

Documents: Israel Tried to Influence UK Courts Against Pro-Palestine Activists

LONDON (Middle East Eye) – The Zionist regime’s embassy officials in London could have attempted to exert influence on the prosecution of pro-Palestine protesters, according to documents seen by The Guardian.

The documents, disclosed by the attorney general’s office (AGO) via a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, reveal multiple attempts by Zionist regime embassy officials to pressure the director general of the AGO, Douglas Wilson, to interfere with court cases relating to protesters.

While the disclosed emails and meeting minutes are heavily redacted and specifics of the officials’ demands are unclear, in an email dated 9 May Wilson refers to the “operational independence of the CPS [Crown Prosecution Service], and the AGO’s ability to bring about prosecutions”.

The email, which came after months of direct action targeting the sites and offices of Israeli weapons manufacturer Elbit systems by the non-violent direct-



Members of Palestine Action, charged with conspiracy to blackmail, burgle and destroy the Zionist regime’s arms trade in Britain, outside Snaresbrook Crown Court.

action group Palestine Action, also outlines restrictions imposed by the Police, Crime, Courts and Sentencing Act, controversial legislation that has drawn fire from campaign groups for severely restricting the right to protest.

In the same email, Wilson mentions the Colston statue case, where anti-racism protesters in Bristol toppled the statue of a local

figure that grew his wealth through slavery. In the case, a referral by the attorney general triggered a decision by the court of referral that protesters accused of “significant criminal” damage could not be acquitted using human rights defenses, a ruling that further curtailed the right to protest.

Since the Colston ruling, Palestine solidarity activists, as well

as environmental campaigners, have been convicted for targeting private property, a crime that previously they could have been acquitted for using human rights defenses.

A section of the disclosed correspondence, dating from February, discussed the possibility of a joint declaration to seek “closer bilateral cooperation” over “legislation and legal reform, civil and criminal law and legal education” between the respective countries’ justice ministries.

The same email also discusses private (citizen’s) arrests in the UK for alleged war crimes. Wilson mentions the tightening of procedures for these cases and advises about “special mission immunity”, a status that was previously used to grant immunity to former Zionist foreign minister Tzipi Livni.

According to Palestine Action, the revelations are the latest evidence of collusion between the UK government and the Zionist regime to crack down on pro-Palestine activism in UK.

prudence of regional states, the Muslim world and nations would increase their support for the Palestinian people and resistance front.

“Iran and Malaysia have consensus on support for the Palestinian people, fight against terrorism and multilateral cooperation among Muslim countries,” the top Iranian diplomat pointed out.

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Elsewhere in his remarks, Raeisi stressed that his government prioritizes tackling economic problems while it also attaches great importance to cultural affairs as well as economic and political matters.

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of the Middle East and a strategic partner of Russia,” Gen. Salyukov said.

The Russian commander said Moscow and Tehran are currently engaged in deep political discussions to further strengthen bilateral relations.

Russia’s Defense Ministry said an Iranian military delegation in Moscow to discuss cooperation between Iranian and Russian ground forces.

Russia and Iran, both under Western economic sanctions, have forged closer relations in military and other areas since Moscow sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine.

“The military delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, led by the Ground Forces Commander Brigade General Kioumars Haydari arrived in Moscow for discussion of issues of bilateral military cooperation,” the Russian Defense Ministry said, according to TASS.

The two sides discussed “issues of military cooperation and interaction, aimed at the implementation of projects that are supposed to improve the combat readiness of both countries’ armed forces,” TASS said.

Russia sees Iran as its “strategic partner,” it quoted Salyukov as saying.

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The remarks came after Reuters cited ship tracking data as showing that a cargo of Iranian crude oil that was seized by the United States began unloading on Sunday.

Commenting on the recent agreement with the U.S. for the release of Iranian funds frozen in South Korea, Kanaani said that Washington was “forced” to recognize Iran’s rights in this regard.

“The release of Iran’s assets comes at a time when the U.S. tries to block them by imposing unilateral sanctions. However, we forced the United States to pay attention to Iran’s rights through our good diplomatic and legal efforts.”

South Korean banks blocked \$6 billion worth of Iran’s assets after former U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal in 2018 and reinstated economic sanctions against Tehran. They refused to release them because of fears of facing U.S. penalties.

Earlier this month, Iran announced agreements reached between Tehran and Washington to resolve some issues relating to the prisoner swap and the unfreezing of Iranian assets illegally blocked overseas.

Kanaani said that a maximum framework of two months has been specified for the process.

He also noted that Iran is seriously pursuing the release of its assets blocked in Iraq, announcing that part of the process has been completed.

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reverse engineering or reproduction of foreign products.

Even the world’s major military powers have become interested in Iran’s defense capabilities and are seeking to obtain its achievements, the general stated.

He said the armed forces will continue to make headways regardless of the media and psychological war waged by the hegemony and Zionism, warning that any act of aggression against Iran will draw such a decisive and forcible response that would make the violators regret.

Zionist Army Demolishes More Palestinian Houses

RAMALLAH, Palestine (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime’s army on Monday demolished four Palestinian houses near Ariha city and detained 15 Palestinians from several provinces in the occupied West Bank.

In Dweik al-Tahta village west of Ariha, four houses, including three inhabited and one under construction, were demolished, Adel Abu Nema, a Palestinian journalist, told Anadolu.

