

ANKARA (Xinhua) – The reappointment of a Zionist ambassador to Turkey could happen within weeks, the Zionist charge d'affaires in Ankara says. "We hope the appointment will take place in a week or two," Irit Lillian, the occupying regime's current top diplomat in Turkey, told reporters. Last week, Turkey and the Zionist regime announced that they would reappoint ambassadors, four years after they expelled each other's envoy when Zionist troops killed 60 Palestinians during their protests against the opening of the U.S. embassy in Al-Quds. The resumption of ties and Turkey's U-turn angered Palestinians and many Muslims across the world.

Iraqi PM: Political Crisis Undermining Security Achievements

Unknown Drone Enters Zionist Regime's Ben Gurion Airport



An El Al Boeing 777 aircraft at the Ben-Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – quick effect." Hebrew language news sources on Saturday reported that an unknown drone has entered the Zionist regime's Ben Gurion Airport in the occupied territories.

An unknown drone entered the runway of the airport and caused the flight path of a plane from New York to change, according to the reports.

About a month ago, Hebrew media announced that a toxic substance was spread at Ben Gurion airport.

A large number of vehicles and rescue forces arrived at the airport to discover the source of the substance.

A source with the occupying regime announced that chlorine gas was spread through cooling devices.

The development also comes over a month after Lebanon's Hezbollah sent three drones toward the Karish gas field in Eastern Mediterranean to carry out reconnaissance missions.

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"Now, the solution is for all political parties to make concessions for the interests of Iraq and Iraqis," said al-Kadhimi.

Last week, al-Kadhimi called for a meeting of senior political leaders and party representatives to find a solution. He warned that if "fighting erupts, the shootings will not stop and will remain for years."

Earlier this month, al-Sadr called on his followers to be ready to hold massive protests all over Iraq but then indefinitely postponed them after the rival groups called for similar rallies the same day, saying he wants to preserve peace and that "Iraqi blood is invaluable" to him.

Iraq has witnessed relative stability since the Daesh group was largely defeated in the country in 2017. But militants have continued to wage attacks, frequently hitting security forces and military targets with roadside bombs and firing on convoys or checkpoints.

During the rise of Daesh, when it controlled large parts of Iraq, deadly explosions were common in the oil-rich country.

His bloc later resigned from parliament and his supporters last month stormed the parliament building in Baghdad. Al-Sadr has demanded that parliament be dissolved and early elections held.

"This political crisis threatens the security achievements and the nation's stability," al-Kadhimi said in a speech marking

agreements between followers of influential cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and rival groups since last year's parliamentary elections.

Al-Sadr won the largest share of seats in the October elections but failed to form a majority government, leading to what has become one of the worst political crises in Iraq in recent years.



Supporters of the Iraqi cleric Muqtada al-Sadr gather outside the country's parliament in the capital Baghdad's high-security Green Zone on July 30, 2022.

BAGHDAD (AP) – Iraq's caretaker Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi warned Saturday that the political crisis in the country is threatening security achievements made in past years.

Al-Kadhimi's warning is a clear indication of the dangers of one of Iraq's worst political crises since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. It is the result of dis-

Palestinian Authority Renews Push for Full UN Member Status

WEST BANK (Middle East Eye) – The Palestinian Authority has renewed a bid for full membership at the United Nations, but faces an uphill battle as the United States has warned PA leadership against any such move.

"We are negotiating in good faith with all [UNSC] members," PA ambassador to the UN Riyad Mansour told reporters in New York.

"There is cautious optimism in the atmosphere."

Several weeks ago, Mansour quietly began consultations in New York with Security Coun-

cil members over a possible full membership bid, Palestinian, Israeli and U.S. sources told Axios.

The move has been seen as an attempt to break the international gridlock in the so-called peace process. Mansour said that given there is no peace initiative on the table, the issue of full UN membership should move forward.

"This is a policy of the Palestinian leadership and their people from the top down," he said.

The U.S., a staunch supporter of the occupying regime and as one of five permanent UNSC

members with the veto power, has in the past opposed such a drive, saying the UN membership, which is the equivalence of full international recognition of Palestinian statehood, should only occur after the resolution of an agreement for a so-called two-state solution.

