

**One Killed, Several Injured in Cable Car Accident in Turkey**

ISTANBUL (Reuters) – One person was killed and 10 others were injured in the southern Turkish province of Antalya after a cable car cabin collided with a broken pole, the interior ministry said on Saturday. Twenty-four cabins were stranded in the air at 5:23 p.m. (1423 GMT) on Friday. Sixteen hours later, more than 60 people were still stranded in the remaining nine cabins in the air, the ministry said. One hundred and twelve people had been rescued. In a statement on social media platform X, the interior ministry said seven helicopters and more than 500 rescue workers were carrying out rescue efforts. A video released by the interior ministry showed rescue personnel tied to safety ropes climbing into cabins.

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# Hamas: Final Round Hasn't Started Yet, Resistance to Break Israel Soon

GAZA (Dispatches) – Head of Hamas political office in the diaspora Khaled Meshaal has praised the heroic steadfastness of the Gaza Strip, saying the six-month-old Palestinian battle with the Zionist regime will “break the enemy soon.”

Meshaal made the remarks at an event in the Qatari capital of Doha to mourn members of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh's family members, who were killed in an Israeli airstrike against the al-Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

“This is not the final round,” Meshaal said, referring to the ongoing Palestinian resistance against the Israeli onslaught. “It is an important round on the path of liberating Palestine and defeating the Zionist project.”

Hamas spokesman Abdul Latif al-Qanou said the Zionist regime has infringed upon all humanitarian principles and international law.

“The occupying Zionist regime



*Palestinian children gather on the site of an Israeli strike in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, March 27, 2024.*

intensified the genocide of Palestinians during the Eid al-Fitr holidays. Hundreds of people got killed as civilian vehicles, crowded markets and residential houses were bombed by occupation forces without paying little heed to the religious sentiments of Muslims and respecting their rituals,” Qanou told Lebanon's al-Mayadeen

television.

“Criminal occupiers disrespected the holy month of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr festivities, and ramped up the massacre of civilians instead. They committed more crimes by violating all international and humanitarian regulations.”

The Hamas official called on Muslim and Arab nations as well

as freedom-loving peoples worldwide to show solidarity with Palestinians by staging demonstrations and putting pressure on Israel to stop its genocidal war on Gaza.

Qanou also saluted all resistance groups that have supported the steadfastness of the Palestinian nation on various fronts over the past few months, emphasizing that Palestinians reserve the right to self-defense and self-determination.

The occupying regime waged the bloody war on Gaza on October 7. Since the start of the aggression, the Zionist regime has killed at least 33,634 people in Gaza, mostly women and children.

The campaign has devastated large swathes of Gaza, destroyed hospitals and displaced half of its population of 2.4 million.

The occupying regime has also imposed a complete siege on the coastal sliver, cutting off fuel, electricity, food and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

## ‘Most Horrific in Recent Years’ Zionist Settlers Renew Attacks on Palestinians in West Bank



*A Palestinian man has been killed in an attack by Zionist settlers in the occupied West Bank, where tensions remain high amid fears of more violence.*

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist settlers on Saturday attacked villages in the occupied West Bank, wounding several Palestinians and setting fire to houses and cars, under full protection from the occupying regime's army.

The rampage came a day after hundreds of settlers, many of them armed, stormed the village al-Mughayyir, northeast of Ramallah, after an Israeli teenager from a nearby settlement disappeared on Friday.

Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday said the missing Israeli teenager was found dead in the West Bank.

Barakat Dawabsha, a resident of Duma, south of Nablus, told Middle East Eye that more than 500 armed settlers attacked the village from the northern, western and southern sides.

He said that several people were wounded by live bullets, and dozens of homes and vehicles were burned. The settlers also attacked people with batons and stones, causing more injuries.

“The Israeli army is protecting the settlers. I saw with my own eyes one of the soldiers setting fire to a vehicle. The situation is very difficult, and the people are trying to protect their homes and properties with their bodies,” said Dawabsha.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said Zionist troops prevented

its crews from entering the village to provide treatment to the wounded. An ambulance was eventually allowed to enter after three hours.

According to Dawabsha, dozens of Palestinian residents of the village haven't been able to return to their homes since Friday evening due to closures imposed by the Israeli army on several villages south of Nablus and north of Ramallah as part of the search for the missing settler.

Dozens of vehicles and buses carrying settlers were still arriving at the entrances to Duma to take part in the fierce attack.

Since Saturday morning, Zionist settlers have also attacked the towns of Silwad, Turmus Aya, Sinjil and Deir Dibwan, according to Wafa.

Hundreds of settlers, backed by soldiers, attacked al-Mughayyir on Friday afternoon, shooting at residents and burning Palestinian property. One Palestinian man, identified as 26-year-old Jihad Abu Alia, was killed and 25 others were wounded, including eight by live fire, according to the Palestinian Red Crescent.

Kazem al-Hajj, one of the activists campaigning against Israeli settlements in the village, told Middle East Eye that the attack was “the most horrific in recent years”.

## German Police Disrupt Pro-Palestine Conference

BERLIN (Dispatches) – Police in Berlin abruptly halted a pro-Palestine conference shortly after it commenced, following an incident where one of the primary speakers said that authorities hindered his entry into Germany.

According to police statements on the social media platform X on Friday, the Palestine Congress faced interruption initially due to a speaker being subjected to a ban on political activities in Germany.

