

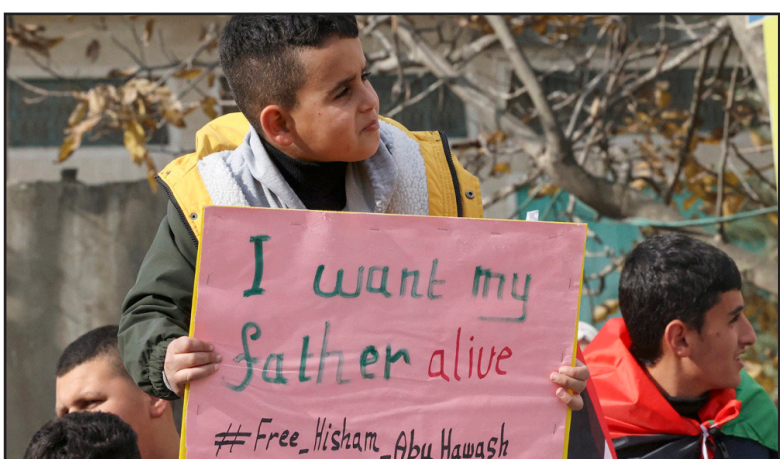
# Hundreds of Rights Groups Demand Immediate Release of Palestinian Inmates

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Nearly 300 human rights groups and civil organizations have denounced the continued detention of thousands of Palestinian prisoners in the Zionist regime’s jails, and the Tel Aviv regime’s contentious policy of “administrative detention” without charge or trial.

The 292 human rights organizations and civil institutions, in a joint statement, said the Palestinian inmates include 32 women and girls, about 180 minors under the age of 18, as well as 780 administrative detainees – among them two women and four children.

Moreover, there are 600 prisoners suffering from various diseases, of whom 22 have cancer. A total of 549 Palestinian prisoners have also been once or several times sentenced to life imprisonment.

The organizations urged international bodies, particularly the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Work-



Supporters and relatives of hunger-striking Palestinian prisoner Hisham Abu Hawwash rally in his village of Dura, west of Al-Khalil, in the occupied West Bank, on January 2, 2022.

ing Group on Arbitrary Detention, to “pressure the occupying and apartheid Israeli regime to stop the exercise of administrative detention against Palestinians.”

The statement highlighted that the Zionist regime is holding about 780

Palestinian detainees without charge or trial, and the regime authorities have issued nearly 1,350 administrative detention orders against Palestinians since the beginning of the current year.

The organizations also called for

an immediate end to “the outdated colonial-era emergency law, and demanded a concerted international campaign in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in general and administrative detainees in particular.”

They noted that dozens of prisoners have gone on hunger strikers since September 25 in protest against the administrative detention policy, and in defense of more than 700 Palestinian inmates who are jailed under administrative detention.

The statement underlined that the continued detention of Palestinian prisoners constitutes a grave violation of international humanitarian law, especially the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners of war and detainees, and is a war crime according to Article 85, Paragraph 5 of Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions, and in accordance with Article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

## Muslim Leaders, Arab League Condemn UK’s Embassy Move to Al-Quds

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Senior Muslim leaders in Al-Quds have written to King Charles III expressing “deep concern” about UK Prime Minister Liz Truss’s decision to consider moving the British embassy from its current location in Tel Aviv, in a letter seen by Middle East Eye.

At a meeting with her Zionist counterpart, Yair Lapid, on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in September, Truss said she was considering moving the embassy to Al-Quds. She later announced that she had launched a review into the issue.

A statement addressed to Britain’s new monarch written by leaders of the Islamic Waqf, a Palestinian-Jordanian body that runs the affairs of Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Al-Quds, and the current and former grand muftis of Al-Quds and Palestine, Sheikh Mohammad Hussein and Sheikh Ekrima Sabri, respectively, condemned the potential relocation.

“Al-Quds has been a great example of coexistence and peace between its religious communities for centuries,” the joint letter said.

“The International Community, in-

cluding the United Kingdom, recognized the special historic and legal arrangement, also known as the ‘Status Quo’ since 1852.”

The letter stated that the special status of protecting the rights of different religions continued until 1967, “when Israel started to impose many unilateral measures in favor of its Jewish identity/community”.

Meanwhile, the Arab Parliament has denounced the British government’s plan to relocate its embassy, saying the move would constitute a flagrant violation of international law.

The legislative body of the Arab League in a statement on Wednesday reacted strongly to reports about the potential relocation of the British embassy, in what could jettison a longstanding policy of British governments.

