

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – An Israeli investigation found Friday that an Israeli woman who had been seized during the October 7 operation was "most likely" killed when a combat helicopter fired on her kidnappers' vehicle.

Efrat Katz was killed in the vehicle when the Israeli aircraft fired on them on October 7, the army investigation said.

The helicopter "fired at a vehicle that had fighters in it, and which, in retrospect, based on the testimonies, also had captives in it," the army said in a statement.

"As a result of the fire, most of the fighters manning the vehicle were killed, and most likely, Efrat Katz ... was killed as well."

If a man keeps proper his affairs of the next life then Allah keeps proper for him the affairs of this world.

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Yemen's Ansarullah Targeted 90 Israeli, U.S., UK Ships Since November

UN Chief 'Deeply Troubled' by Reports Israel Using AI in Gaza Carnage

SANA'A (Dispatches) – The leader of Yemen's Ansarullah movement, Abdul Malik al-Houthi, said in a televised speech on Thursday that 90 Israeli, U.S. and British ships had been targeted in the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean since the beginning of the Yemeni group's operations in November.



Yemen's Ansarullah fighters participate in a military exercise on March 12, 2024, in Sana'a, Yemen.

The Ansarullah leader stated that the group continues with its military operations in the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

"In just one month, the operations reached 34, carried out with 125 ballistic and winged missiles and drones," he said.

The Ansarullah leader also pointed to the continuation of the operations against targets belonging to the Israeli enemy to Eilat, known as Umm al-Rashrash, in the south of historic Palestine.

Neither Washington, London, nor Tel Aviv issued statements in response to the Ansarullah leader's speech.

Yemen's Houthi group has been targeting cargo ships in the Red Sea owned or operated by Israeli

companies or transporting goods to and from the Israeli-occupied territories in solidarity with the Gaza Strip, which has been under an Israeli onslaught since 7 October, 2023.

Al-Houthi denounced the United States' uninterrupted arms supplies for the Israeli regime amid the genocidal war against the Gaza Strip.

"This week, the Americans announced new shipments of weapons and equipment to support the Israeli enemy with billions of dollars," he said, adding, "The Amer-

ican media confirms that Israel has received the largest military aid since World War II."

Reporting late last month, The Washington Post said the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden had authorized the transfer of billions of dollars in bombs and warplanes to the Israeli regime in a matter of days.

Pentagon and State Department officials said the new arms packages included more than 1,800 bombs, the daily said at the time.

Reports say the Washington has quietly made more than 100

weapons sales to Tel Aviv since October 7, when the latter began the war against Gaza in response to a retaliatory operation by the coastal sliver's resistance movements.

More than 33,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed in the brutal military onslaught so far.

Houthi said, "The announced deals represent only a small part of what America provides to the criminal Israeli enemy."

The Ansarullah leader added that the United States' constant flow of arms towards the Israeli regime -- which comes amid Washington's calls for a ceasefire in Gaza -- "exposes the American hypocrisy."

Elsewhere in his remarks, the Yemeni official noted that the country would continue its pro-Palestinian operations, which have seen Yemeni forces striking Israeli vessels or those belonging to the regime's supporters.

"Our front in Yemen continues its military operations in the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea, and even reaching as far as the Indian Ocean," he said.



A general view shows the destruction in the area surrounding Gaza's al-Shifa hospital after the Zionist troops withdrew from the medical facility on April 1, 2024.

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) – UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday expressed serious concern over reports that the Zionist regime was using artificial intelligence to identify targets in Gaza.

Guterres said that he was "deeply troubled by reports that the Israeli military's bombing campaign includes Artificial Intelligence as a tool in the identification of targets, particularly in densely populated residential areas, resulting in a high level of civilian casualties."

"No part of life and death decisions which impact entire families should be delegated to the cold calculation of algorithms," he said.

"AI should be used as a force for good to benefit the world; not to contribute to waging war on an industrial level, blurring accountability," said Guterres during a press briefing.

On Israeli strike that killed seven aid workers of World Central Kitchen (WCK) food charity earlier this week, Guterres said the Zionist regime has acknowledged errors.

"But the essential problem is not who made the mistakes, it is the military procedures in place that allow for those mistakes to multiply time and time again," he said.

The Israeli military on Friday admitted in a statement that its killing of seven workers with the WCK aid group was "a grave mistake stemming from a serious failure due to

a mistaken identification and errors in decision-making."

The occupying regime's airstrikes targeted on Monday a convoy of the non-profit food charity in the Gaza Strip, resulting in the deaths of its seven workers from Australia, Canada/the United States (dual citizen), Gaza, Poland, and Britain.

In the statement presenting the main investigation results, the Israeli army said its forces identified two gunmen in the convoy, and after the vehicles departed from the aid warehouse, an Israeli commander "mistakenly assumed" the gunmen were Hamas resistance fighters.

According to the investigation, the forces did not recognize the vehicles as affiliated with WCK, and "those who approved the strike were convinced that they were targeting armed Hamas operatives, not WCK employees."

However, according to WCK, all targeted vehicles were prominently marked with the organization's logo on the top and sides, and their movements had been pre-coordinated with the military.

The strike on the aid vehicles was "an attack contrary to the standard operating procedures," read the statement.

