

Sole Grain Mill Ceases to Operate

UNRWA Says ‘Receiving Half of Fuel Needed in Gaza’

GAZA CITY (Dispatches) – The UN agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA on Sunday said it has begun receiving half of the fuel it needs to run its daily operations in the Gaza Strip, which will allow it to operate at a minimum level.

Spokesperson Adnan Abu Hasna said in a statement that Gaza continues to face a humanitarian crisis due to Zionist attacks on the territory since Oct. 7.

“Finally, the agency has been allowed to obtain 60,000 liters of fuel daily. This quantity represents half of our needs to meet the minimum requirements of our operations,” he said.

“These quantities will be distributed to water desalination stations, to generate power for hospitals, bakeries, and to handle sewage



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water, as well as the collection of solid waste,” the spokesperson added.

He said “many streets in the Gaza Strip are flooded with sewage water due to insufficient fuel to pump the water, and residents will only

receive two-thirds of their drinking water needs.”

About 70% of solid waste in the enclave will not be collected “due to the lack of the necessary fuel to carry out our tasks,” he said.

Meanwhile, the largest grain mill

in the Gaza Strip, which was left as the only mill in the besieged enclave, also ceased to operate after being severely damaged by the Zionist regime’s army’s heavy bombing late on Wednesday, a flour distributor told Anadolu on Sunday.

“Al-Salam Mill came under Israeli artillery shelling last Wednesday, which took it out of service,” said Elias Awad, a flour distributor in the central and southern regions of Gaza.

He feared further problems for the people of Gaza after the closure of this mill because, according to the international agreement, the Palestinian government cannot import wheat flour and must instead purchase the essential commodity from Israeli merchants.

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Europe and the U.S. should settle the issue regarding this situation and show that they are not supporters of racial discrimination.

The Leader also expressed his dissatisfaction towards the manner in which some Muslim governments have performed with regards to their duties.

“Some Islamic governments seemingly condemned the crimes of the Zionist regime in public assemblies, and some have so far failed to do this. This is not acceptable. The main thing that needs to be done is to cut off the lifeline of the Zionist regime. Islamic governments must prevent energy and goods from reaching this regime.”

Ayatollah Khamenei called on Islamic governments to cut off their political relationship with the Zionist regime at least for a limited period of time. He also urged nations to continue with their protests and rallies so that the oppression of the Palestinian people will not be forgotten.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution added that, “We are certain about God’s promise. We are optimistic about the future and we will fulfill our duty.”

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About 2,500 displaced people, mobile patients and medical staff left Shifa Hospital on Saturday morning, the WHO said. It said 25 medical staff remained, along with the patients.

“Patients and health staff with whom they spoke were terrified for their safety and health, and pleaded for evacuation,” the agency said, describing Shifa as a death zone.

Heavy clashes were reported in the built-up Jabaliya refugee camp in northern Gaza overnight into Sunday. “There was the constant sound of gunfire and tank shelling,” Yassin Sharif, who is sheltering in a UN-run hospital in the camp, said by phone. “It was another night of horror.”

The commissioner-general of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said 24 people were martyred in what witnesses described as an Israeli airstrike on a school in a crowded UN shelter in Jabaliya the day before.

More than 11,500 Palestinians have been martyred, according to Palestinian health authorities. A further 2,700 have been reported missing, believed buried under rubble.

More than two-thirds of Gaza’s population of 2.3 million have fled their homes. The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, or UNRWA, is struggling to provide basic services to hundreds of thousands of people sheltering in and around schools and other facilities. Seventeen of its facilities have been directly hit and 176 people reportedly killed, the agency said.

Their misery has worsened in recent days with the arrival of winter, as cold winds and driving rain buffet tent camps.

Israel cut off all fuel imports at the start of the war, causing Gaza’s sole power plant and most water treatment systems to shut down, leaving most residents without electricity or running water.

The Israeli military plans to expand its invasion to southern Gaza, where Israel has told Palestinian civilians to seek refuge.

The Zionist regime has repeatedly struck the south, often killing civilians.

The evacuation zone is already crammed with displaced civilians, and it was not clear where they would go if the invasion moved closer. Egypt has refused to accept any influx of Palestinian refugees, in part because of fears that Israel would not allow them to return.

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President Vladimir Putin, hailed Iran as a “gateway for Russia” to South East Asian and Southern Persian Gulf countries.

in a meeting with Iran’s Ambassador to Moscow Kazem Jalali, Igor Luitin congratulated the Islamic Republic on its full membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

The two sides further discussed the latest efforts to complete the Rasht-Astara railway project and also the three-way transit MoU involving Iran, Russia and Azerbaijan.

Iran and Russia have expanded their relations steadily over the past years amid sanctions imposed on both countries by the Western governments, especially the U.S.

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claimed that Ghalibaf’s complaint against Jahangiri was related to the debates during the presidential elections in 2017. Ghalibaf, one of the two main principlist candidates, targeted the Rouhani administration in his sharp attacks. The heated exchanges between Ghalibaf and Jahangiri led to intense debates.

Both Jahangiri and Ghalibaf withdrew in favor of their respective main faction candidates at the end of the debates. Ghalibaf supported President Ebrahim Raisi, while Jahangiri cast his vote in favor of Rouhani.

