

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Over 80 percent of 507 Israeli hi-tech companies that participated in a survey, reported being harmed by the ongoing Zionist war on Palestinians, according to a survey issued by the Israel Innovation Authority (IIA). The survey, jointly conducted by the IIA and the Israeli Start-Up Nation Policy Institute (SNPI), reported the most significant damage to 70 percent of the surveyed companies was operational continuity disruption, caused by the recruitment of important employees who are reservists to the occupying regime's military in emergency call-ups.

Success is the result of foresight and resolution, foresight depends upon deep thinking and planning and the most important factor of planning is to keep your secrets to yourself.

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### No 'Free License to Kill' Gazans

# World Leaders Warn Zionist Regime's Actions in Gaza Will Backfire

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Some of the Zionist regime's actions in its war on Gaza, like cutting off food and water for the people in the coastal strip, could "harden Palestinian attitudes for generations" and weaken support for the occupying regime, former U.S. President Barack Obama said on Monday.

In rare comments on an active foreign policy crisis, Obama said any Zionist military strategy that ignores the human costs of the war "could ultimately backfire."

"The Israeli regime's decision to cut off food, water and electricity to a captive civilian population (in Gaza) threatens not only to worsen a growing humanitarian crisis; it could further harden Palestinian attitudes for generations, erode global support for Israel, play into the hands of Israel's enemies, and undermine long-term efforts to achieve peace and stability in the region," Obama said.

The Zionist regime has heavily bombarded Gaza with air strikes since Oct. 7. The regime's airstrikes have killed more than 5,000 Palestinians, Gaza officials say.

It was not clear whether Obama



Three Palestinian children were among those killed in overnight Israeli attacks on Gaza, on October 24, 2023.

had coordinated his statement with U.S. President Joe Biden, who served as his vice president for eight years.

During his presidency, Obama often backed the Zionist regime's "right to self-defense" at the start of conflicts with Palestinians, but quickly called for the regime's restraint once Palestinian casualties mounted from airstrikes.

Meanwhile, the Qatari ruler hit out at the Zionist regime's backers Tuesday, charging they had

given it "free license to kill" in its war against Palestinians and questioning what the conflict would achieve.

Major powers, including the United States, Britain and France, have rallied to support the occupying regime.

"We are saying enough is enough," Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani told a meeting of the Shura Council, Qatar's legislative body, according to a translation released by the royal court.

"It is untenable for Israel to be given an unconditional green light and free license to kill, nor is it tenable to continue ignoring the reality of occupation, siege and settlement."

Qatar, a U.S. ally which hosts a large U.S. military base, also hosts an office of Hamas which doubles as the main residence of its self-exiled leader Ismail Haniyeh.

The wealthy Persian Gulf monarchy has acted as a communications channel with Hamas and is playing a key role in negotiations to release the hostages, with four freed so far.

Furthermore, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro has called on the international community to adopt a measure to stop the genocide by the Zionist regime against the Palestinian people.

Maduro made the appeal in his television program "With Maduro" on Tuesday, urging all Christians of Venezuela and around the world to stand by the Palestinians in the face of Israeli aggression.

"The world must raise its voice against the genocide, as this is not a war but genocide against the noble Palestinian people," Maduro said.

## UN Organizations Plead 'on Our Knees' for Unimpeded Gaza Aid



Displaced Palestinian kids, who fled their houses amid Israeli strikes, take shelter in a tent camp at a United Nations-run center in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, October 24.

GENEVA (Dispatches) – United Nations agencies called "on our knees" on Tuesday for aid to be allowed unimpeded into Gaza, saying more than 20 times current deliveries were needed to support its Palestinian population after two weeks of Zionist airstrikes.

UN organizations have been making increasingly desperate appeals since the Zionist regime imposed a full blockade on the coastal strip and began bombardments.

Trucks of aid began moving into Gaza from Egypt on Saturday after intense diplomatic efforts, but the agencies say they are far from enough. Half of the enclave's 2.3 million people are homeless, many people have been wounded and food and clean water is in short supply.

"The aid which resumed from Egypt over the weekend is a mere drop in the ocean of what is needed," said Jeremy Laurence, Spokesperson for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Brian Lander, deputy head of emergencies at the World Food Programme, said that some 465 trucks of humanitarian aid were needed per day to support the population in Gaza prior to the conflict.

"We're seeing at best 20 trucks a day at the moment," he said, stressing that the people of Gaza were dire need of water, food and other essential products.

WHO said medicines and health supplies had been delivered to three key referral hospitals in southern Gaza but that it still needed to reach the north of the Palestinian enclave, one of the most densely-populated places in the world.

"We still have not been able to reach the hospitals in the north with the medical supplies or the desperately needed fuel," said Dr Rick Brennan, WHO Regional Emergencies Director for Eastern Mediterranean Region.

"We are on our knees asking for that sustained, scaled up, protected humanitarian operation," he said.

"We appeal to all of those in a situation to make a decision or to influence decision-makers to give us the humanitarian space to address this human catastrophe."

The United Nations Palestinian refugee agency also called for an unimpeded flow of humanitarian assistance to Gaza, trapped in a humanitarian crisis after two weeks of intense Zionist attacks.

"We call for an unimpeded and continuous flow of humanitarian assistance and medical assistance to continue coming into Gaza," said Tamara Alrifai, spokesperson for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

"The trucks that have come in so far are just a trickle in the face of the immense needs of people on the street."

The UN General Assembly will meet Thursday to discuss the conflict, the body's president announced in a letter to member states.

