

Netanyahu Skips Auschwitz Liberation Event Over ICC Arrest Fears

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has opted not to attend an event commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland, citing concerns about potential arrest following recent International Criminal Court (ICC) rulings.

The ICC issued arrest warrants last month for Netanyahu and former war minister Yoav Gallant, accusing them of war crimes and crimes against humanity in relation to the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

Poland is a signatory to the Rome Statute and has affirmed its commitment to cooperating with the ICC. Netanyahu and Zionist president Isaac Herzog are said to be avoiding the event, with education minister Yoav Kisch set to attend in their place.

The ICC warrants allege that Netanyahu and Gallant used starvation as a method of warfare and committed acts of murder and persecution. The court's decision



Activists participate in a pro-Palestinian protest near the U.S. Capitol on July 24, 2024 in Washington, D.C.

obligates its 124 member-states, including Poland, to arrest the accused if they enter their territories. This development has led Israeli regime officials to avoid travel to Europe, with Netanyahu and Gallant refraining from visiting countries that are ICC members.

The ICC's recent actions have also heightened fears among soldiers serving in the occupation army about the potential legal consequences abroad. The Zionist

regime has advised around 30 of its soldiers and officers who have served in Gaza during the genocide to avoid international travel following complaints filed by pro-Palestine groups.

In some instances, soldiers who travelled to countries such as Cyprus, Slovenia and the Netherlands were recalled promptly over concerns that they could face arrest or questioning. While the Zionist regime does not ban international

travel, it now conducts risk assessments for soldiers before approving trips abroad. Reservists are being urged to consult with the foreign ministry to assess the legal risks of travelling to specific destinations.

The concerns are compounded by development that evidence — such as videos and photographs shared on social media — could be used against soldiers in international courts. Videos show Zionist troops engaging in actions that are widely believed to be in contravention of international humanitarian law, including the destruction of civilian properties, posing with deceased individuals, and mocking Palestinian civilians.

An investigation highlighting numerous incidents of Zionist troops' behavior in Gaza has further fuelled fears of legal action. These include footage of soldiers demolishing buildings, vandalizing properties and celebrating the destruction of civilian areas.

WHO Warns Yemen Faces 'Highest Burden' of Cholera Globally

SANA'A (Dispatches) – The World Health Organisation (WHO) has identified Yemen as bearing "the highest burden" of cholera worldwide, reporting 249,900 suspected cases and 861 associated deaths in 2024 alone. This accounts for 35 percent of global cholera cases and 18 per cent of deaths, the UN agency has revealed.

Last month, cholera cases surged by 37 percent compared with the same period in 2023, with deaths up by 27 percent. The rise is attributed partly to updated and more

detailed data from Yemen's governorates, noted the WHO. "The outbreak of waterborne diseases like cholera and acute watery diarrhoea imposes an additional burden on an already stressed health system facing multiple disease outbreaks," said the WHO representative in Yemen, Arturo Pesigan. "The WHO and humanitarian actors are strained in their efforts to address the increasing needs due to severe funding shortages."

He added that a lack of access to safe drinking water,

poor community hygiene practices and limited access to timely treatment further hinder efforts to prevent and control the disease.

The crisis is exacerbated by Yemen's persistent cholera transmission, including the world's largest outbreak from 2017–2020, which saw over 2.5 million cases and 4,000 deaths. With global cholera cases reaching four million annually, the WHO has stressed the urgency of sufficient funding to address Yemen's dire situation effec-

tively.

UN News notes that the cholera crisis is just one facet of the war-torn country's broader humanitarian crisis.

"The conflict has left 18.2 million people, nearly half the population, in need of humanitarian assistance, with 11.2 million slated for aid coverage," it said. "Across the country, some 17.6 million people are affected by food insecurity, while almost half of all children under five suffer from moderate to severe stunting."

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missile, adding that the operation successfully achieved its goal.

The statement said Yemeni armed forces are fully ready to confront the Israeli-American-British aggression amid the Zionist regime's threats of large scale aggression.

Yemeni forces, the statement said, will continue their military operations in support of Palestinians in Gaza until the Israeli aggression ends and the siege on the blockaded territory is lifted.

Yemeni forces have markedly intensified their pro-Palestinian strikes against the occupied territories and other Israeli targets in recent weeks.

On Monday, the country's drone unit carried out an operation against an Israeli military target in Ashkelon, located 50 kilometers south of Tel Aviv, using a homegrown and long-range Yaffa kamikaze drone.