“The legal, historical and religious status of Al-Quds is not subject to review, and any step in this direction amounts to a flagrant violation of international law and of the historical responsibilities of Britain as the architect of the illegal Balfour Declaration, whose tragedy has long haunted the Palestinian nation,” said the statement.

## Yemen FM: No Ceasefire Extension Unless Public Demands Fully Met

SANA’A (Dispatches) – The Yemeni foreign minister says there will be no talks about extension of the United Nations-brokered six-month truce, which expired on October 2, unless the nation’s demands are fully met by Saudi Arabia, that launched a devastating war on the impoverished nation, and its mercenaries.

Hisham Sharaf made the remarks in a meeting with the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Joyce Msuya, in Sana’a on Tuesday.

He stressed that the Sana’a-based National Salvation Government spares no effort to establish just and dignified peace throughout the war-torn country.

Sharaf emphasized that the only solution to offset the adverse consequences of the ongoing humanitarian disaster in Yemen is to immediately stop the Saudi-led aggression, lift all cruel sanctions and end any kind of foreign military presence on Yemeni soil.

He highlighted that the continued detention of Yemen-bound tankers carrying oil derivatives and natural gas, and the adamant refusal to allow oil ships to offload their cargoes in Yemen’s strategic western port of Hudaydah and fully reopen Sana’a airport will only amplify the detrimental effects of Yemen humanitarian crisis.

The top Yemeni diplomat stressed that the Sana’a-based National Salvation Government is calling for the extension of the UN humanitarian

and military ceasefire and fulfillment of its terms and conditions.

He said the aggressor countries, particularly Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, are well aware of demands for the ceasefire extension, stating that the requests mainly center around payment of civil servants’ salaries and preparations for the launch of meaningful peace negotiations.

Sharaf said Sana’a conveys the collective desire of millions of Yemenis, which is restoration of honorable peace away from foreign instructions and diktats.

“We do not accept a situation where Yemeni people are caught between war and peace,” the Yemeni foreign minister said.

He also asked the United Nations to step up its humanitarian programs

in Yemen, and provide the crisis-hit Arab nation with more food and medical supplies as well as financial aids.

For her part, Msuya underlined that Yemen humanitarian crisis remain a high priority for the United Nations, and called for the political settlement of the conflict in Yemen.

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 popular Ansarullah resistance movement, which has been running state affairs in the absence of a functional government in Yemen.

## Telegraph: UK Funds Bahrain Security Services With Millions, Despite Torture

LONDON (MEMO) – The United Kingdom has funded Bahraini security services with millions, despite human rights violations including torture, drawing more criticism on the UK’s support for Persian Gulf monarchies.

In a report by the Telegraph newspaper on Tuesday, it was revealed that a freedom of information act request confirmed that the UK has been continuing a controversial fund by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) which is aimed at promoting the rule of law and human rights in the Persian Gulf Arab region.

Through that fund, named the Persian Gulf Strategy Fund (GSF), London has provided millions in taxpayer money to states like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait and the

United Arab Emirates (UAE) over the past five years in a £70 million package.

While the fund has long been contentious and British MPs have urged the government to scrap it, the freedom of information act request now reveals that the government even failed to host ministerial consultation over any funding provided to Bahrain in the financial year 2020/2021.

The extent to which it supports Bahrain’s security services is also the focus of greater controversy, particularly following a joint report published by Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD), which found that Manama committed serious human rights violations by recently sentencing eight men to death based on “forced” confessions extracted through torture. Those

methods reportedly included electric shocks to the genitals, attempted rape, beating and sleep deprivation.

The Director of Advocacy at BIRD, Sayed Ahmed al-Wadaei, told the Telegraph that the UK and the FCDO may have broken their own rules by not properly assessing the fund’s financial support to Bahrain’s judicial system, especially with its use of capital punishment.

Under the UK’s own guidelines, he said, the government should either seek assurances that defendants will not face the death penalty or it should seek additional ministerial consultation regarding the continuation of funding. “In my belief the government is breaking its own rules when it comes to providing assistance to Bahrain,” al-Wadaei stated.

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The Leader said there should be a difference in the sentences given to those who’ve come out onto the streets.

“Some of these people are either the elements of the enemy or are aligned with the enemy, while some others have been incited. Regarding the second group, cultural-educational programs need to be implemented, but the first group has to be dealt with by the judicial and security authorities.”

Ayatollah Khamenei also issued a word of advice to the country’s officials, “Be careful not to be distracted by these issues. Do not let it stop you from attending to your main tasks and essential duties.”

“We are sure of God’s promise of definite victory and God’s help will definitely be with us,” he added.

