

Estimates: War in Gaza Has 'Disabled' 12,500 Zionist Troops

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – At least 12,500 Israeli soldiers are predicted to be recognized as “disabled” due to the fighting in Gaza, Israeli outlet Yediot Ahronoth reported on Friday.

The “gloomy forecast”, as it described, was presented by a company hired by the Zionist regime’s war ministry to conduct an assessment of injuries among troops.

The 12,500 figure is a conservative and cautious estimate. The number of cases requesting disability recognition could reach 20,000, the report said.

The war ministry’s rehabilitation department is currently treating 60,000 disabled Zionist troops.

At least 5,000 have been admitted to the department in 2023, including 3,400 admitted since



Zionist troops take a wounded man to a military helicopter near the Gaza border on 12 December 2023

7 October. These figures include only soldiers, and not civilians.

Yediot Ahronoth said these numbers, along with other official data, show that the injury tally

provided by the army during the war has some discrepancies.

As of late December, the war ministry said the number of Israeli soldiers injured since 7 October

had reached 3,000, with the Israeli army saying over 2,300 have been disabled.

The Israeli army’s reported injury tally has previously been questioned, as numbers from hospitals far surpass those the army is publishing.

The addition of thousands more soldiers into rehabilitation services could present financial and logistical challenges to the already criticized program for disabled soldiers, Yediot Ahronoth says.

The report warns that the Zionist regime may be facing new cases similar to that of Itzik Saidian, an Israeli soldier who participated in the 2014 Gaza war and set himself on fire in 2021 outside the war ministry’s rehabilitation offices, after feeling “humiliated during every contact” with the ministry.

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two of its members had detonated their explosive belts in the crowd that had gathered at the cemetery.

At least 89 people were martyred in the blasts, and more than 280 were injured. Several Afghan nationals were also among those killed.

National television showed footage from the Imam Ali religious center in Kerman, where grieving families mourned and people chanted “revenge, revenge”.

The United Nations, European Union and several countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Germany and Iraq, denounced the bombings.

President Ebrahim Raisi also addressed the flood of mourners in Kerman, saying the enemies could see “Iran’s power and the whole world knows its strength and capabilities”.

“Our forces will decide on the place and time to take action,” he said.

As people paid respects to the victims in front of caskets draped in Iranian flags, they shouted: “Death to America!” and “Death to Israel!”

President Raisi said the cause of the terrorist bombings in Kerman can be traced back to the grudge that Zionists hold against Gen. Soleimani as he was the one who disrupted plans to establish another Israel in the region in Daesh.

“The enemy wanted the puppet group of Daesh to rule in Iraq and Syria under the name of Islamic caliphate,” he said.

“Qassem Soleimani and the regional forces thwarted the U.S. plan to create another Israel in the region ... this is why the Zionist regime is holding grudge against the name, path, and pilgrims of Haj Qassem.”

Gen. Soleimani, the president said, empowered the resistance in the region and left Israel surrounded by powerful forces that could thwart its expansionist plans.

The U.S. role in the establishment of Daesh has been highlighted by some American politicians, both Democratic and Republican.

Back in August 2016, Donald Trump, then-Republican presidential nominee, stated that Daesh was honoring then-US president Barack Obama as “He’s the founder of ISIS. He’s the founder! He founded ISIS.”

“I would say the co-founder would be ‘Crooked’ Hillary Clinton,” he added, stating that they left behind a void for Daesh terrorists to fill Iraq.

Back in March 2023, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. admitted that the U.S. created Daesh, blaming Washington for crimes perpetrated by the terrorist group and influx of millions of refugees to Europe. “The police are corrupt. We created ISIS (Daesh),” he said.

Daesh, also referred to as ISIS, began a brutal terror campaign in 2014, overrunning vast swathes of Iraq in lightning attacks.

Iraq declared victory over the terrorist group in December 2017 following a three-year counter-terrorism military campaign in which Iraq’s mobilization forces assisted by Iranian military advisors especially Gen. Soleimani played a major role.

President Raisi stressed that Iran’s armed forces will retaliate. “I assure the people that the initiative is in the hands of our forces and that the time and the place will be determined by our forces,” he said.

The president touched on Israel’s defeats vis-à-vis the resistance groups, saying the regime “desperate” and that’s why it is “killing innocent children.”

“Palestine is the real winner and the Zionist regime has been defeated in the field,” he said, adding anti-Israel operations are currently conducted by the axis of resistance organized by Gen. Soleimani.

“Although Hezbollah, Hamas, and the resistance front must be praised, the role played by Haj Qassem in these achievements has been very huge.”

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of the armed forces,” the statement said.

It added that the drone strike would undermine “all understandings” between Iraq’s armed forces and the U.S. troops.

The drone strike was an “assault on Iraq,” the statement said, “diverging from the spirit and the text of the mandate and the mission for which the coalition was established in Iraq.”

Meanwhile in Baghdad, a group of Iraqi lawmakers demanded the expulsion of the U.S. ambassador.

Iraq’s resistance groups have claimed responsibility for carrying out over 100 attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq and Syria since mid-October, in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba also claimed responsibility for a drone strike in the southern Israeli city of Eilat on December 22.

The presence of American forces has long prompted a backlash in Iraq. Following the assassination of Muhandis in 2020, Iraq’s parliament passed a resolution calling for the expulsion of foreign troops in the country.