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“As a researcher, I attended the funeral of General Soleimani to see the reaction to this assassination. Seven million attended Soleimani’s funeral in Tehran and 20 million in other cities in total. This was clear evidence of General Soleimani’s popularity.”

Rep. Virginia Foxx, who chairs the Education and the Workforce Committee, said Mousavian posed “a grave threat to America’s national security posture” for expressing his opinion.

Mousavian specializes in Middle East security and nuclear policy.

He was Iran’s former ambassador to Germany. He was arrested in 2007 over espionage charges and ultimately stripped of diplomatic work.

Nevertheless, Rep. Banks called Mousavian “a longtime Iranian propagandist who only knows how to teach anti-Israel, antisemitic lies”.

“Princeton should immediately cut ties with Mr. Mousavian and the other Iran apologist on their payroll, Rob Malley, Joe Biden’s disgraced former envoy who is currently under federal investigation for mishandling classified information.”

Qatar PM: ‘Minor’ Challenges Remain to Israel-Hamas Captives Deal

DOHA (Dispatches) – Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani said on Sunday he had growing confidence that a deal on captives between the Zionist regime and Hamas resistance movement would be reached, adding challenges that remained were “very minor.”

“The challenges facing the agreement are just practical and logistical,” Sheikh Mohammed said at a joint press conference with European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell in Doha.

His comments followed a Washington Post report, citing

people familiar with the deal, claiming that the Zionist regime, the United States and Hamas had reached a tentative agreement to free dozens of women and children held hostage in Gaza in exchange for a five-day pause in fighting.

However, Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. officials said no deal had been reached yet.

“The efforts are still ongoing ... and we communicate with both parties, whether it’s with the Israelis or with Hamas, and we see there is a good progress especially happened in the last few days,” said Sheikh Moham-

med.

“The deal is going through ups and downs from time to time throughout the last few weeks. But I think that you know I’m now more confident that we are close enough to reach a deal that can bring the people safely back to their home.”

The release could begin within the next several days, barring last-minute hitches, according to people familiar with the detailed, six-page agreement, the paper said on Saturday.

The report comes as the Zionist regime appears to be preparing to expand its offensive against Hamas militants to southern

Gaza after air strikes killed dozens of Palestinians, including civilians reported to be sheltering at two schools.

Under the agreement, all parties would freeze combat operations for at least five days while 50 or more hostages are released in groups every 24 hours, the Post reported. Hamas took about 240 captive during its Oct. 7 surprise operation inside the Israeli-occupied territories.

The pause also is intended to allow a significant amount of humanitarian aid in, the newspaper said, adding the outline for the deal was put together during weeks of talks in Qatar.

Bahrain.

“We must work to end this crisis and end this war on Gaza as soon as possible,” Prince Faisal added.

The extraordinary joint Arab-Islamic Summit, which was held in Riyadh last week, issued a resolution tasking the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Palestine to initiate immediate international action on behalf of all member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Arab League.

genocidal war in Gaza.

In an announcement shared on social media platform X, the kingdom’s top diplomat said “The first stop will be in China and will then move to a number of capitals to deliver the clear message that there must be a ceasefire immediately as well as aid and humanitarian needs must be immediately delivered to Gaza.”

Prince Faisal made the comments after a meeting with EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell on the sidelines of the Manama Dialogue 2023 conference in

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said in a statement.

The delegation includes foreign ministers from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Indonesia, and Palestine, as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Hissein Brahimi Taha, it added.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan also said ministers from Arab and Muslim-majority countries will discuss the developments in China as part of the first leg of a tour aimed at ending the occupying regime’s

Dissent Over U.S. Policy on Israel Stirs Unusual Public Protests From Federal Employees

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Federal government workers from the State Department to NASA are circulating open letters demanding that President Joe Biden pursue a cease-fire in the Zionist regime’s attacks on Palestinians. Congressional staffers are picking up microphones in front of the Capitol, speaking out to condemn what they say is the silence of lawmakers about the toll on Palestinian civilians.

As the deaths soar in Gaza, Biden and Congress are facing unusually public challenges from the inside over their support for the Zionist regime’s offensive. Hundreds of staffers in the administration and on Capitol Hill are signing on to open letters, speaking to reporters and holding vigils, all in an effort to shift U.S. policy toward more urgent action to stem Palestinian casualties.

“Most of our bosses on Capitol Hill are not listening to the people they represent,” one of the congressional staffers told the crowd at a protest this month. Wearing medical masks that obscured their faces, the roughly 100 congressional aides heaped flowers in front of Congress to honor the civilians killed in the conflict.

The objections coming from federal employees over the United States’ military and other backing for the Zionist regime’s Gaza campaign is partly an outgrowth of the changes happening more broadly across American society. As the United States becomes more diverse, so does the federal workforce, including more appointees of Muslim and Arab heritage. And surveys

show public opinion shifting regarding U.S. ally Israel, with more people expressing unhappiness over the hard-right cabinet of Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

After weeks of seeing images of bloodied children and fleeing families in Gaza, a significant number of Americans, including from Biden’s Democratic Party, disagree with his support of the Zionist regime’s military campaign. A poll by The Associated Press and NORC Center for Public Affairs Research in early November found 40% of the U.S. public believed the occupying regime’s response in Gaza had gone too far. The war has roiled college campuses and set off nationwide protests.