

Al-Qaeda Ambush Kills 3 in Yemen

ADEN, Yemen (Dispatches) – Militants of the Yemen-based Al-Qaeda branch killed three Saudi-backed forces in an ambush in the southern province of Abyan, a military official told Xinhua. The three fell victim to a deadly ambush orchestrated by Al-Qaeda militants in Abyan province, an area that has witnessed a recent upsurge in extremist activities, said the official on condition of anonymity. He confirmed that the soldiers were on a military patrol in the Mudiyah district of Abyan when their vehicle was targeted by Al-Qaeda members. The ambush was executed with precision as the attackers unleashed a fusillade of gunfire on the military vehicle, resulting in immediate fatalities, according to the official.

Lack of friends means stranger in one's own country.

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Hamas Chief: U.S. Green Lights Zionist Strikes

GAZA (Dispatches) – The chairman of the political bureau of Hamas resistance movement has lashed out at Washington over its unconditional support for the Zionist regime's military campaign against the Gaza Strip, stating that the occupying regime has the carte blanche for its vicious attacks on Palestinians in the besieged coastal sliver.

Ismail Haniyeh denounced the latest meeting between United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Zionist regime officials, as the regime intensified its bombing of the Palestinian territory, hitting hospitals, ambulances and civilians fleeing to safety, stating that the White House has given the green light to the Zionist regime to press ahead with its atrocities.

"The massacres being committed by the Zionist regime are a clear manifestation of the quagmire that the occupying regime and its ground forces are bogged down in," the Hamas leader said.

Haniyeh also called on Arab and Muslim nations as well as free-



Palestinians search for casualties a day after Israeli strikes on houses in Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip on November 1, 2023.

dom-loving people of the world to express their outrage over the mass killings of Palestinians at the hands of Zionist troops.

He asked Egyptian authorities to fully reopen the Rafah border crossing in line with their responsibility towards residents of the Gaza Strip, so that all humanitarian aid and basic commodities can enter

the territory.

"The resistance will mightily continue to defend the Palestinian nation. Occupiers will never have a place in our land," Haniyeh noted.

The head of the political bureau of Hamas also underlined the need for complete cessation of Zionist attacks and the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza, urging the inter-

national community to perform its humane, moral and political duties and stop the Zionist regime's war crimes.

Meanwhile, Hamas said in a statement that the occupying Tel Aviv regime is committing heinous crimes every single hour against defenseless residents of the Gaza Strip.

The resistance group condemned in the strongest terms the death and injury of dozens of Palestinians on Friday, when Israeli forces bombed a school affiliated with the UN agency for Palestinian refugees or UNRWA in the al-Saftawi area north of Gaza City. The school shelters thousands of displaced people.

"We hold the US administration, President [Joe] Biden in particular, fully responsible for the ongoing massacres as his overt support has emboldened Israel and given it the green light to commit a genocidal war against vulnerable people in the besieged enclave," Hamas noted in the statement.

Turkey, Honduras Recall Ambassadors From Israel

ISTANBUL (Dispatches) – Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday he was breaking off contact with Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu due to the occupying regime's actions in Gaza.

"Netanyahu is no longer someone we can talk to. We have written him off," Turkish media quoted Erdogan as saying.

Erdogan's remarks came a week after the occupying regime said it was "re-evaluating" its relations with Ankara because of Turkey's increasingly heated statements about the Zionist regime's onslaught on Gaza.

The occupying regime had earlier withdrawn all diplomats from Turkey and other regional countries as a "security precaution".

Erdogan said Saturday that Turkey was not breaking off diplomatic rela-

tions with the occupying regime.

"Completely severing ties is not possible, especially in international diplomacy," Erdogan said.

He said MIT intelligence agency chief Ibrahim Kalin was spearheading Turkey's efforts to try and mediate an end to the war.

"Ibrahim Kalin is talking to the Israeli side. Of course, he is also negotiating with Palestine and Hamas," Erdogan said.

But he said Netanyahu bore the primary responsibility for the violence and had "lost the support of his own citizens".

"What he needs to do is take a step back and stop this," Erdogan said.

Honduras Recalls Ambassador

Meanwhile, Honduras on

Friday became the latest Latin American country to recall its ambassador to the occupied territories for consultations as it condemned "genocide" and other serious violations of international law in the Gaza Strip.

The Central American country's Foreign Affairs Minister Eduardo Enrique Reina said on X, formerly Twitter, that President Xiomara Castro had decided to immediately recall the ambassador in light of "the serious humanitarian situation the civilian Palestinian population is suffering in the Gaza Strip."

Honduras is the latest leftist-led Latin American government to take diplomatic steps to express its disapproval of the Zionist regime's expanded of-

fensive.

Bolivia's government severed diplomatic relations with the occupying regime on Tuesday, accusing it of carrying out "crimes against humanity" in Gaza. Chile and Colombia also recalled their own ambassadors to the occupied territories as they criticized the Zionist regime's offensive.

Furthermore, Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said during a trip to South Korea "What I am seeing unfolding at the moment isn't just self-defense; it resembles something more approaching revenge, and that's not where we should be."

Ireland's stance on the conflict has sometimes been at odds with its Western allies.

Blinken in Jordan to Hear Call for Gaza Ceasefire, Thousands Rally Against War

AMMAN (Dispatches) – U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has travelled to Jordan to hear demand for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza when he meets Middle East foreign ministers on Saturday, Jordan's foreign ministry said.

Saudi, Qatari, Emirati, Egyptian and Jordanian foreign ministers as well as Palestinian representatives will stress the "Arab stance calling for an immediate ceasefire, delivering humanitarian aid and ways of ending the dangerous deterioration that threatens the security of the region", the ministry said in a statement.