Mansour said given that the peace process has been frozen for eight years and that there is no initiative on the table, the issue of full UN membership should move forward.

The American media reported earlier that the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden had

urged the Palestinian Authority not to pursue a vote at the UN Security Council on gaining full UN membership, stressing it would likely veto any such move.

In 2012, the UN upgraded Palestine's status to that of a "non-member state", a move which granted it de facto statehood status. However, this was done at the General Assembly, where no member has veto power. Non-member status allowed the PA to participate in the UN as a state and sign treaties, but without the full rights granted to member states.

UN Plan for Derelict Oil Tanker Off Yemen Still Needs \$16mn

SANA'A (Dispatches) – The United Nations is still working on raising the funds to prevent a massive oil spill from the Safer oil tanker in the Red Sea off Yemen, which still goes 16 million U.S. dollars short, a Yemeni official told Xinhua.

According to the local official who asked to remain anonymous, "the UN is getting close to receiving enough funds to reach the 80-million-dollar target to salvage oil from the rotting Safer tanker that's falling apart off the war-ravaged Arab country."

"Yemen's private sector, particularly the multinational HSA Group, announced that it will donate 1.2 million dollars to fund the UN's salvage operation," he added. The Yemeni official reaffirmed

full support for the UN efforts aimed at pumping more than 1 million barrels of oil from the 45-year-old Safer tanker and stopping an environmental catastrophe in the Red Sea.

In June, the UN launched a crowdfunding campaign to avert oil spill from the decaying FSO Safer that is moored in the Red Sea north of the Yemeni port city of Hudaydah.

The decaying, dilapidated supertanker has been described as a "floating time-bomb" that risks causing an explosion or an oil spill four times as disastrous as the 1989 Exxon Valdez incident in the Red Sea.

The Safer has been moored in the Red Sea since 1988. In another development, the

Saudi-led coalition forces are holding three Yemen-bound oil tankers carrying thousands of tons of fuel for the crisis-stricken country in flagrant breach of a UN-brokered ceasefire.

The coalition has impounded the tankers, including two laden with tens of thousands of liters of diesel fuel, and is not allowing them to sail towards Yemen, Essam al-Mutawakil, a spokesman for the Yemen Petroleum Company (YPC), told Arabic-language al-Masirah television network on Friday.

Mutawakil added that the ships, destined for Yemen's western port of Hudaydah, are being held despite being inspected and cleared for the port call by the United Nations staff. The senior Yemeni official went

on to highlight that a total of 54 fuel ships were expected to moor in Hudaydah port as a result of the UN-sponsored truce.

Only 33 vessels have arrived at the port since the ceasefire initially took effect on April 2 and was extended on June 2 for another two months.

Saudi Arabia launched the devastating war on Yemen in March 2015 in collaboration with its Arab allies and with arms and logistics support from the U.S. and other Western states.

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

Russia: Syrian Defenses Shoot Down Zionist Missiles, Guided Bombs

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – Russia forces based in Syria say four jets belonging to the Zionist regime launched a total of four cruise missiles and 16 guided aerial bombs against a research facility in the city of Masyaf, Russian agencies reported.

Syrian troops using Russian-made anti-aircraft weapons shot down two missiles and seven guided bombs, Tass and RIA said, quoting a senior Russian officer. The attacks damaged equipment at the facility, he said.

Russian forces have remained in Syria since 2015 when they helped turn the tide in a foreign-backed war in favor of President Bashar al-Assad.

The Zionist aerial assault took place at 19:15 local time (16:15 GMT) on Thursday, the offi-

cial Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported, adding that two civilians had been injured in the attack.

The attack "[also] caused some material damages and [led to eruption of] a blaze..." the report added.

Syria and the Zionist regime are technically at war due to the latter's occupation of Syria's Golan Heights since 1967.

The occupying regime maintains a significant military presence in the territory, which it uses as one of its launchpads for its attacks against Syrian soil.

The regime's attacks on Syria started to grow significantly in scale and frequency after 2011 when the country found itself in the grip of rampant foreign-backed militancy and terrorism.