

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Tuesday announced the general policies of sea-based development based on Clause 1 in Article 110 of the Constitution and after consultation with the Expediency Council. The text of the policies was issued to heads of the three government branches and the head of the Expediency Council. The following are the 9 articles of the policies issued on November 7, 2023. 1. Making integrated maritime policy and efficient management of the sea to use the maximum capacities of the sea (Continued on Page 7)

TEHRAN – Minister of Defense Brigadier General Muhammad-Reza Qaraei Ashtiani on Tuesday voiced Tehran's readiness for defense cooperation with Turkiye. In a meeting with Turkish Ambassador to Iran Hicabi Kirlangic, the minister said enhanced cooperation between Iran and Turkiye would benefit the entire region and the Muslim world, stressing the need for coordinating the stances of the two countries regarding the most important regional and international issues.

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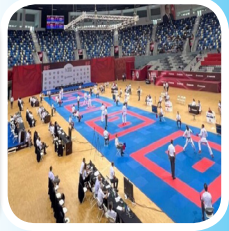
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Gaza War Demolishing Zionist Economy

As Israeli tanks roar deeper into Gaza City chugging smoke along the besieged territory's roads potholed from incessant bombings, the occupying regime is getting mired in the quicksand of its rage which could ultimately seal its fate.

Lost in their furry, Zionist leaders have shown total abandon and lack of inhibition in their apocalyptic obliteration of Gaza, but they are more viciously oblivious to the chilling effect that the war is having on every semblance of Israel's survival.

Evidence is already mounting of the war's destructive impact on Israel's economy. Experts say the cost to Israel's economy of its war on Gaza will be unlike anything it has experienced in decades.

Last week, a group of about 300 senior Israeli economists wrote to the regime's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and its extremist finance minister Bezalel Smotrich, harshly criticizing them for their detachment from the looming disaster.

"You do not understand the magnitude of the economic crisis that Israel's economy is facing," they warned in the letter.

Among the signatories of the letter were Prof. Jacob Frenkel, former governor of the Bank of Israel; Rony Hezkiyahu, former Bank of Israel supervisor of banks and accountant general; Yair Avidan, former supervisor of banks; Haim Shani, former finance ministry director general; Prof. Eugene Kandel, former chairman of the National Economic Council; former deputy governor of the Bank of Israel, Prof. Eytan Sheshinski; Prof. Leo Leiderman of Tel Aviv University; and 2021 Nobel Prize winner in Economics Joshua Angrist of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

They urged Netanyahu and Smotrich to "come to your senses" and immediately halt all nonessential expenditure items in the budget in order to cope with the looming economic crisis.

Technology and tourism are the main growth drivers of Israel's almost \$500 billion economy. Both sectors are the worst hit by the conflict.

The tech industry accounts for 18% of Israel's GDP and half of all exports. According to an Israeli survey, about 70 percent of tech firms and startups are already facing disruptions in their operations as a chunk of their employees have reported for reserve duty.

The survey said the initial disruption has been so severe that only 12% of Israeli manufacturers were at full-scale production after two weeks of war. Most cited staff shortages as their biggest problem.

The labor ministry says 764,000 Zionists, or 18 percent of the workforce, are not working after being called up for reserve duty, evacuated from their towns or forced by school closures.

Meanwhile, more than 126,000 Zionists from the north and south of the occupied territories have been relocated amid the ongoing exchange of fire with Palestinian fighters in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Many companies from builders to restaurants have also shut and other retail firms have furloughed their employees.

In the construction sector, which is heavily reliant on 80,000 Palestinians living in the West Bank, many workers are missing.

This means the Israeli regime is on course to lose a significant chunk of its tax income from real estate and see a new price surge in the housing market which is already among the most expensive in Europe and West Asia.

A survey of Israeli businesses by the Central Bureau of Statistics found that one in three had closed or were operating at 20 percent capacity or less since it began, while more than half had reported revenue losses of 50 percent or more.

The results were even worse for the south, the region closest to Gaza, where two-thirds of businesses had either shut or reduced operations to a minimum.

However, as Israel's economic prospects continue to darken, the gravest threat to its future ironically emanates from within.

According to Leo Leiderman, chief economic adviser to Bank Hapoalim which is one of Israel's biggest banks, there is an "emotional crisis" among the Israeli public and it is already taking a toll.

He said spending by households has collapsed because of the uncertainty and the mood, dealing a major shock to the consumer sector that accounts for about half of gross domestic product.

On Sunday, the Zionist regime's finance ministry estimated that the war in Gaza will cost as much as \$51 billion, but the claim was dismissed as too "optimistic".

While experts say the geographical reach and duration of the conflict will determine the final extent of its long-term economic impact, the financial toll is already stacking up.

The shekel, currently at its lowest value since 2012, is heading for its worst yearly performance this century and Israeli stocks are the world's worst performers since the war began.

By all indications, the crisis is going to leave long-lasting scars across Israel's economy, from which it might never recover given the enormity of the emotional and psychological toll.

Courtesy: Press TV

Monitor: Israel Now Waging War of Starvation



Palestinians in Gaza's Khan Younis carry a casualty following Israeli airstrikes on a residential building on November 7, 2023.

