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Indonesia Denies Holding Secret Talks With Zionists

JAKARTA (Dispatches) – The Indonesian Foreign Ministry denied a Jerusalem Post report that Jakarta had sent a delegation to the occupied territories on a secret visit, stressing that publishing such a hoax reflects an old way for the Israeli media to gain profits. "As long as Palestine is under Israeli occupation, Indonesia will not open diplomatic relations with Israel," the Foreign Ministry's Middle East Director Bagus Hendraning Kobarsyih told a local English-language news site Tempo . Bagus added that the Israeli media often fabricates such unfounded news to use in its favor and emphasized that Indonesia's position remains unchanged.

Thought for Today

Knowledge is power and it can command obedience. A man of knowledge during his lifetime can make people obey and follow him and he is praised and venerated after his death. Remember that knowledge is a ruler and wealth is its subject.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Army Displays Domestically-Made Missiles

Ansarullah: 2014 Revolution Foiled U.S. Plot to Gain Control of Yemen

SANA'A (Dispatches) – **The leader of Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement says the United States tried to ignite chaos in Yemen in order to take full control of the country, but the popular revolution of 2014 thwarted the plot.**

Abdul-Malik al-Houthi made the remarks in a speech broadcast live from the Yemeni capital of Sana'a on Tuesday to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the September 21 revolution against a Saudi-backed regime in the country and its removal from power.

In 2014, the people of Yemen staged a popular uprising against the Saudi-backed unpopular regime of Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi. The Ansarullah movement took control of the Sana'a-based government on September 21 after widespread protests across the country, followed by Hadi's escape to Riyadh.

"The September 21 revolution, from the religious, moral and national point of view, was and still is a requisite [for the country] and benefits our nation," Houthi said. "The revolutionary movement was broad in its title, goals, and popular momentum, and it did not belong to a specific group but rather to all Yemeni people."

On the occasion of the anniversary of the September 21, 2014 revolution, the Yemeni army flexed its muscles to the Saudi aggressing coalition by unveiling new missiles.

Stressing that the Yemeni revolution took place at the time when American policies held sway in the country, the Ansarullah leader said such policies plunged Yemen into total destruction and the US tried to use the conflicts at the beginning of the revolution to its own advantage.

"Before the revolution, the American ambassador was the president of Yemen," Houthi said, adding, "The Americans tried to exploit the independence of our nation and dominate our country indirectly and without war. The American plot was based on increasing the political divide in line with the internal disintegration of our country."

He said the United States adopted a destructive policy for Yemen and did not care about the interests of the Yemeni people, adding, "Washington was working to escalate chaos in Yemen, and it was the movement of the Yemeni people that thwarted the plots of the United States and its allies."

The Ansarullah leader said the U.S. was working to strip the Yemeni army of its military capabilities, and that Washington had turned its embassy in Sana'a into a headquarters for managing all sabotage activities in Yemen.

Houthi said the aggression against Yemen revealed the reality of those who want to continue their domination over it and that of their hostile policy.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — the closest allies of the U.S. in the region after the Israeli regime — have been waging the war on Yemen since March 2015.

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According to local Yemeni media, Yemen's new missiles were unveiled during a magnificent military parade in the presence of Mehdi al-Mashat, the Commander-in-Chief of the Yemeni Armed Forces and the head of the country's Supreme Political Council.

U.S. Continues to Smuggle Syrian Oil to Bases in Northern Iraq

U.S. forces have smuggled a new batch of stolen Syrian oil into Iraq, continuing to plunder Syria's natural resources through a number of illegal border crossings.

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – **The U.S. military has used dozens of tanker trucks to smuggle crude oil from Syria's energy-rich northeastern province of Hasakah to bases in neighboring Iraq, where American forces and trainers are stationed.**

Syria's official news agency SANA, citing local sources in al-Ya'rubiyah town, reported that a convoy of 60 tankers left Syria through the illegal Mahmoudiya border crossing on Tuesday, and headed towards Iraqi territories.

The development comes nearly a fortnight after the United States smuggled a batch of stolen Syrian oil into Iraq.

"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," SANA cited local sources from Ya'rubiyah town as saying on September 9.

The sources noted that U.S. forces transferred the convoy to their bases in northern Iraq.

According to data released by the Syrian Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources, Syria produced a total of 14.5 million barrels of oil in the first half of the current year, and the daily oil production stood at about 80,300 barrels.

American occupation forces and their allied militants plundered 66,000 barrels of crude oil during the mentioned period.

The data further showed that just about 14,200 barrels were available for the Syrian domestic oil refineries.

The U.S. military has stationed 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 rich mineral resources.

Former U.S. president Donald Trump admitted on more than one occasion that American forces were in the Arab country for its oil.

Last month, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman denounced the illegal presence of U.S. military forces in Syria, saying Washington's continued looting of the war-torn country's energy and mineral resources has only exacerbated the suffering of the Syrian people.