The killing of Jawari came two days after a suspected Israeli airstrike assassinated senior Hamas member Saleh al-Aroui in the Lebanese capital Beirut, and a week after the occupying regime of Israel martyred senior Iranian military advisor Sayyed Razi Mousavi in Syria.

U.S.: Israel Cannot Erase Hamas From Existence

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Hamas still has a “significant force posture” inside the Gaza Strip after almost three months of Zionist strikes and a ground offensive, the White House has announced.

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said it was an “attainable goal” for the Zionist regime to knock out what he called “the military threat” posed by Hamas but it could probably not “erase the group from existence”.

“Are you going to eliminate the ideology? No. And are you

likely going to erase the group from existence? Probably not,” Kirby added.

The Zionist regime’s prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stressed that the occupying regime would not agree to a cessation of hostilities with Hamas in the Gaza Strip and would press ahead with its plans to wipe out the group.

U.S. President Joe Biden’s administration has also rejected genocide allegations against Tel Aviv by multiple nations, insisting that Washington sees no indication that Zionist troops are

committing such acts as they pound Gaza.

South Africa’s government filed a genocide case against Israel last week in the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and NATO member Turkey announced its official support for the charge on Wednesday. U.S. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller denounced the allegations at a press briefing later on Wednesday, stating there was no indication that Zionist troops were committing genocide against the Palestinians.

The ICJ will hold public hear-

ings next week on South Africa’s allegation that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. According to a press release, the hearings are set to be held on Thursday, 11 January, and Friday, 12 January.

More than 22,000 Palestinians have been killed since the Israeli genocide began on October 7, according to Gaza health authorities. The UN warned last month that more than 500,000 Gazans were starving amid the Israeli bombardment, and 85% of the population had been displaced.

Report: Trump Received Millions From Persian Gulf States While President

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – In a damning revelation, House Democrats released a report uncovering millions of dollars that were received by former U.S. President Donald Trump from foreign governments, including Persian Gulf states. Trump received at least \$7.8 million from 20 foreign governments during his presidency. China is the leading contributor, with \$5.5 million paid to Trump’s business interests, followed by Saudi Arabia. Other Persian Gulf states, including the UAE and Qatar, were also mentioned.

The 156-page report, titled “White House for Sale,” produced by Democrats on the House Oversight Committee, details transactions involving foreign governments and their entities interacting with Trump businesses. It exposes

how millions were directed to Trump properties, raising concerns about potential violations of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits federal officeholders from accepting money from foreign governments without congressional consent—a step Trump never took.

The documents provided to the Committee reveal that Saudi Arabia and its royal family spent at least \$ 615,422 at Trump properties during the Trump administration. However, the report adds that the total amount of the country’s expenditures is likely to be much higher than that.

Trump boasting about receiving money from Riyadh was included in the report, such as his bragging at a campaign rally in 2015, when he suggested that his personal financial

incentives might influence his dealings with another government.

“Saudi Arabia, I get along great with all of them,” the report quotes him saying. “They buy apartments from me. They spend \$40 million, \$50 million. Am I supposed to dislike them? I like them very much!”

The report goes on to note that President Trump’s choice to make Saudi Arabia the first country he visited in office was unprecedented, as no prior U.S. President had ever previously chosen any country in the Middle East as the destination for his first overseas trip. In advance of the announcement of the state visit to Saudi Arabia, then-senior advisor, Kushner, reportedly was personally involved in arranging the arms deal that would eventually be

signed during the visit.

Speculating that there may have been a quid pro quo, the report notes that approximately three weeks after then president Trump’s state visit to Saudi Arabia, Riyadh with its allies the UAE, and Egypt, among other nations cut all ties with Qatar. Saudi Arabia also sealed its border with Qatar, creating a significant geopolitical rift. Trump initially appeared to back the rift and sided with the blockading countries.

Saudi Arabia’s significant spending underscored concerns about Trump’s dependence on foreign entities. The report accuses the former president of elevating personal financial interests over the American public interest, violating constitutional commands and historical precedents.

Egypt Renews Detention of 1,150 Political Prisoners in Mass Ruling

CAIRO (MEMO) – Egyptian lawyer Nabih El Genady announced on Thursday that the terrorism division of a criminal court has renewed the detention of 1,148 political figures.

El Genady explained that the detainees’ cases were divided across two sessions, with 532 in the first session and 616 in the second session. All of the defendants’ detention renewal orders were reviewed in one week.

Egypt’s terrorism courts are responsible for the detention of individuals on political grounds.

Human rights organizations continue to

warn about the dangers of anti-terrorism legislation on rights and freedoms. Between 2015 and 2022, Egyptian courts arbitrarily listed 4,620 Egyptian citizens, including politicians and human rights defenders, as terrorists without trial, based on state security investigations.

In 2022, the terrorism courts ordered the continued detention of nearly 25,000 individuals, including human rights defenders, journalists and peaceful activists, releasing only 1.41 per cent of them, according to human rights organizations.

Since becoming president in 2014 Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

has built at least 28 new prisons, more than a third of Egypt’s total number, which is now estimated to be 81.

Sisi promoted the new prison facilities as a model in human rights compliance, but rights groups have criticized them for falling short of international standards.

Several Egyptian and international rights organizations have denounced the poor human rights standards at Badr 3, which they say have led to the deaths of several detainees and prompted mass hunger strikes. Amnesty International said its detention conditions are “comparable to or even worse” than Tora.