He stated that six other houses in Area C have received demolition notices.

The occupying regime’s authorities prohibit construction or land reclamation in Area C, without permits, which are almost impossible to obtain, according to Palestinians and international human rights re-

ports. Under the 1995 Oslo Accords between the occupying regime and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the West Bank, including East Al-Quds, was divided into three areas A, B, and C.

While Area A represents 18% of the West Bank and is controlled by the Palestinian Authority in terms of security and administration, Area B represents 21% of the territory and is subject to Palestinian civil administration and the Zionist regime.

Meanwhile, Far-right Zionist minister Itamar Ben-Gvir reportedly plans to allocate millions of shekels to step up the security of settlements across the occupied East Al-Quds.

Israel’s Channel 7 reported

on Sunday that Ben-Gvir seeks the regime’s approval of the initiative, under which 120 million shekels (over \$31 million) will be invested in policing the occupied city settlements.

The plan calls for an increase in the number of police officers deployed in East Al-Quds neighborhoods as well as the installation of more cameras at friction points and main roads.

It also demands a raise in the salaries of Zionist troops and the erection of further checkpoints in the city.

According to the report, 32 million shekels of the amount will be spent on the development of East Al-Quds settlements.

Since joining the regime’s most right-wing cabinet led

by prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu late last year, Ben-Gvir has expressed racist views against the Palestinians and proposed inhumane measures against them.

He has also made provocative visits to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Al-Quds in recent months, sparking furious condemnations from Muslim nations.

In another development, the Palestinian Prisoners Society said in a statement that the regime’s army “arrested on Monday 15 Palestinians from several provinces in the West Bank.”

The NGO stated that the overnight arrests took place in the provinces of Tulakarm, Bethlehem, Al-Khalil and Al-Quds.

have to bear the full responsibility and serious consequences of this blasphemous move.

Elsewhere in the presser, the Iranian foreign minister said he held important and fruitful talks about further improvement of mutual ties and some leading regional and international issues.

He said a session of Iran-Malaysia joint economic commission would convene in Tehran in the near future and its sub-committees would hold regular sessions to discuss consular, trade, economic and cultural issues and the fight against terrorism.

He said diplomatic efforts are underway to organize visits by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi to Kuala Lumpur and the Malaysian prime minister to Tehran.

Amir-Abdollahian said the two countries are keen to bolster scientific and technological cooperation and hold active matches in all sports fields.

Both sides agreed to speed up the extradition of criminals and the exchange of prisoners, he said, expressing hope that the two countries would release female inmates at the first step in the near future.

Amir-Abdollahian said Israel is the only occupying and aggressive regime in the West Asia and hoped that with

the U.S. and India with 152 and 102 points, respectively.

Meanwhile, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Parliament speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf, and acting Minister of Sport and Youth Kioumars Hashemi paid tribute to the victorious Iranian athletes and felicitated them on their notable achievements.

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He said the Muslim world and nations would not tolerate such sacrilegious acts and urged Stockholm and Copenhagen to be cautious about the rise of extremism, violence and terrorism in Europe.

Amir-Abdollahian emphasized that Muslim countries would severely pursue the idea of banning the purchase of Swedish and Danish commodities.

On Sunday, the deputy director general of the Human Rights Department of Iran’s Foreign Ministry summoned Sweden and Denmark’s chargés d’affaires in Tehran in protest at the continuation of brazen and heinous acts of insulting the Muslim holy book.

The Iranian diplomat said the governments of Sweden and Denmark

of Hormuz, that was about to violate Iran’s territorial waters.

The IRGC Navy presented images of the encounter on Thursday when the U.S. warship was forced to comply with the Iranian speedboats’ orders.

IRGC Navy commander Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri said his forces deployed Zolfaqar flotilla vessels to the scene and issued a warning, forcing U.S. helicopters to land back shortly after they taken off from the carrier’s flight deck.

Admiral Tangsiri said the incident marked the first time in about 22 months that U.S. naval forces had entered the Persian Gulf.

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Yasin Yazdi in the 82-kilogram and Ali Choubani in the 87-kilogram divisions collected two silver medals, and Amir Reza Dehbozorgi in the 60-kilogram won a bronze.

Iran won the team title with 162 points. Georgia finished in second place with 89 points and Armenia came third with 88.

Earlier, Iran’s freestyle team won the title with 165 points, followed by

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The lion’s share of the August flow has been crude with just over 200,000 barrels a day of condensate — a lighter form of oil.

The Persian Gulf state is selling the vast majority of its barrels to China as other past customers like South Korea and Japan steer clear of sanctioned barrels. India, previously a big buyer of Iranian oil, has pivoted to taking more Russian barrels.

Iran and the U.S. have been engaging through intermediaries for months, attempting to ease tensions. As a first confidence-building gesture, Iran took steps to release U.S. prisoners in exchange for access to funds frozen overseas.

Even as Iran has made steps to maintain peace, tensions remain around shipping in the vital Strait of Hormuz waterway amid the recent dispatch of warships to the region by the U.S.

About a fifth of the world’s oil passes through the strait which lies at the mouth of the Persian Gulf.

The Islamic Republic Guards Corps (IRGC) speedboats recently stopped a U.S. helicopter carrier in the Strait