Israel has killed more than 33,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children, in the Gaza Strip since Oct. 7.

Turkey Arrests Suspected Spies for Israel

ANKARA (Dispatches) – Turkish authorities, who have denounced the Zionist regime for its war against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, have arrested two more people suspected of spying for the occupying regime's spy agency, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on Friday.

Since January, Turkish authorities have detained or arrested and charged dozens of people suspected of having ties to the occupying regime's Mossad spy agency. Six people were charged last month.

Turkish and Zionist regime leaders have traded public barbs since Israel's war with the Palestinians began in October. Turkey has warned Israel of "serious consequences" if it tries to send down Hamas members living outside the Palestinian territories, including in Turkey.

In a post on social media platform X, Yerlikaya said police had detained eight people believed to be collecting and selling information to Mossad about targeted individuals and companies in Turkey. Of those, two had been arrested and six released on parole, he

said. "We will never allow espionage activities that are carried out within our country's borders against our people's national unity and solidarity. We are in pursuit," he said.

A Turkish security official said the raids, carried out in Istanbul, targeted a Turkish private detective and his wife, who were believed to have been involved with Mossad from 2011-2020.

The official said the detective had previously met Mossad members in Austria, Switzerland and Germany and used private communication channels to keep in touch with them.

The detective "earned significant income" from this and formed a network of nine people, the official said. Members of the network had confessed and the detective and his wife had been arrested, the person added.

There was no immediate comment from Israel.

A Turkish court in January ordered the arrest of 15 people and the deportation of eight suspected of having links to Mossad and targeting Palestinians living in Turkey.

McDonald's Buys Up Israeli Franchise Restaurants After Boycott Hits Sales

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – McDonald's has said it will buy its 30-year-old Israel franchise from Alonyal, taking back ownership of 225 outlets that employ more than 5,000 people.

The U.S. fast-food chain has been subject to boycotts and protests since Israel announced shortly after the October 7 operation by Palestinian resistance group Hamas that it would be donating free meals to the Zionist regime's military.

McDonald's is a global company, but its franchises are often owned locally and operate autonomously. Its CEO Chris Kempczinski said previously the company had seen "meaningful business

impact" in several markets in the Middle East and some outside the region due to the Zionist regime's carnage.

"For more than 30 years, Alonyal Limited has been proud to bring the Golden Arches to Israel and serve our communities," Omri Padan, CEO and owner of Alonyal, said in a statement on Thursday.

McDonald's added that it "remains committed to the Israeli market and to ensuring a positive employee and customer experience in the market going forward".

After the completion of the transaction in the coming months, McDonald's will own Alonyal's outlets and operations while re-

taining its employees. The companies did not disclose the terms of the transaction.

In February, Kempczinski said that the war had had a "disheartening" effect on sales in countries in West Asia and other Muslim-majority nations such as Malaysia and Indonesia.

"So long as this conflict, this war, is going on ... we're not expecting to see any significant improvement in this," Kempczinski said in a conference call.

"It's a human tragedy, what's going on, and I think that does weigh on brands like ours."

Sales growth for the fast-food chain's division for West Asia, China and India during October-

December was just 0.7 percent – far below market expectations of 5.5 percent.

The slump comes after customers in Muslim-majority countries called for a boycott of McDonald's in response to Alonyal's announcement, which led franchisees in countries including Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia to distance themselves from the donations and collectively pledge millions of dollars in aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

Another major Western fast-food chain Starbucks has also seen boycott campaigns over its pro-Zionist stance and alleged financial ties to the occupying regime.

Egypt Detains Ten Pro-Palestine Protesters on Charges of 'Spreading Fake News'

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Egyptian security forces have detained 10 young men who took part in a protest that denounced Egypt's role in the siege on Gaza.

According to Hossam Bahgat, executive director of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, the detainees have been referred to the Supreme State Security Prosecution for investigations.

They are facing charges of "collaborating with a terrorist group" and "spreading and publishing fake news".

The demonstration was held in front of the Journalists' Syndicate in Cairo, where dozens of journalists and activists gathered to protest against the ongoing Zionist onslaught on Gaza. Activists shared videos of one of the protesters

chanting against business tycoon and government ally Ibrahim al-Organi, whose companies have been charging Palestinians thousands of dollars to exit Gaza.

The government of President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been criticized for failing to challenge the occupying regime's siege on Gaza during the current conflict, and for allowing state-linked companies to profit from the movement of people and aid via the Rafah crossing.

The Rafah crossing in northeast Egypt is the only gateway for Gaza that is not directly controlled by Israel. But since 7 October it has opened only intermittently. Egypt blames Israel for the closure of the crossing, as Israel has imposed strict checks on all trucks entering Gaza via Rafah.

Egypt has effectively banned protests since Sisi came to power over a decade ago, and security forces routinely suppress any anti-government activity.

Egyptian security forces have detained dozens of pro-Palestine protesters since 20 October, when thousands took part in a rally in Cairo's iconic Tahrir Square, which symbolizes the revolution that culminated in the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

Following the crackdown on that mass uprising, protests have been smaller in size and quickly dispersed by security officials.

On 30 November, four international activists were detained and held incommunicado for over 27 hours, following a pro-Palestine protest outside the Egyptian foreign ministry in Cairo.