Videos Surface of Australian Commandos Shooting at Afghan Civilians, Joking About 'Kill Quota'

WASHINGTON (ABC News) – **The 2nd Commando Regiment, a special forces unit of the Australian Army, has been captured in several videos showing them discussing killing unarmed civilians in cold blood in Afghanistan during their nine years of operations.**

The elite forces can be heard discussing a "quota of 10" for each one to kill during the "War on Terror", which was announced by the U.S. following the 9/11 terror attacks in 2001.

The video obtained by ABC shows an entire unit happily discussing their "kill quota" ahead of an operation.

"We've got a quota of 10. The quota is 10," one soldier tells the cameraman, while the second soldier replies, saying he will meet the "quota".

They use the word "quota" at least a dozen times in the 90-second film captured by an Australian soldier in 2012.

Another video shows a soldier opening fire from his assault rifle from combat helicopter at what appear to be unarmed civilians.

The third video, also telecasted on ABC news, shows two Australian commandos detaining a "farmer", later, they watched while an Afghan soldier beat the civilian.

The ABC news said that some of these elite commandos are now under investigation by Australia's war crimes agency.

Australian Defence Force has clarified, saying it does not use "enemy casualty numbers as a measure of performance, success or effectiveness, including during operations in Afghanistan".

"The publicly released version of the Afghanistan Inquiry report briefly mentions 'catch and release, and the kill count' as one of the factors the presence of which may have contributed to an environment in which deviant behavior [in the SAS] could take place and not be recognized," a spokesperson said.

U.S.-led NATO forces pulled out from Afghanistan in August 2021 after 20 years of occupation.

Zionist Regime Re-Arrests Former Palestinian Hunger Striker

NABLUS (Dispatches) – **Zionist occupation forces rearrested former detainee, Hisham Abu Hawash, during a massive arrest campaign last night in a number of cities and towns across the occupied West Bank.**

According to the Times of Israel, Abu Hawash was among the 13 Palestinians arrested on the pretext that they are wanted by Zionist troops.

Overnight raids by the regime are a near daily practice in the occupied West Bank. The occupying regime claims that they are essential for intelligence purposes, but rights groups have slammed the practice, insisting that the goal is to oppress and intimidate the Palestinian population and increase the regime's control.

Father of five Abu Hawash, 40, from the town of Dura, west of Al-Khalil city in the south of the West Bank was arrested in October 2020 and went on hunger strike for 141 days in protest of being held under the so-called administrative detention – without charge or trial.

During his detention, he was hospitalized but refused medical treatment. After days of protests by Palestinians calling for his release, and mounting fears in the occupied territories of widespread unrest if he died in custody, the regime yielded on 5 January and agreed to release him in February. He then ended his hunger strike.

The occupying regime detains about 4,500 Palestinians, including about 500 prisoners in the so-called administrative detention, a procedure that allows regime authorities to hold a person without charge for renewable periods of six months.

UK PM Accused of 'Misleading' Persian Gulf Human Rights Comments

LONDON (Middle East Eye) – **British Prime Minister Liz Truss has been accused of misleading the UK parliament after telling MPs she raised human rights issues in meetings with Persian Gulf leaders as foreign secretary in Boris Johnson's government.**

In a letter sent to Truss, Chris Bryant, a Labour MP, said she had failed to provide any examples of human rights issues she had raised during visits to the Persian Gulf despite telling the parliamentary foreign affairs select committee she had personally done so when quizzed on the matter by Bryant in June.

Asked then to provide examples, Truss told Bryant she would not go into details of private conversations but would write to the committee with details.

But, according to Bryant, in a follow-up letter to the committee she cited only a meeting in December 2021 with Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) foreign ministers at Chevening House, an official government residence traditionally used by the foreign secretary, at which "a wide range of issues were discussed, including human rights".

Bryant said Truss, the foreign secretary from September 2021 until she succeeded Johnson as Conservative Party leader and prime minister earlier this month, had failed to cite a single instance when she had personally raised human rights with Saudi Arabia or any other GCC state, and accused her of "attempting to pull the wool further over our eyes".

He wrote: "In the absence of an explanation or an apology for your inaccurate comments at the Committee, it is difficult not to conclude that you have deliberately misled the Committee, because you did not want to own up to the fact that you knew that you had never raised these issues with Persian Gulf states either in the Persian Gulf or at home."

Bryant said he was "mystified" why Truss had "refused to raise human rights concerns with Saudi Arabia, especially considering its sponsorship of the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and its execution of 81 people on a single day".

Asked by Bryant in June whether she considered Saudi Arabia responsible for the killing of journalist Khashoggi, who was murdered inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October 2018, Truss said: "What I would say is that Saudi Arabia is an important partner of the United Kingdom."