

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Gaza Strip exports resumed Sunday as the Zionist regime reopened a trade crossing. Palestinian and occupying regime officials said, days after it was shut over an alleged attempt to smuggle explosives from the coastal enclave. The Kerem Shalom crossing, the only point of entry for goods between Gaza and the occupied territories, was closed last week. Impoverished Gaza, home to around 2.3 million Palestinians, is under a tight land, air and sea blockade imposed by Egypt and the Zionist regime. On Sunday morning the Kerem Shalom gateway was reopened, said Raed Fattouh, head of the Presidential Committee for the Coordination of Goods, which is affiliated to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party.

Recommended prayers cannot attain the pleasures of Allah for you when obligatory prayers are left unattended.

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## Palestinian Teenager Martyred in Al-Khalil, Resistance Fires Rocket at Settlement

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) - A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was martyred by Zionist troops during clashes in the West Bank city of Al-Khalil, the Palestinian Health Ministry said in a statement.

The teenager, identified as Milad al-Raai, was shot in the stomach and back by Zionist troops in the al-Aroub refugee camp, according to the ministry. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Palestinian security sources said clashes erupted between the Zionist troops and local youths after the troops fired tear gas canisters at the entrance to the refugee camp.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said the young boy was shot in the back and chest during Israeli forces' raid on the camp.

A large number of Palestinians also suffered suffocation from gas inhalation due to the use of toxic tear gas by the regime's forces.

Zionist troops launch raids on various cities of the West Bank on an almost daily basis under the pretext of detaining what the regime calls "wanted" Palestinians. The raids usually lead to



Palestinian fighters from Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas resistance movement, hold a military parade in Gaza City.

violent confrontations with residents.

More than 200 Palestinians have been killed this year in the occupied territories and Gaza. The majority of these fatalities have been recorded in the West Bank.

The figure makes 2023 the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since the United Nations began keeping track of fatalities in 2005.

Previously, 2022 was the deadliest year with 150 Palestinians killed, of whom 33 were minors, according to the United Nations.

### Fight Until 'Full Liberation'

The Gaza-based Hamas resistance movement said in a statement that Palestinians will resolutely keep up their struggle until the full liberation of occupied territories from the grip of Israeli occupation.

"Palestinians will continue their anti-occupation efforts throughout the West Bank, and confront the Tel Aviv regime's crimes, especially in the holy city of Al-Quds and the al-Aqsa Mosque compound," the statement said.

It underscored that the long-term battle against the Zionist enemy will

finally result in the expulsion of occupiers, the liberation of occupied lands, and the restoration of Palestinians' freedom.

Palestinian fighters from the West Bank city of Jenin fired a rocket toward a nearby Zionist settlement on Sunday, according to the Israeli military.

Claiming the attack, Palestinian armed group Ayyash Brigades said in a statement that the attack was "a response to the ongoing crimes and violations committed by the Israeli enemy."

The group, affiliated with Hamas' Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades military wing and located in the flashpoint city of Jenin in the northern West Bank, released video footage showing it prepared to launch a rocket at the Ram On settlement in the Gilboa Regional Council in northern parts of the occupied territories.

Also on Sunday, Israeli media outlets reported a car explosion in Haifa, located in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The car explosion occurred on Tzahal St. in Haifa on Sunday morning.

Footage circulating on social media shows that the car was set on fire after the blast.

## Syrian Army Operations Kill Over 100 Militants



Syrian government forces are seen during an operation against foreign-sponsored Takfiri militants in an undisclosed location in Syria.

DAMASCUS (Xinhua) - A total of 111 militants have been killed and 80 others wounded in a series of Syrian military operations in the northwestern province of Idlib, the Syrian army said in a statement.

Cooperating closely with the Russian air force, the Syrian armed forces carried out several days of intensive precision operations to curb the "flagrant violations" committed by terrorist groups, particularly in the southern countryside of Idlib, said the statement.

The majority of these terrorists were affiliated with the self-styled Ansar al-Tawhid organization, a branch of the notorious Al-Qaeda terrorist network, said the statement.

Russia has been providing Syrian forces with military assistance in the ongoing battles across the conflict-plagued Arab country.

The Russian assistance, which began in September 2015 at the official request of the Syrian government, has proved effective as Syrians continue to recapture key areas from remnants of the Daesh terrorist group and other foreign-backed terrorist factions.

By using a variety of firepower, such as artillery and multiple mis-

## UN Report: Afghanistan Meth Trade Surges as Taliban Clamp Down on Heroin

KABUL (Reuters) - Methamphetamine trafficking in and around Afghanistan has surged in recent years, even as the Taliban have curbed heroin trafficking since taking power, a United Nations report said on Sunday.

"The surge in methamphetamine trafficking in Afghanistan and the region suggests a significant shift in the illicit drug market and demands our immediate attention," said Ghada Waly, executive director of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The Taliban, which regained power in August 2021, announced a ban the following April on the production of narcotics in Afghanistan, the world's main opium producer. Taliban officials say its security forces are clamping down on Afghan poppy farmers and destroying crops.

While heroin trafficking has slowed, the UNODC said in a statement, meth trafficking "has intensified since the ban".

Meth seizures in and around

## Watchdog: Israel's Pegasus Spyware Exploits Apple Device Vulnerability

WEST BANK (Dispatches) - Researchers from the digital watchdog group 'Citizen Lab' have uncovered spyware connected to the Zionist regime's firm NSO, exploiting a recently identified flaw in Apple's devices.

During an examination of an Apple device belonging to an employee of a civil society organization in Washington, Citizen Lab identified the bug's utilization to infect the device with NSO's Pegasus spyware. The hack, known as Blastpass, was found to be capable of compromising iPhones running the latest iOS version, 16.6, without any user intervention.

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Bill Marczak, Senior Researcher at Citizen Lab, stated to Reuters.

Marczak also noted that the hacker likely made an installation error, leading Citizen Lab's engineers to discover the spyware.

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Citizen Lab's statement urged users to update their devices immediately, as Apple's security engineering team confirmed that the new updates mitigate this specific cyber attack.

"We urge everyone to immediately update their devices. We encourage everyone who may face increased risk because of who they are or what they do to enable Lockdown Mode. We believe, and Apple's Security Engineering and Architecture team has confirmed to us, that Lockdown Mode blocks this particular attack. We commend Apple for their rapid investigative response and patch cycle, and we acknowledge the victim and their organization for their collaboration and assistance," the statement read, in part.

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