In a meeting with Blinken in Amman early on Saturday, Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati stressed the importance of working towards a ceasefire in Gaza and stopping what he described as the Zionist regime's aggression in southern Lebanon, Mikati's office said in a statement.

Lebanon's Hezbollah has been clashing with Zionist troops across the frontier since the occupying regime started its onslaught on Oct. 7. Blinken, who arrived in Jordan on Friday after earlier meeting Zionist regime officials, said the U.S. was determined that there should not be a second or third front in the conflict.

King Abdullah told German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in a phone call on Friday the international

community urgently needed to push for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza to protect civilians, the royal court said.

The king said the occupying regime's military campaign would not succeed and the only path to permanent peace was revived negotiations on an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Jordan is a staunch U.S. ally and shares a border with the West Bank. Concerned about potential for a wider conflict, Amman has boosted border security and asked Washington to deploy Patriot air defence systems.

Some 5,000 Jordanians protested Friday in the capital Amman, calling on King Abdullah to press for a ceasefire in the Zionist war, AFP correspondents said.

Speaking at the demonstration, lawmaker Yanal Fraihat said protesters wanted the king "to stop the aggression against Gaza" by using Jordan's "peace" agreement with the Zionist regime as leverage.

Waving Jordanian and Palestinian flags, protesters denounced as "shameful" the kingdom's 1994 peace agreement with the occupying regime, calling it an act of "surrender" that the king should nullify.

The rally outside a mosque near the Zionist regime's embassy in Amman took place amid a heavy

presence of Jordanian security forces, the correspondents said.

Another rally with some 1,500 protesters took place outside a prominent mosque in central Amman, where demonstrators chanted slogans in support of the Palestinian "resistance" and against Arab "normalization" with the occupying regime.

Taliban Appeal to Afghan Private Sector to Help Those Fleeing Pakistan's Deportation

ISLAMABAD (AP) – The Taliban on Saturday appealed to Afghanistan's private sector to help people fleeing Pakistan's mass deportation drive.

Pakistan is arresting and expelling all foreigners it says are in the country illegally, but the policy mostly affects Afghans because they are the biggest group of undocumented foreigners in the country.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Kabul urged Afghanistan's private sector to step forward and help.

The Taliban made a similar plea last month after devastating earthquakes killed thousands of people and flat-

tened entire villages in the west, asking Afghanistan's "wealthy compatriots" to help survivors and affected communities. Nobody from the Taliban-led administration was available for comment Saturday.

Afghans forcibly expelled from Pakistan are facing the worst situation of their lives, with no opportunities, the ministry said.

"The ministry invites the private sector to take action because of the profound humanitarian disaster caused by the forced migration of hundreds of thousands of the poor and needy. It is the duty of Islam and Afghans to stand up for their fellow countrymen."

Afghanistan is overwhelmed by chal-

lenges, including years of drought, a beleaguered economy and the aftermath of decades of war. Millions are already internally displaced, raising concerns among the humanitarian community about the impoverished country being unable to support or integrate those leaving Pakistan.

Taliban social media accounts have shown senior officials at the Torkham border, in eastern Nangarhar province, shaking hands with returning Afghans and welcoming them home. Temporary camps are providing people with food, shelter, and health care, according to Taliban authorities.

Protesters Block U.S. Military Supply Ship's Departure for Occupied Territories



Protesters demanding a cease-fire in the Zionist regime's war in Gaza blocked a U.S. military supply ship leaving the Port of Oakland by locking themselves to the vessel.

OAKLAND (Dispatches) – Protesters opposing the U.S.'s military aid for the occupying regime, which is waging a hugely deadly war against the Gaza Strip, have blocked the departure of a military supply ship reportedly earmarked for delivering weapons to the occupied territories.

The crowd of roughly 200 protesters turned up at the Port of Oakland on Saturday, blocking the vessel's departure for Washington, where they said it was to be loaded with weapons destined for the occupied territories.

Several protesters climbed a ladder on the side of the vessel attached to a cargo hatch.

The protest was organized by the San Francisco-based Arab Resource Organizing Center.

"The community became aware that the ship was headed to Israel to carry military cargo to the apartheid Israel because of the courage of crewmembers who decided not to take this job," said Lara Kiswani, the group's executive director.

"I'm here at the Port of Oakland with a group that's protesting the departure of this ship that is planning to deliver weapons to Israel in support of the genocide of innocent people in Gaza," said protesters Becca Lewis.

"The goal is to get the ship workers to stand in solidarity with the movement of people who are concerned about the shipment of weapons," she said.

The United States, the Zionist regime's biggest and oldest ally, has provided the regime with thousands of arms consignments since October 7, when Tel Aviv started the war

against Gaza.

Since the onset of the war, the U.S. has backed Tel Aviv's ferocious attacks on the Palestinian territory as a means of "self-defense."

Washington has also been casting its veto against the United Nations Security Council resolution that calls on the occupying regime to cease its aggression.

'Freedom Convoy' Calls for Ceasefire

In another development, a "freedom convoy for Palestine" is on its way from Istanbul to a United States military base in southern Turkey in solidarity with the people of Gaza as the Zionist regime wages war on the besieged enclave.

Cars and vans displaying Palestinian and some Turkish flags departed from Istanbul's Ataturk Olympic Stadium and headed to the city of Adana, where the Incirlik Air Base is located.

The Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), the Turkish non-profit that organized the event, said hundreds of vehicles were driving towards Turkey's capital, Ankara with many more protesters expected to join as the convoy stops in cities along the way, covering nearly 1,000km (620 miles).

Convoys departing from three other Turkish cities – Kahramanmaraş, Kayseri and Van – were also expected on Sunday to reach Adana, where the demonstrators plan to encircle the Incirlik Air Base to protest against U.S. support for the Zionist regime and to call for a ceasefire in Gaza.