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TEHRAN -- A fire broke out at a rehabilitation center in Langrud in northern Iran on Friday, leaving 26 people dead and 14 others injured. Muhammad Jalaei, the political, security, and social deputy of the Gilan governor, told IRNA that the fire broke out in the clinic at 5:45 a.m. He explained that 40 people were in the rehab clinic for drug addiction when the incident occurred. The cause of the incident is still unknown, he said.

TEHRAN -- The occupying regime of Israel is the real terrorist despite calling the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas a terrorist group, says Cuba's ambassador to Tehran. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Latin America Cartoon and Caricature Exhibition in Tehran, Alberto Gonzalez Casals condemned the Zionist regime's ongoing crimes in the Gaza Strip. "Israel calls Hamas a terrorist organization, and the West, led by the United States, considers Hamas a terrorist organization, but they themselves are real terrorists," he said.

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Nasrallah: Lebanese Front Open to All Possibilities

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Hezbollah's Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah on Friday warned that all options are on the table against Israel, urging the Zionist regime to immediately stop its aggression against Palestinians in Gaza.

Speaking in a televised speech, Nasrallah said Hezbollah is ready for all possibilities as thousands of people waving Hezbollah and Palestinian flags gathered in south and east Lebanon for his first public speech since the beginning of the Hamas-Israel war broke out on Oct. 7.

"Our Lebanese front is open to all possibilities," he said, adding, "We should all be ready and prepared for all possibilities and scenarios to come."

His speech came as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Occupied Palestine for a third visit since the war started.

Nasrallah warned the United States over its involvement in the conflict, and said the U.S. threats do not intimidate Hezbollah.

"We received messages that the U.S. will bomb Lebanon and even Iran if we continue our operations in southern Lebanon. We tell them, 'Your warships in the Eastern Mediterranean do not scare us and never scared us before,'" he said.

Commenting on the Lebanese situation, Nasrallah said the movement entered the battle on Oct. 8, one day after Hamas' attack.

He addressed those expecting an all-out war with Israel, saying, "For those who are asking Hezbollah to engage in open warfare, what is happening on the border may appear moderate, but that is not the case. And we will not be content with this."

He added, "The operations on the border have led to a state of fear and panic among the [Israeli] and American leaderships that the front will head toward further escalation or lead to a large-scale war.

This is a realistic possibility that could happen, and the enemy must take it into serious consideration."

Nasrallah said that Hezbollah's actions had forced Israel to deploy forces along the Lebanese border instead of Gaza.

Nasrallah said the United States is directly involved in the war in Gaza and responsible for the "massacres" being carried out in the Palestinian territory and elsewhere in the region over the past years. This is why, he continued, the Iraqi "Islamic resistance" made the "wise" decision to attack U.S. bases in Iraq and Syria.

He accused global institutions including the UN Security Council, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Arab League and the European Union of not "moving a finger" to help the Palestinians despite the historic occupation of the Palestinian territories by Israel and the violence that has come with it.

Nasrallah said the situation in the Palestinian territories has been extremely difficult in light of the actions taken by the current Israeli regime, which he described as "extremist."

The Hezbollah chief said whoever wants to prevent a regional war, must quickly stop the Israeli aggression against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. He warned the United States that preventing a regional war depended on stopping Israeli atrocities, saying there was a real possibility of fighting on the Lebanese front turning into a "wider war".

"You, the Americans, can stop the aggression against Gaza because it is your aggression. Whoever wants to prevent a regional war, and I am talking to the Americans, must quickly halt the aggression on Gaza," Nasrallah said.

"You, the Americans, know very well that if war breaks out in the region, your fleets will be of no use, nor will fighting from the air be of any benefit, (Continued on Page 7)

Saqquez Airport, 10 Energy Projects Put to Operation

President Inaugurates Hamadan-Sanandaj Railway



President Raisi traveled to Kordestan province to inaugurate a number of projects, where he was warmly welcomed by the local people.

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi has inaugurated several major infrastructure and development projects in western Kordestan province, including the Hamadan-Sanandaj railway which has a total

length of 151 kilometers.