In another section of his speech, the Leader stated that the Expediency Council’s most important responsibility is “the discernment of expediency”.

“The matter of expediency is one of the top issues of the government. In the words of the magnanimous Imam Khomeini, it is so important that neglecting it could result in the defeat of Islam.”

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of unity of all Muslims, with all dialects and viewpoints.

Raisi further touched on the civilizing and synergistic capacity of the Islamic countries, saying Muslims have many commonalities that can create a great religious and civilizing power in the world and stand tall and raise their flag.

The president said the special task and the main message of the 36th Islamic Unity Conference is creation of a common understanding among all elites and intellectuals of the Islamic world in the direction of unity.

“The message of this summit to the enemies is that we want the life of contemporary man to be in the name of the religion.”

Referring to the important role of the martyrs of the Islamic awakening, Raisi said, “Those who thought that religion is an individual and personal matter and has nothing to do with social, economic, political and cultural affairs, have awakened throughout the world thanks to the pure blood of the martyrs.”

The president further said what made the arrogant powers conspire against Muslims after the Second World War was that they realized Islam was the only obstacle against the unilateralism of the domination system.

Raisi said the role of scholars, prominent people, cultured people, history makers, future makers is irreplaceable. “Today, unity is not a tactic for us, but a very basic strategy.”

The president touched on a wave of Islamophobia launched by the enemies to counter unity among Muslims.

He said, “To promote Islamophobia, they launched the current of terrorism and many other conspiracies and seditions in the Islamic world, but what was able to defeat their conspiracies was coherence and unity.”

He said everyone has a duty to enlighten by any means they can, and to explain both the position of Islam and Muslims, as well as the state of the enemy and its weaknesses.

According to the president, those who thought the way to save Palestine was the negotiation table were wrong.

He touched on the Sharm el-Sheikh, Oslo, or Camp David agreement, which the Zionists have never felt bound to abide by.

“What should be done against those who break their covenants? The logic of dealing with such people is to resist and stand up, just like what the dear Palestinians and Lebanese, Hezbollah, Hamas and other resistant groups did.”

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in aid to industrialists and farmers to encourage them to increase production.

The American arms industry could also benefit from the international context, BFM TV said. In March, Germany announced it had ordered 35 fighter jets from the manufacturer Lockheed Martin.

Josep Borrell, the EU’s High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, said in a speech on Monday that Europe’s prosperity is built on cheap energy from Russia and access to the big China market, in addition to security protection from the U.S. In his view, “this is a world that is no longer there.”

Europe is not self-sufficient in energy, and is weak militarily. Europe as a whole lives in the shadow of American hegemony.

The Nord Stream gas pipeline, which has been strongly opposed by the U.S., has now been sabotaged, heralding the end of Europe’s use of cheap Russian energy.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has repeatedly promoted China as a geopolitical opponent of the entire West.

According to Bloomberg, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz will visit China in early November. If it proves to be true, his Tuesday remarks that “decoupling with China would be the wrong path” and that “globalization has been a success story that enabled prosperity” explicitly delivered what is the mainstream attitude of Germany.

Decoupling from China to form a relatively closed political-economic bloc dominated by the U.S. is the new geopolitical pattern Washington has been trying to promote.

The U.S. has strengthened its technological blockade against China, and has always wanted to pull the whole of Europe into its tech-economic chariot against China.

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and can strengthen convergence, neighborliness and multilateralism,” he said, adding that cooperation with organizations such as CICA can provide an opportunity for Iran to make use of Asia’s economic infrastructure.

“Mutual cooperation between Iran and Asian countries can bring peace, stability, and security to the region,” he highlighted.

The 6th CICA summit is set to take place in Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan, on October 12-13 marking the 30th anniversary of the initiative.

Aibek Smadiyarov, Kazakh Foreign Ministry’s spokesperson, said on Tuesday that the summit will be attended by heads of Azerbaijan, Iraq, Iran, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Palestine, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko will also participate as an observer while China and Vietnam will attend the event at the level of vice presidents.

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“meddlesome” and “baseless,” vowing to give an “appropriate” response to the imposition of any restrictive measures against Iranian people.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry has already summoned France’s chargé d’affaires to Tehran to protest meddlesome measures by the French government in Iran’s domestic affairs and its stance about riots instigated by counterrevolutionary elements across the country.

The Islamic Republic has also summoned the British and Norwegian ambassadors as well as the charge d’affaires of Sweden to voice the country’s protest at the respected governments’ stances about recent riots in Iran and their failure to protect the Iranian embassies.