

# Zionist Regime's Military Admits Shooting Innocent Palestinians

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's military has acknowledged that occupation soldiers had 'mistakenly' attacked and imprisoned three innocent Palestinians last month leaving them with life-altering injuries.

According to the Times of Israel, the occupying regime's troops (IDF) claimed that occupation soldiers fired at several Palestinians who were allegedly throwing makeshift explosives from a moving vehicle towards a nearby military post near the occupied West Bank city of Jenin.

Three of the injured Palestinians were imprisoned by the soldiers, while a fourth victim was taken to a hospital in Jenin by Palestinian medics as a result of the serious injuries he suffered.



Zionist troops in the occupied West Bank on February 18, 2022. 19-year-old Ali Hassan is currently paralyzed from the waist down and has suffered shoulder injuries.

Wasim Herzallah, 30, sustained a leg injury from gunfire and was discharged from an Israeli hospital after receiving treatment, re-

ported Israel's Kan broadcaster. The second victim, 19-year-old Ali Hassan, is currently paralyzed from the waist down and

has suffered shoulder injuries. He is undergoing rehabilitation at Tel Hashomer Hospital.

According to the report, Hassan's uncle, Saleh 'Atara, said: "A soldier who accompanied us during the initial days at the hospital apologized for the shooting."

The report mentioned that the third injured suspect, Hassan Qassem Suleiman, remains under sedation and intubation following a severe head injury from a gunshot fired by the Zionist troops.

While the IDF Spokesperson's Unit did not provide an immediate comment on the incident, a military source acknowledged that the troops mistakenly fired at the incorrect vehicle and the incident was being investigated "by the highest ranks."

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the shekel, and led to public concern for civil war.

In the next few weeks, the supreme court is also due to hear petitions against two more bitterly contested pieces of legislation passed by Netanyahu's coalition of rightwing and religious parties that critics say are designed to protect the position of the prime minister and his political allies.

Compromise talks between the regime and opposition parties brokered by Herzog have repeatedly ended in stalemate.

On Monday, thousands of protesters rallied at the supreme court on the eve of the hearing.

Far-right police minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called on Netanyahu not to cave and said his party, Jewish Power, does not back the compromises being mediated by President Herzog.

Netanyahu's office responded by saying that if agreements are reached, no one will stop them from going through.

The protest has seeped into the military, with some reservists saying they would not report for voluntary duty, prompting military chiefs to warn that Israel's war-readiness could be at risk.

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light and medium-range weapons in close combat situations.

Rukn al-Shadid drills were first held in 2020. The exercises have been staged annually ever since and involve various units showcasing their military capabilities.

The maneuvers also serve as a platform for different divisions of Palestinian resistance factions to share their experience in order to enhance coordination on the field.

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of a delegation of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said the death toll would be "huge".

"We can confirm from our independent sources of information that the number of missing people is hitting 10,000 so far," he told reporters via video link.

United Nations aid chief Martin Griffiths said in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, that emergency teams were now being mobilized to help on the ground.

As Turkey and other countries rushed aid to Libya, including search and rescue vehicles, rescue boats, generators and food, distraught Derna citizens rushed home in search of loved ones.

In Derna, Mostafa Salem, 39, said he had lost 30 of his relatives. "Most people were sleeping. Nobody was ready," Salem told Reuters. As the storm had intensified into the evening, he said, people started getting alerts saying that the water level at one of the dams was rising and noises were emanating from it.

At Tripoli airport in northwest Libya, a woman started to wail loudly as she received a call saying most of her family were dead or missing. Her brother-in-law, Walid Abdulati, said "we are not speaking about one or two people dead, but up to 10 members of each family dead".

Karim al-Obaidi, a passenger on a plane from Tripoli to the east, said: "I have never felt as frightened as I do now ... I lost contact with all my family, friends and neighbors."

An interior ministry spokesperson told Al Jazeera that naval teams were searching for the "many families that were swept into the sea in the city of Derna". Footage broadcast by Libyan TV station al-Masara showed people searching for bodies and men in a rubber boat retrieving one from the sea.

"We have nothing to save people ... no machines...we are asking for urgent help," said ambulance worker Khalifah Touil.

Derna is bisected by a seasonal river that flows from highlands to the south, and normally protected from flooding by dams.

A video posted on social media showed remnants of a collapsed dam 11.5 km (7 miles) upstream of the city where two river valleys converged, now surrounded by huge pools of mud-colored water.

