

Zionist Regime Pushes Thousands of Detained Palestinian Workers Into Gaza

GAZA (Dispatches) – Thousands of Palestinians from Gaza, previously working in the Israeli-occupied territories and the occupied West Bank and then detained by the Zionist regime, are being pushed into the war-torn enclave, according to media reports.

Footage showed some of the workers returning on Friday through the Karem Abu Salem crossing in the occupied territories, east of the Rafah border crossing between the besieged Gaza Strip and Egypt.

It came after the office of Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday night that the “workers from Gaza who were in Israel on the day of the outbreak of the war will be returned to Gaza”.

Workers crossing into the Palestinian enclave said they were detained and ill-treated by the occupying regime authorities in the



Palestinian workers, who were stranded in Israel since the October 7 attacks, cross back into the Gaza Strip at the Karem Abu Salem commercial border crossing.

wake of the October 7 surprise operation by Hamas. Some still had plastic stickers carrying numbers around their legs.

“We used to serve them, work for them, in houses, in restaurants, and

in markets in return for the lowest prices and despite that, we were humiliated,” said Jamal Ismail, a worker from the Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip.

Those from areas in northern

Gaza would have to stay in the south after Zionist troops completed cutting off roads linking the two parts of the enclave late on Thursday, according to Palestinian officials.

About 18,500 residents of Gaza held permits to work outside the besieged strip before the war broke out.

The exact number of workers present in the occupied territories as the onslaught began remains unknown, but thousands are thought to have been rounded up by the Israeli army and transferred to undisclosed locations.

Jessica Montell, executive director of the Israel-based human rights organisation HaMoked, told Al Jazeera in October that more than 400 families and friends of missing laborers from Gaza had been in touch with the organization since the beginning of the war.

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and the one who will pay the price will be... your interests, your soldiers and your fleets,” he said.

Nasrallah also said Hezbollah’s operations against Israel are significant and unprecedented in history. So far, 57 Hezbollah fighters have been martyred, he added.

The Hezbollah chief denied that Hezbollah had no knowledge of the Oct. 7 operation by Hamas that killed 1,400 Zionists.

It was “100% Palestinian in terms of decision and execution,” Nasrallah said, responding to claims that the Lebanese movement had a hand in the operation.

“Even the Palestinians had kept it secret even from their fellow Palestinian resistance factions in Gaza, let alone other resistance factions across the resistance axis,” Nasrallah added.

He said the events in Gaza and the scenes of women and children being pulled from under rubble are exposing the false claims circulated by international media that Israel is a democratic state and a state of law, hiding the reality of “this barbaric Israeli entity.”

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Hezbollah said in a statement its fighters launched 19 simultaneous strikes on Israeli army positions on Thursday using guided missiles, artillery and other weapons.

It said two drones packed with explosives struck an army command position in the Israeli-occupied Shebaa Farms area at the border.

The armed wing of Hamas called the Qassam Brigades in Lebanon said it had fired 12 missile towards the Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona and its vicinity. The group said the attack was a response to the massacre of Palestinians in Gaza.

Since Israel cut off all water, electricity, fuel and food supplies off for Gaza on October 9, Palestinians have been going to the sea to wash and clean their belongings, according to Reuters. The seawater is causing Palestinians skin irritations in the absence of any clean water.

A lack of fuel and the damage on roads has meant medical staff are being forced to travel around on bikes to reach the overwhelming number of patients, the agency added.

Meanwhile, U.S. drones have been spotted in the sky purportedly trying to locate the 240 captives taken by Palestinian fighters on October 7.

The United Nations’ agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said that 72 of its staff have been killed in Gaza by Israel since the start of the war. The French Institute in Gaza was hit by an airstrike on Friday, the French foreign ministry said.

Israeli raids and drone also strikes intensified in the West Bank, with nine Palestinians martyred overnight, according to the Palestinian health ministry. The raids took place in Jenin, Al-Khalil, Nablus and Qalandia.

West of Ramallah, a 33-year-old was shot dead by an Israeli soldier, while he was on his way home from Friday prayers. Eyewitnesses said the worshippers didn’t pose any danger to the soldiers.

According to local media, Israeli forces have also cut off the water supply in the occupied West Bank village of Beit Lid, leaving 8,000 people without water.

Israeli forces and settlers have martyred at least 141 Palestinians in the West Bank since the start of the war.

In occupied East Al-Quds, meanwhile, Israeli forces restricted worshippers from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers, and used tear gas to disperse Palestinians in the Wadi al-Joz neighborhood.

When hostilities began, Israel detained an estimated 4,500 laborers from Gaza who were in the country on work permits.

On Friday, some of them had finally been released and were made to walk on foot for about 6km into the enclave, despite the bombardment and ground offensive.

Several of them said they had been tortured and subjected to various forms of abuse by the Israeli military, including being stripped naked and having boiling water thrown on them.

The Zionist regime has received the staunch support of Western governments during the war. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken returned to Occupied Palestine for the second time in less than a month on Friday morning.

He reiterated “and made clear Israel’s right to defend itself,” and said that steps must be taken to prevent regional escalation.

However, Ireland’s Prime Minister Leo Varadkar described Israel’s war on Gaza as “something approaching revenge”, in what seems to be some of the strongest criticism against the Zionist regime used by a European leader.

