U.S. Forces Continue Smuggling Syrian Oil Into Iraq

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The United States has smuggled a new batch of stolen Syrian oil into Iraq, continuing to plunder Syria's natural resources through a number of illegal border crossings.

"A convoy of the U.S. occupation forces, consisting of 88 tankers loaded with stolen Syrian oil, left from the illegitimate Mahmoudiya crossing and entered Iraqi territory," Syrian media cited local sources from Yarubiyah countryside as saying on Friday.

According to the sources, U.S. forces have transferred the convoy to their bases in northern Iraq.

Last month, the Syrian oil ministry said the U.S. and its proxy militant groups pillaged over 80 percent of Syria's daily crude production in the first half of 2022.

The ministry said in a statement that the amount of oil production during the first half of 2022 "amounted to some 14.5 million barrels, with an average daily production of 80.3 thou-

sand barrels, of which 14.2 thousand are delivered daily to refineries."

"U.S. occupation forces and their mercenaries steal up to 66,000 barrels every single day from the fields occupied in the eastern region," the statement added.

According to the ministry's data, the Syrian oil sector has lost "about 105 billion dollars since the beginning of the war until the middle of this year" as a result of the U.S. oil theft campaign.

The U.S. military has for long stationed its forces and equipment in northeastern Syria, with the Pentagon claiming that the deployment is aimed at preventing the oilfields in the area from falling into the hands of Daesh terrorists.

Damascus, however, maintains the deployment is meant to plunder the country's natural resources. Former U.S. president Donald Trump admitted on several occasions that American forces were in the Arab country

for its oil wealth.

In 2019, Trump said: "We're keeping [Syria's] oil. We have the oil. The oil is secure. We left troops behind only for the oil."

Several countries, including Russia and China, have condemned US actions in plundering the Syrian resources and have called on Washington to stop its continued looting of the war-torn country's natural resources.

Meanwhile, Syria's Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad has censured the United Nations for failing to help the victims of terrorism, saying his country deserves international support and the removal of U.S.-led economic sanctions.

Addressing a UN international meeting on the victims of terrorism via a video conference from Damascus, Mekdad said Syria has fought global terrorism on behalf of the whole world and paid "unprecedented prices" from its human and economic resources.

Zionist Regime's Predator Spyware Replaces NSO's Pegasus

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The U.S. has imposed restrictions and sanctions on the Zionist regime's spyware company NSO. It was placed on the U.S. blacklist, resulting in a decline in its deals and income.

However, it wasn't the politicians, opposition activists and journalists who were spied on who benefitted from these restrictions, but rather another cyber-attacker Tal Dilian, a former combat fighter in an elite Special Operations Unit of the Intelligence Corps in the regime's army and held a senior position in the occupying regimes espionage division "Aman".

One of the spyware companies that Dilian founded is Intelexa, which developed the Predator software. Dillian focused on selling this spyware program to countries where the regime's war ministry does not issue permits to export cyber-attack software, such as Bangladesh, Sudan and Ukraine, according to a report in Israel's Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper

published on Friday.

Unlike cyber-attack companies registered and operating in the occupied territories, which are subject to the supervision of the Security Export Supervision Division in the war ministry, Dilian believes he is not under the ministry's supervision and can supply his goods to any country or entity.

About a year ago, the phone of Greek journalist Thanasis Koukakis was behaving oddly, as his battery began to die quickly and phone calls were being disconnected. The journalist, who criticized the Greek prime minister's economic policy, became suspicious that he was being watched. A month later, a Canadian cyber security research institute, Citizen Lab, discovered that the Predator program had hacked Koukakis' phone.

It was also found, following the formation of a commission of inquiry into the matter by the Euro-

pean Parliament and after examining 200 of its members' phones, that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to hack the phone of the head of the Greek opposition, Nikos Androulakis, which caused a scandal described as the "Greek Watergate".

Citizen Lab published a report last December confirming that two Egyptian dissidents in exile, politician Ayman Nour and a popular program host who wishes to remain anonymous, had been hacked by the Predator spyware.

The newspaper added that investigations into the Greek scandal revealed the source of the Predator program as the Israeli-occupied territories. Several weeks ago, members of the investigation commission set up by the European Union secretly visited the occupied territories and met with officials in the ministry of judiciary affairs, as well as with Director General and founder of NSO Shalev Julio.