"There used to be a dam," a voice can

be heard saying in the video. Reuters confirmed the location based on the images.

In a research paper published last year, hydrologist Abdelwanees A. R. Ashoor of Libya's Omar Al-Mukhtar University said repeated flooding of the seasonal riverbed, or wadi, was a threat to Derna. He cited five floods since 1942, and called for immediate steps to ensure regular maintenance of the dams.

"If a huge flood happens the result will be catastrophic for the people of the wadi and the city," the paper said.

Libya is politically split between east and west and public services have fallen apart since a 2011 NATO-backed popular uprising that prompted years of factional conflict.

The internationally recognized government in Tripoli does not control eastern areas but has dispatched aid to Derna, with at least one relief flight leaving from the western city of Misrata on Tuesday, a Reuters journalist on the plane said.

Norway's Refugee Council said tens of thousands of people were displaced with no prospect of going back home.

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on its hard-nosed position of not removing all the sanctions that were slapped on Tehran by the previous U.S. administration.

The European Union, which acts as the coordinator of the talks, forwarded at the time a fresh proposal to the Islamic Republic in order to break the impasse that had affected the negotiations due to American procrastination.

Iran submitted its response to the EU draft proposal on August 15, 2022, a week after the latest round of talks wrapped up in Vienna.

After submitting its response to the EU proposal, Tehran urged Washington to show "realism and flexibility" in order to reach an agreement. However, it took almost ten days for the Biden administration to submit its response to Iran's comments on the EU draft.

Iran blamed the failure of JCPOA's revival on the procrastination of the American side in providing an answer and said moving to the next stage would have been possible had the U.S. government shown serious willpower and acted responsibly in its promises.

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Highlighting the strong ties between Tehran and Baghdad, Amir-Abdollahian stressed the need to speed up the implementation of the two countries' security deal.

Bafel Talabani, for his part, appreciated Iran's continued support for the Iraqi government and people.

He described Iran as the most powerful supporter of the Iraqi people and underlined that Iraqis are proud of their relations and friendship with Iran.

Talabani also referred to the developments in the Kurdistan Region and the strengthening of relations between the region and the central government of Iraq as well as the measures taken by his party to increase security on the borders of the Kurdistan Region.

He further said Iraq will not allow its territory to be used as a launching pad for harming regional countries, particularly Iran, the Foreign Ministry's website reported.

## Judiciary...

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Upon his arrest, Sharmahd admitted to providing explosives for the bombing attack in the targeted mosque in Shiraz.

The lawyer for the victims' families slammed the U.S. for supporting Tondar (Thunder), adding Iran's calls on the Interpol to dismantle the terrorist outfit have been ignored several times.

Another lawyer of the case clarified that members of the terrorist group, in a separate scheme, were involved in making bombs in a hotel in Tehran last year to target the Book Exhibition, that draws millions of visitors, but the hotel was set ablaze.

The lawyer added Washington pays exorbitant amounts for the terrorist acts in all stages of the operations.

The 67-year-old Sharmahd was handed a death sentence for his terrorist activities, including for working with US intelligence to spy on Iran's ballistic missile program.

# U.S. Convoy Transfers Military Equipment From Iraq to Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – A convoy belonging to the U.S.-led coalition has reportedly transferred military equipment, ammunition and fuel from American bases in Iraq to neighboring Syria.

Citing unnamed sources, Lebanon's al-Mayadeen news channel reported that the convoy had entered eastern Syria through the Faysh Khabur border crossing in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan Region on Monday night.

The U.S. military has in recent months ramped up its military presence in Syria, a country gripped by a foreign-backed

militancy since 2011 which has repeatedly denounced the deployment as "illegal".

Last month, the Pentagon sent a convoy to the bases in eastern Syria's Dayr al-Zawr province through the Al-Waleed border crossing between Iraq and Syria.

Comprised of around 50 vehicles, the convoy reached U.S. bases in the Koniko natural gas field and al-Omer oil field on August 14.

The Pentagon claims that the deployment of its forces and equipment in Syria is aimed at preventing oil fields from falling into the

hands of Daesh terrorists.

Damascus, on the other hand, maintains that the deployment is meant to plunder the Arab country's natural resources.

In letters sent to the UN on Sunday, the Syrian Foreign Ministry called for an end to the illegal presence of U.S. occupation troops and return of the country's energy reserves and natural resources to the Damascus government.