The United Arab Emirates also weighed in, warning about the war expanding into a broader regional crisis, and saying it was working “relentlessly” to facilitate a ceasefire for humanitarian purposes.

Report: U.S. Military Attacks Food Convoy in Syria

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The U.S. military has attacked a food convoy in eastern Syria over allegations that the trucks were carrying weapons, a report has revealed.

Tasnim news agency said that it obtained footage of the attack that took place in Syria’s eastern city of Al Bukamal near the border with Iraq.

According to the report, the U.S. had claimed that the trucks were carrying weapons, but the footage refuted the claim.

The video showed passers-by unloading a truck, with Tasnim saying that the vehicle’s driver allowed residents to unload it as he became sure that it was impossible to transfer the food to the central and western parts

of Syria.

The report didn’t specify the exact time of the attack, but Reuters on Monday cited an Iraqi border official as saying that unidentified aircraft targeted a 10-truck truck convoy that crossed from Iraq to Syria on Sunday night.

The attack is seen as a U.S. attempt to disrupt imports from Iraq as another way to bring Syrians under pressure, and as a way to get revenge on the Syrian nation amid the U.S. inability to prevent attacks on its bases in Syria.

The strikes came amid rising anti-U.S. sentiment over Washington’s firm support for the Israeli onslaught against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza

Strip, which has killed more than 9,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

The U.S. military has stationed its forces and equipment in northeastern Syria, with the Pentagon claiming that the deployment is aimed at preventing the oil fields in the area from falling into the hands of Daesh terrorists.

Damascus maintains that the deployment is meant to plunder Syria’s natural resources. Former U.S. President Donald Trump admitted on several occasions that American forces were in the Arab country for its oil wealth.

The Syrian nation has already been under U.S. pressure since 2011. Washington and its

Western allies have dramatically tightened their economic sanctions and restrictions on Damascus after 2011 when the Arab country found itself in the grip of rampant foreign-backed militancy and terrorism.

The U.S. coercive measures intensified even further with the passing of the Caesar Act in 2019, which targeted any individual and business that participated either directly or indirectly in Syria’s reconstruction efforts.

Syrians are forced to rely on imports from Iraq as Washington and US-backed forces have occupied areas that served as food baskets for Syria, unleashing a food crisis in the country.

Lebanese Defense Minister Slams Israel for Attacking Civilians in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanese Defense Minister Maurice Slim on Thursday slammed the Zionist regime for attacking civilians in southern Lebanon, calling on the international community to find a political solution to the conflict in Gaza and Lebanon, the National News Agency reported.

“Israel’s attacks on civilians in southern Lebanon, the destruction of homes, the burning

of forests and orchards, and its use of internationally prohibited weapons constitute a violation of international laws and conventions,” Slim said during his meeting with his French counterpart Sebastien Lecornu in Beirut.

Slim called on the international community to maximize its efforts in “finding a political solution to the conflict based

on the rule of international law and relevant international legitimacy resolutions, establishing justice and realizing rights.”

The defense minister also stressed Lebanon’s keenness to preserve regional stability, reiterating his country’s commitment to international resolutions.

He added that Lebanon valued the sacrifices made by the

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) over the past decades and its role in southern Lebanon, reiterating his country’s keenness to protect the force so that it can continue to perform its duties.

The Lebanon border witnessed increased tension for over three weeks after Zionist troops fired heavy artillery toward several areas in southeastern Lebanon.

Australian Court Rules in Favor of Gov’t Over Syria Repatriations

LONDON (Dispatches) – Australia does not have a legal obligation to repatriate 31 of its citizens from Syria’s al-Roj detention camp, a court has ruled, The Guardian reported on Friday.

The Australian branch of Save the Children had launched the case, representing 11 Australian women and their 20 children in the camp, and arguing that the federal government was required to repatriate them.

Most of the women have been detained in al-Roj, in Syria’s northeast, for four years, and have not been charged with a crime. Some of their children were born in the camp and have never left.

The women are the former wives or children of Daesh militants who were killed or jailed during the group’s downfall.

Save the Children Australia argued in its case that the federal government had de facto control of the women and children’s

detention, citing previous repatriation missions from Syria and the willingness of local authorities to accept them.

The Kurdish militants in northern Syria is responsible for overseeing the detentions, together with the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces.

Justice Mark Moshinsky, in a judgment on the case delivered in Melbourne’s federal court, said that the Australian government lacked control of the region and dismissed the case.

The judgment said: “The court has concluded that the respondents do not have control over the detention of the relative women and children. Accordingly this part of the application has been rejected.”

Save the Children Australia’s case also cited a request by the AANES that coalition countries repatriate their citizens from the camps.

But the government, in court filings,

said it was not responsible for Australian citizens traveling to Syria and being detained, given that al-Roj is under the “absolute discretion” of the AANES.

Matt Tinkler, Save the Children Australia CEO, said: “These children are innocent. They have done nothing wrong. When I saw these children, some of them were just hanging on and that was over a year ago.”

“These children just want to get on and live a normal life at home here in Australia to go to school to do all the things that we take for granted here.”

The organization will appeal the decision in order to get the Australian government to “do the right thing.”

In 2019, Australia repatriated eight orphaned children including a pregnant teenager. And in 2022, four women and 13 children were returned to New South Wales.