On Saturday, at least 20 Israeli settlers were injured after a Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missile launched from Yemen struck Tel Aviv's southern suburbs.

Yemeni forces have also been targeting Israeli, U.S. and UK vessels in the Red Sea and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

Notably, the USS Harry Truman was attacked this week with eight cruise missiles and 17 drones, resulting in the downing of an American F-18 Hornet warplane.

The Yemeni strikes have also forced ships to detour around the Cape of

Good Hope, extending the journey by up to three weeks.

Major companies such as Denmark's Maersk, Germany's Hapag-Lloyd, France's CMA CGM, and Italy-Switzerland's MSC have suspended their voyages through the Red Sea, effectively shutting down the port of Eilat at the southern tip of the Israeli occupied territories.

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a very bad omen for the whole of Syria," Pedersen was quoted as saying. "If we fail here, it would have dramatic consequences when it comes to new displacement."

Since Assad was ousted on December 8, hostilities have escalated between Turkish-supported militants and the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), who is backed by the U.S.

Ankara-backed armed groups took control of the SDF-held city of Manbij on December 9 and are reportedly preparing for an onslaught on the strategic city of Ayn al-Arab or Kobani on the northern border with Turkey. Turkish jets have pounded Kobani in recent days.

The Kurdish YPG-led SDF has proposed to withdraw its forces from the area in exchange for a complete truce. But Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, speaking alongside Syria's de facto new leader Abu Mohammad al-Jolani on Sunday in Damascus, said the

YPG should disband totally.

Ankara views the YPG as a terrorist organization tied to the homegrown Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has been seeking an autonomous Kurdish region in Turkey since 1984.

Pedersen said a political solution "would require serious, serious compromises" and should be part of the "transitional phase" led by HTS administration.

With the ongoing fighting, SDF commander Mazloum Abdi has expressed concern about a strong Daesh resurgence due to the power vacuum in Syria.

Tens of thousands of children, family members, and supporters of Daesh terrorists are still held in large detention centers in northeastern Syria, in areas under SDF control.

The Israeli military has carried out nearly 500 strikes against Syrian military and civilian infrastructure, while its troops moved into a demilitarized zone in the Golan Heights that was established following the 1973 Middle East war.

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overwhelmed by the continuous stream of casualties arriving daily from Israel's indiscriminate bombardment.

Palestinians say the Zionist regime is trying to create a buffer zone by depopulating northern Gaza.

Meanwhile, in other parts of Gaza,

Israeli bombardments martyred at least nine Palestinians in four separate military strikes on Tuesday, according to medics.

The ongoing carnage in Gaza has claimed the lives of at least 45,338 Palestinians and injured 107,764 others since the war began on October 7 last year, the Palestinian health ministry reported.

In its latest grim update, the ministry revealed that hospitals across the besieged territory received 21 bodies and 51 injured individuals in the past 24 hours alone.

And in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, a third Palestinian was killed in an Israeli raid on Tulkarm, after she was wounded in an Israeli shelling of a residence in the Hamam neighborhood of the camp.

Earlier, Israeli forces killed two others in the raid: 53-year-old Khawla Abdo and 18-year-old boy Fathi Obaid, who was shot in the chest.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) issued a damning statement, revealing that a child is killed in Gaza every hour amidst the relentless Israeli onslaught.

"They are not just numbers, they are lives lost in a short time without any justification," the agency stated, highlighting the devastating toll of Israel's actions.

In a post on the X platform, the agency emphasized the harrowing plight of Gaza's children, many of whom are

physically and emotionally scarred. Those who survive endure the trauma of displacement, deprived of education, and left scavenging for food among the ruins of their homes.

UNRWA revealed that at least 14,500 children have been martyred during the Israeli aggression, calling for an immediate end to the war. "The killing of children cannot be justified," the agency stressed, urging global action to stop the bloodshed.

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Elsewhere in his remarks, Kharrazi predicted that the regional Axis of Resistance would, however, sustain the regional American-Israeli projects amid consistent support on the part of the Islamic Republic.

As long as Israeli aggression and occupation persists, the resistance will continue, he said, asserting, "The roots of resistance are strong and solid, to the extent that its spark cannot be extinguished by such scenarios, wars, the martyrdom of its leaders, or the fall of certain regimes."

Kharrazi commended the Yemeni Armed Forces' numerous pro-Palestinian operations since the onset of the Israeli regime's war of genocide on the Gaza Strip last year.