It also put the damage inflicted on the Syrian oil and mineral sectors as a result of "acts of aggression and sabotage" by U.S. troops and their allied terrorists at \$115.2

billion.

In an article published on Sunday, SANA referenced the letters sent by Syria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and Albania, which currently holds the UN Security Council presidency for September. In this communication, Syrian diplomats asked international organization to put an end to what they view as violations of international law and the UN Charter by the U.S., which has stationed troops illegally in the northeast and southeast regions of Syria.

# American Researcher Rescued From Deep Turkish Cave After Over Week

TASELI PLATEAU, Turkey (AP) – Rescuers have pulled an American researcher out of a Turkish cave, more than a week after he became seriously ill 1,000 meters (more than 3,000 feet) below its entrance, said the Speleological Federation of Turkey.

Teams from across Europe had rushed to Morca cave in southern Turkey's Taurus Mountains to aid Mark Dickey, a 40-year-old experienced caver who became seriously ill on Sept. 2 with stomach bleeding. He was on an expedition to map the cave, which is the country's third deepest.

Dickey was too frail to climb out himself, so rescuers carried him with the help of a stretcher, mak-

ing frequent stops at temporary camps set up along the way.

"Mark Dickey is out of the Morca cave. He is fine and is being tended to by emergency medical worker in the encampment above," said a statement by the speleological federation on Monday. "Thus, the cave rescue part of the operation has ended successfully. We congratulate all those who have contributed!"

A statement from Mark's parents, Debbie and Andy Dickey, said the fact that their son "has been moved out of Morca Cave in stable condition is indescribably relieving and fills us with incredible joy."

The American was first treated

inside the cave by a Hungarian doctor who went down the cave on Sept. 3. Doctors and rescuers then took turns caring for him. The cause of Dickey's illness was not clear.

The biggest challenges for the rescuers were the steep vertical sections and navigating through mud and water at low temperatures in the horizontal sections. There was also the psychological toll of staying inside a dark, damp cave for extended periods of time.

Around 190 experts from Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Turkey took part in the rescue, including doctors, paramedics and experienced cavers. Teams comprised of a doctor and three to four

other rescuers took turns staying by his side at all times.

The rescue began on Saturday after doctors, who administered IV fluids and blood, determined that Dickey could make the arduous ascent.

Before the evacuation could begin, rescuers first had to widen some of the cave's narrow passages, install ropes to pull him up vertical shafts on a stretcher and set up temporary camps along the way.

Dickey, who is from Croton-on-Hudson, New York, is a well-known cave researcher and a cave rescuer himself who had participated in many international expeditions.

# Russia Considers Lifting Tourist Visa Needs for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain

MOSCOW (MEMO) – Russia is working to implement visa-free travel for citizens of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia, the Minister of Economic Development, Maxim Reshetnikov, said.

"We are working toward establishing a visa-free system with countries of the Middle East and South Asia. We have proposed completely annulling visas for Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. One of the reasons for interest in this issue is the possibility of increasing the traffic of tourists, including premium-class visitors," Russian state-owned news agency Sputnik quoted Reshetnikov as saying.

The move builds on similar agreements which were implemented in August. Over the summer, Russia and China began accepting groups of tourists under the framework of an intergovernmental agreement on visa-free group tourism exchanges.

# Austria Officially Reopens Embassy in Baghdad

GENEVA (Anadolu) – Austria's foreign minister is set to reopen the Austrian Embassy in Baghdad in a formal ceremony.

Alexander Schallenberg told a press conference with his Iraqi counterpart Fuad Hussain in Baghdad on Tuesday that his visit is a "sign of trust."

Austria wants to "turn a new page" in its relationship with Iraq, he added. Schallenberg is also set to meet Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid and Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudan.

Afterwards, the official reopening of the embassy is planned. The Austrian representation was closed in 1991, but has been back in operation for just under a year,

now located in the Babylon Rotana hotel for security reasons.

The official reopening demonstrates "confidence in state institutions and resilience in the face of challenges in the region," Schallenberg said.

Opening an embassy is "one of the most beautiful tasks there is for a foreign minister," he added. The goal, he said, is "cooperation at eye level in the areas of the economy and security."

At the joint press conference, Hussein, who also serves as Iraq's deputy prime minister, expressed his conviction that the embassy's reopening would lead to intensifying relations. "We are very optimistic that there will be cooperation," he said.