The Security Council has so far failed to agree on a resolution concerning the war, but a number of states — including Jordan on behalf of an Arab group of nations, Russia, Syria, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cambodia — formally requested General Assembly President Dennis Francis to schedule the meeting.

## Report: U.S. Military in West Asia on Constant Alert as Threats to Troops Grow

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The U.S. military is taking new steps to protect its troops in West Asia as concerns mount about attacks by popular resistance forces, and it is leaving open the possibility of evacuations of military families if needed, officials tell Reuters.

The measures include increasing U.S. military patrols, restricting access to base facilities and hiking intelligence collection, including through drone and other surveillance operations, officials say, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. military is also beefing up monitoring from guard towers on U.S. military facilities, hiking security at base access points and increasing operations to counter

potential incoming drones, rockets and missiles, the officials say.

The new package of force protection measures has not been previously reported.

"With the increase in the number of attacks and attempted attacks on U.S. military locations, continuous review of our force protection measures is critical," U.S. Army General Michael "Erik" Kurilla, head of U.S. Central Command, said in a statement to Reuters.

Kurilla, who oversees American forces in West Asia, said the steps already taken to increase force protection measures, as well as the deployment of additional U.S. military assets to the region in recent days, "has prevented more serious casualties of our forces in theater."

U.S. forces in Iraq and Syria have been repeatedly targeted since the Zionist regime's assault on Gaza began on Oct. 7. The attacks have caused injuries to four U.S. service members so far and five U.S. military contractors, all of whom returned to duty, one of the officials said.

Last week off the coast of Yemen, a U.S. warship shot down more than a dozen drones and four cruise missiles.

The heightened tensions have put U.S. personnel on constant alert. During a false alarm at al-Asad air base in Iraq on Thursday, a civilian contractor died from cardiac arrest.

A U.S. military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, did not specifically say what might trig-

ger the evacuation of U.S. military families, who are deployed to Middle East locations including Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet.

"We continuously review and should we think the threat is rising to a level that threatens the dependents of our service members in the (region), we will err on the side of caution," the official told Reuters.

Austin has ordered new air defenses to the Middle East to safeguard troops, including a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system.

The United States has also sent warships and fighter aircraft to the region to try to deter popular forces, including two aircraft carriers.

## Global Finance Chiefs in Saudi Arabia Sound Gloomy Note

RIYADH (Dispatches) – Wall Street's top financiers struck a pessimistic tone about the global economy at a flagship gathering in Saudi Arabia aimed at deal brokering, as the Zionist regime's onslaught on the Gaza Strip goes on.

The annual event is typically used by attendees to build relationships with some of Saudi Arabia's biggest companies and its \$778-billion sovereign wealth fund, drawn by the promise of deals as the kingdom seeks to wean its economy off oil.

But an escalation in the Gaza Strip into a broader conflict overshadowed the event dubbed "Davos in the Desert", a nod to the annual gathering of world leaders and corporate bosses in the Swiss Alps.

JPMorgan Chase Chief Executive Jamie Dimon encouraged Saudi Arabia not to abandon a United States-led initiative for the kingdom to establish official relations with the occupying regime.

"Despite what happened in Israel, I urge you

all to keep up that effort," Dimon told the Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh. "It is the only way to get there with some leadership from Saudi Arabia, for the folks of the Middle East."

Saudi Arabia is putting U.S.-backed plans to normalize ties with the Zionist regime on ice, two sources familiar with Riyadh's thinking said, signaling a rapid rethinking of its foreign policy.

Geopolitical tensions heightened by the Middle East conflict pose the biggest threat to the world economy, World Bank President Ajay Banga said.

"There is so much going on in the world and geopolitics in the wars that you're seeing and what just happened recently in Israel and Gaza. At the end of the day, when you put all this together, I think the impact on economic development is even more serious," Banga said.

Although the globe's top financiers dwelt little on the conflict, speaking instead about top-

ics such as artificial intelligence, the economic fallout of war combined with record debts created a bleak backdrop.

"There's no question if these things are not resolved, it probably means more insecurity, which means society is going to be fearful ... and ... we see contractions in our economies," BlackRock Chairman and CEO Laurence Fink said.

Fink was flanked on a panel at FII by bank CEOs including JPMorgan's Dimon, Goldman Sachs' David Solomon, and Citi's Jane Fraser. They spoke about topics including women in the workplace but also the implications of rising interest rates.

Ray Dalio, founder of hedge fund Bridgewater Associates, said he was pessimistic.

"If you take the time horizon, the monetary policies that we're going to see and so on, will have greater effects on the world," Dalio said. "And you look at the world gaps, so it's difficult to be optimistic on that."

## London Tube Driver Suspended for 'Free Palestine' Chant

LONDON (Dispatches) -- A London Underground train driver was suspended after he appeared to lead passengers in a chant of "free, free Palestine" over the train's speaker system during a weekend pro-Palestinian protest.

The incident came to light after a video posted online by a journalist captured the moment when the driver of a Central Line service initiated the chant by saying "free, free," to which passengers responded with "Palestine," a widely recognized slogan at pro-Palestinian demonstrations.

A driver has now been identified and suspended whilst we continue to fully investigate the incident in line with our

policies and procedures

On October 10, just days after the current Mideast conflict began, UK Home Secretary Suella Braverman issued a warning to police chiefs over displays of Palestinian flags on British streets.

She suggested that waving the flag "may not be legitimate" if it is seen as a show of support for terrorism.

She provided examples of protest actions which she believes could potentially constitute public order offenses, including targeting Jewish neighborhoods, waving pro-Palestinian or pro-Hamas symbols and chanting slogans that could be interpreted as anti-Israeli.