"The Yemenis have defended themselves and Palestine with honor," he said, noting their success in disrupting Israeli operations in the Red Sea. "Their targeting of ships heading to Israeli ports has reportedly rendered these ports non-operational and driven them toward bankruptcy," Kharrazi stated.

He further highlighted Yemen's growing military capabilities, pointing to recent hypersonic missile strikes that directly hit Tel Aviv, causing significant damage.

Kharrazi also hailed China's de-dollarization drive, saying, "We commend China's efforts to diminish the dollar's dominance and promote alternative financial systems."

"Iran also supports engaging with emerging international systems like the BRICS group of nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and the New Development Bank," he explained.

The official praised the positive trajectory of Saudi-Iranian relations following recent agreements and reciprocal visits between officials of both states.

"We aim for both Iran and Saudi Arabia to play a pivotal role in ensuring security, stability, and peace in the region," he said.

In the same context, the official stressed the importance of regional cooperation, stating that "A united and capable region is the best deterrent against external threats."

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to preserve Syria's national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

He asserted that the Syrian people hold the exclusive right to decide their fate free from foreign interference.

"It is crucial to ensure that Syria does not become a breeding ground for terrorism and that all nations recognize the potential consequences of regional instability, as insecurity in one country can easily spread to others in the region," Baghaei pointed out.

He also stated that the continued presence of American military forces in Syria undermines efforts to protect the country's territorial integrity and national sovereignty.

He urged all nations concerned about Syria's future to adopt a clear position on this issue.

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To be sure, just because a review is AI-generated doesn't necessarily mean its fake. Some consumers might experiment with AI tools to generate content

that reflects their genuine sentiments. Some non-native English speakers say they turn to AI to make sure they use accurate language in the reviews they write.

"It can help with reviews (and) make it more informative if it comes out of good intentions," said Michigan State University marketing professor Sherry He, who has researched fake reviews. She says tech platforms should focus on the behavioral patterns of bad actors, which prominent platforms already do, instead of discouraging legitimate users from turning to AI tools.

Prominent companies are developing policies for how AI-generated content fits into their systems for removing phony or abusive reviews. Some already employ algorithms and investigative teams to detect and take down fake reviews but are giving users some flexibility to use AI.

Spokespeople for Amazon and Trustpilot, for example, said they would allow customers to post AI-assisted reviews as long as they reflect their genuine experience. Yelp has taken a more cautious approach, saying its guidelines require reviewers to write their own copy.

"With the recent rise in consumer adoption of AI tools, Yelp has significantly invested in methods to better detect and mitigate such content on our platform," the company said in a statement.

The Coalition for Trusted Reviews, which Amazon, Trustpilot, employment review site Glassdoor, and travel sites TripAdvisor, Expedia and Booking.com launched last year, said that even though deceivers may put AI to illicit use, the technology also presents "an opportunity to push back against those who seek to use reviews to mislead others."

"By sharing best practice and raising standards, including developing advanced AI detection systems, we can protect consumers and maintain the integrity of online reviews," the group said.

The FTC's rule banning fake reviews, which took effect in October, allows the agency to fine businesses and individuals who engage in the practice. Tech companies hosting such reviews are shielded from the penalty because they are not legally liable under U.S. law for the content that outsiders post on their platforms.

Tech companies, including Amazon, Yelp and Google, have sued fake review brokers they accuse of peddling counterfeit reviews on their sites. The companies say their technology has blocked or removed a huge swath of suspect reviews and suspicious accounts. However, some experts say they could be doing more.

"Their efforts thus far are not nearly enough," said Dean of Fake Review Watch. "If these tech companies are so committed to eliminating review fraud on their platforms, why is it that I, one individual who works with no automation, can find hundreds or even thousands of fake reviews on any given day?"

Consumers can try to spot fake reviews by watching out for a few possible warning signs, according to researchers. Overly enthusiastic or negative reviews are red flags. Jargon that repeats a product's full name or model number is another potential giveaway.

When it comes to AI, research conducted by Balázs Kovács, a Yale professor of organization behavior, has shown that people can't tell the difference between AI-generated and human-written reviews. Some AI detectors may also be fooled by shorter texts, which are common in online reviews, the study said.

However, there are some "AI tells" that online shoppers and service seekers should keep in mind. Panagram Labs says reviews written with AI are typically longer, highly structured and include "empty descriptors," such as generic phrases and attributes. The writing also tends to include clichés like "the first thing that struck me" and "game-changer."