While police did not disclose the identity of the speaker, participants identified him as Palestinian researcher Salman Abu Sitta on X.

Subsequently, authorities announced on X that they terminated the remainder of the conference, attended by approximately 250 individuals, slated to run until

Sunday, citing concerns about the re-invitation of the same speaker, whom they accused of making “anti-Semitic” remarks in the past.

On the Congress's official website, organizers condemned the Zionist regime's crimes in Gaza, stating, “Together, with the voices of the Palestinian movement and the international community, we will denounce Israeli apartheid and genocide. We accuse Germany of being complicit.”

Berlin police disclosed that they deployed 930 officers, including reinforcements from other German regions, to ensure security at the event.

One of the key speakers, Ghasan Abu Sittah, a British Palestinian doctor, expressed being denied entry into Germany to attend the

conference. He lamented on X, “The German government has forcibly prevented me from entering the country.”

The doctor, who volunteered in Gaza hospitals during the first weeks of Israel's war, said he arrived at Berlin airport on Friday morning before being stopped at passport control.

Abu Sittah elaborated on his experience, revealing that he was detained at Berlin airport for several hours and informed he must return to the UK.

Abu Sittah claimed that following the interrogation, German authorities said he was not allowed to enter the country and warned him of a fine or up to one year in prison should he have tried to link via Zoom or Facetime with the

event.

“This is exactly what accomplices to a crime do. They bury the evidence, and they silence or harass or intimidate the witnesses,” Abu Sittah said.

Airport authorities justified their decision citing concerns for “the safety of the people at the conference and public order,” as Abu Sittah relayed to The Associated Press.

Organizer Nadija Samour denounced the action, stating to Anadolu Agency, “There is absolutely no legal basis for this, no justification at all. (Abu) Sittah is the dean of the University of Glasgow. I can't imagine that he's a dangerous person or a person who incites violence. Quite the opposite.”

## Yale Students Launch Hunger Strike to Demand Divestment From Israel's War

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – A group of graduate students at Yale University has launched a hunger strike in protest against the institution's investments in companies providing Israel with military weaponry.

Students argue the university is profiting off of what a growing number of Americans say is a genocide of Palestinians in Gaza being carried out by Israel.

The hunger strike was launched after students with the group, Hunger Strikers for Palestine, sent a letter to Yale president Peter Salovey on Wednesday, demanding that the university divest from its investments in companies providing the Zionist regime with military technology.

“We demand that by the morning of this Friday, 4/12/2024, you make a public statement committing to divest from all weapons manufacturing companies contributing to Israel's assault on Palestine,” said the letter, which was shared with Middle East Eye.

“We demand that at next Saturday's Yale

Corporation board meeting, you and the rest of the board discuss plans for divestment and release a public statement acknowledging that the board has done so.”

That Friday deadline came and went without a response.

In their letter, the students said that Yale has put more than \$640,000 in investments in weapons manufacturers like Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman, “which produce the bombs, planes, and weapons used to carry out Israel's indiscriminate attacks on Gaza.”

Hunger Strikers for Palestine said they had sent multiple letters to Yale and called on the university to divest from companies providing Israel with weaponry since the regime launched its brutal aggression on Gaza last October.

“Students have exhausted their means of communicating with the Yale administration about divesting from arms manufacturing,” the group said in a press release.

Yale University's Graduate Students for Pal-

estine (GSP), which helped organize the latest letter and the hunger strike, said this protest was the result of the administration ignoring their protests and demands for months.

“This is the last thing folks are able to give, their bodies,” a member of GSP, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told MEE.

“In the total nonresponse of any kind from the institution we are speaking to, the final thing we can put on the line really is our health and well-being.”

Another GSP member said that as a result of a months-long silence by the university, the hunger strike was a last-ditch effort to get their voices heard.

“Our demand is divestment, and this is the most intense, and also a final way for us to ask Yale to hear our demands,” the student said.

Other universities across the United States have also been the scene of similar acts of protests in condemnation of Israel's war on Gaza and Washington's untrammelled support for the illegal regime.

## Iraqi PM Visits Washington to Discuss Ending U.S. Occupation

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani has left Baghdad for an official visit to Washington to discuss the issues of ending the U.S.-led international coalition's occupation of Iraq, according to a statement by al-Sudani's media office on Saturday.

During the visit, al-Sudani will hold a meeting with U.S. President Joe Biden, in which they will review the work of the joint Higher Military Commission (HMC), with an aim of setting a timeline for ending the coalition's mission and for Iraq transiting to bilateral relations with the coalition member states, it said.

Al-Sudani noted that the meeting will also discuss issues and escalations in the Middle East region.

Al-Sudani's visit came as Iraq and the U.S.-led coalition held several rounds of dialogues to discuss ending the coalition's oc-

cupation of the country under the pretext of fighting the Daesh terrorist group in Iraq.

On Jan. 25, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Iraq and the United States agreed to form the HMC to end the international coalition's occupation in Iraq.

Anti-American sentiment has been simmering throughout the Arab country, including over the Israeli regime's October 7, 2023-present war on the Gaza Strip that enjoys all-out military and political support on the part of the United States.

Al-Sudani said at the World Economic Forum in Davos in January that it was necessary to “immediately begin a dialogue, to reach an understanding and a timetable regarding the end of the mission” of international advisors in the Arab country, including the American ones.