GAZA CITY (Dispatches) – The Zionist military martyred "dozens" of civilians in central Gaza's Deir al-Balah on Tuesday in what the Palestinian health ministry described as a "new massacre", as Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel will maintain "indefinite" control over the coastal enclave.

The strike on Deir al-Balah, a heavily populated town in an area that the Zionist regime told residents of northern Gaza to move to if they wanted to stay alive, came exactly a month after the Israel-Palestine war broke out.

According to Palestinian media,

the victims of the raid were mostly women and children.

Israeli airstrikes martyred 548 Palestinians in the past 24 hours, the Palestinian health ministry said on Tuesday afternoon.

This takes the death toll to 10,328 people killed since October 7, including 4,237 children, 2,719 women and 631 elderly people. At least 25,956 people have been wounded.

Around 2,450 people are still missing in Gaza, including 1,350 children. The vast majority of these people are believed to be dead and buried under rubble.

On average, a Palestinian child was martyred every 10 minutes over the past month, according to the health ministry.

The shelling has intensified during the nights and in communication blackouts, residents say, causing an unprecedented scale of destruction.

As well as a full siege imposed by Israel on October 9, which resulted in the cutting off of all water, electricity, food, aid, fuel and electricity supplies, Israeli bombing is now targeting bakeries, supermarkets, water tanks and solar panels.

On the ground, people are complaining about kidney pain, dehydration and hunger due to the lack of supplies, while surgery is still being performed without any form of anesthetic.

The non-profit Euro-Med Monitor says that the occupying regime of Israel is now "waging an extensive war of starvation against Gaza's civilian population," and that it has "taken very dangerous turns".

The monitor said: "Israel has deliberately focused its attacks over the past few hours on targeting electrical generators and solar energy units, on which commercial facilities and restaurants depend to maintain the minimum possible level of their work."

Conditions have been bleak all across the strip, with the UN agency UNRWA saying that at least 600 people are using one toilet. Elsewhere, 50,000 pregnant women need assistance as 16 out of 35 hospitals have stopped working.

The past month has also been deadly for journalists. At least 48 journalists have been killed in Gaza by the occupying regime of Israel since the start of the war, which the Committee to Protect Journalists has declared to be the deadliest period for journalists worldwide since 1992.

International media offices have also been caught up in the bombings. A photo shared by an AFP journalist on Tuesday showed the

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Dockers, Activists in U.S., Spain Block Israeli Military Shipments

BARCELONA (Dispatches) – The Barcelona port stevedores' union has refused to load and unload any military material amid the war in Gaza and urged the protection of civilian populations in areas of conflict, following a similar move by Belgian transport unions last week.

The decision is mostly symbolic and seeks to encourage other Spanish ports to follow suit, the secretary of the OEPB union, Josep Maria Deop, told Reuters on Tuesday.

The OEPB is the only union representing the 1,200 stevedores at Barcelona's port.

Deop said organizations promoting peace could help the union figure out which containers contain military equipment. He said he was convinced there were military shipments from Barcelona because "it's a port that moves all types of goods".

It wasn't clear what those organizations were and whether they had agreed to help the union in

these efforts.

Barcelona's port authority declined to comment and said it did not have data on military shipments.

Spain exported military equipment worth 1.3 billion euros (\$1.39 billion) in the first half of 2022, with shipments to Occupied Palestine amounting to 9 million euros, according to the latest available official data.

Spain does not plan to export any lethal military equipment to be used in the conflict between Israel and Hamas, state news agency EFE cited government sources as saying last week.

On Monday, more than 75 young activists obstructed every entry point to Building 598 at Boeing in Missouri, where production takes place for the bombs and ammunition used by the Zionist regime of Israel in Gaza.

The manufacturing plant is responsible for supplying almost 1,000 bombs, which include Small Diameter Bombs and Joint

Direct Attack Munitions to Israel.

Boeing expedited the shipment of 1,000 precision-guided munitions to Israel as the occupying regime intensified its strikes on Gaza after October 7, Bloomberg reported.

The 250-pound Small Diameter Bombs, which are part of a deal signed in 2021, were transported to Occupied Palestine aboard Israeli air force planes from a U.S. Air Force base, Bloomberg reported.

"We are joining millions of people across the U.S. and around the world in demanding an end to Israel's brutal assault on Gaza and its decades-long occupation of Palestine," said Ellie Tang, an organizer with the anti-war youth organization Dissenters.

"We urge Congress and Biden to hear the calls of millions of us living in this country and push for a ceasefire. Until Congress blocks the bombs, we will."

The blockage was organized by Dissenters, St Louis Palestine

Solidarity Committee, Black Men Build St Louis, the Boeing Arms Genocide Campaign, and Resist St Louis.

The activists are calling for two immediate actions: firstly, for Congress and Biden to demand an immediate halt to hostilities, and secondly, to halt arms sales to the occupying regime of Israel.

They are also urging communities to persistently partake in direct action aimed at Boeing and other firms benefiting from Israel's occupation.

"We want Congress to know what it looks like to take brave action. And that we will not wait for their timelines to actualize demands of ceasefire," said Su Mac, an artist and organizer.

"As taxpayers, we all have blood on our hands. Congress must act before they are etched into history books as complicit in a genocide the country called on them to stop. The whole world is watching."