The railway will ultimately stretch to Bashmogh border crossing with Iraq, putting the region in the map of an evolving international transit route.

Launched 18 years ago, the project to build a rail line between Hamedan and Sanandaj had been put on hold due to funding problems. Last year, President Raisi allowed about

\$275.5 million for its completion when he visited the region.

The operation of the railway will create direct employment, facilitate passenger and cargo transportation from the west to the center of the country, reduce the cost of cargo transportation, boost tourism and improve the regional economy.

On Friday, President Raisi inaugurated Saqqez airport as he flew to the city. Launched in 1996, the construction of the airport had also restarted after the president visited Kordestan last year.

Raisi also inaugurated 10 major water and electricity projects worth over 120 trillion rials in the province.

They included two major water supply projects, two water treatment facilities, and irrigation and drainage networks for more than 2,700 hectares of farmlands.

Zionist Genocide Intensifies as Resistance Fights Off Ground Invasion Three Gaza Hospitals, Convoy Carrying Injured Targeted

GAZA CITY (Dispatches) -- The occupying regime of Israel targeted three Gaza hospitals within a few hours on Friday, martyring and wounding several patients and people seeking shelter from airstrikes, the Palestinian health ministry said.

At least 15 people were martyred in the bombing on Al-Shifa, Gaza's largest hospital, according to Al Jazeera. Video footage circulating online showed bloody and chaotic scenes.

Meanwhile, the courtyards of the Indonesian hospital and Al-Quds hospital were also hit. All three hospitals have been places Palestinians have sought shelter from Israeli attacks.

Ashraf al-Qedra, the spokesman for the Palestinian health ministry, said jets struck a convoy of critically wounded people at the gates of Al-Shifa hospital, who were in ambulances on their way to the south of Gaza.

He said he asked the Red Cross to accompany the con-

voy to ensure its safety earlier in the day.

As Zionist ground forces surrounded Gaza City and moved deeper into the coastal enclave's north, Palestinians leaving the city were martyred on the Al-Rasheed road, Gaza's coastal artery. Dead bodies were seen strewn across the tarmac.

At least 9,227 people, including 3,826 children, have been martyred in the four-week-long Israeli invasion of Gaza, according to local health officials.

Among the targets hit in Gaza on Friday was a cemetery, with local media reporting at least Palestinian seven workers there martyred.

Israeli tanks and troops have met fierce resistance from Hamas fighters using mortars and hit-and-run attacks from tunnels to fight off Tel Aviv's ground invasion of Gaza City after nearly four weeks of bombardments.

Fighters of Hamas and its ally Islamic Jihad were emerging

from tunnels to fire at tanks, then disappearing back into the network, residents said and videos from both groups showed, in guerrilla-style operations against Israeli troops.

"They never stopped bombing Gaza City all night, the house never stopped shaking," Reuters quoted an unnamed man living there. "But in the morning we discover the Israeli forces are still outside the city, in the outskirts and that means the resistance is heavier than they expected."

"This is certainly terrain that is more heavily sown than in the past with minefields and booby-traps. Hamas has learned and prepared itself well," said Brigadier General Iddo Mizrahi, chief of Israel's military engineers.

The Zionist army said Palestinian fighters killed a commander of an armored brigade's battalion in Gaza. Lt Col Salman Habaka is the most senior Israeli soldier to be killed since the ground invasion escalated on Tuesday.

The Israeli army confirmed at least 24 soldiers have been killed in the clashes since Tuesday, but Gaza fighters the death toll among the Zionist troops is much higher. At least 260 Israeli soldiers have been wounded in the Gaza clashes, according to the Israeli army radio.

An Iraqi resistance group said it "targeted" Israeli positions in the city of Eilat on the Dead Sea.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an armed faction formed in the wake of Israel's atrocities in Gaza, claimed the attack in a statement on Friday.

"In support of our people in Gaza, and in response to the massacres committed by the usurping entity against Palestinian civilians, including children, women and the elderly, the Mujahideen of the Islamic Resistance in Iraq targeted this morning a target in the occupied Umm al-Rashash," the group said, using the Arabic name for Eilat.

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