

SANA'A (Dispatches) -- Yemen's Ansarullah leader Abdul-Malik al-Houthi said Monday Israel has been defeated in Gaza thanks to the support of the regional resistance forces and Iran which he praised for its crucial role in the victory. Houthi said the victory of the Palestinian nation over the Zionist regime is a significant and historic achievement, congratulating the Palestinians and the resistance groups and their "altruistic warriors." "The support for Gaza crushed the enemy, and Iran played an important role in realizing this victory," he said. The victory, he said, represents a substantial shift in confrontation with the enemy, where Israeli officials have admitted defeat. "Yesterday was a clear victory for Palestine, marking an epic day and triumph for the resistance," he said.

TEHRAN -- Iran's Judiciary chief Gholam-Hussein Mouseni-Ejei here Monday warned of plots by the enemies to harm national security and create division within the country.

"We must recognize the enemy's plots to undermine security and appreciate the sacrifices made by our intelligence and security forces," he said. The warning came two days after two judges were assassinated in a terrorist attack in Tehran on Saturday.

Viewpoint

Yemen's Magnanimous Response to Gaza Truce

Troops Raid Several Areas in West Bank Israel Continues Killing in Gaza Despite Ceasefire

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) -- Israeli soldiers martyred two Palestinians in Rafah, southern Gaza, on Monday despite the ceasefire coming into effect, according to Wafa news agency.

One of those killed was a teenage boy, Wafa said, citing medical sources.

Three people injured in an Israeli drone attack arrived at the European Hospital in southern Gaza. The attack, carried out by a quadcopter, reportedly took place while Palestinians were checking on their homes in Rafah city, on the second day of the ceasefire.

At least 47,035 Palestinians have been martyred and 111,091 injured in Israel's war on Gaza since October 7, 2023, the Gaza health ministry said.

The ministry added that in the past 24 hours, 60 people were martyred and another 62 bodies recovered.

Gaza's civil defense agency continued the search for 10,000 bodies on the second day of the ceasefire.

A medical source said rescue teams recovered the remains of 47 bodies from the city of Rafah in southern Gaza and transferred them to the European Hospital near Khan Younis.

Zionist forces also raided several areas in the occupied West Bank, including Shuafat camp in occupied Jerusalem, Burin town south of Nablus, Zeita and Attil towns northeast of Tulkarm, according to Palestinian local media.

Herzi Halevi, the chief of staff

of the Israeli army, said his forces are planning for continued assault in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and Lebanon.

Moreover, Halevi instructed Israeli forces "to formulate plans for continued fighting in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon".

The Yemen-based Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center (Hocc) said Yemeni armed forces will limit their attacks on commercial vessels to Israel-linked ships after the Gaza ceasefire came into effect.

The Hocc, which liaises between Ansarullah forces and commercial shipping operators, also said in an email dated January 19 that if the U.S. and Britain or Israel resumed strikes on Yemen, then attacks on vessels affiliated with these countries would resume.

Meanwhile, Palestinian group Hamas criticized Israel in a statement over the poor condition of some of the 90 Palestinian prisoners released on Sunday as part of the first phase of the Gaza ceasefire agreement.

"The pictures of the three female prisoners being handed over to the enemy showed them in full physical and psychological health, while our male and female prisoners showed signs of neglect and exhaustion," the statement read.

The three captives released from Hamas captivity on Sunday "are in stable condition," the Times of Israel reported the deputy director general of health at Sheba Medical Center in Ramat Gan saying.

Resistance Festival to Screen Films Across World



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Resistance Groups Hail Palestinian Victory Following Ceasefire



First Criminal President in White House



Donald Trump is sworn in as the 47th president of the United States on Monday.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Donald Trump was sworn in as U.S. president on Monday, ushering in another turbulent four-year term with promises to push the limits of executive power, deport millions of immigrants, secure retribution against his political enemies and transform the role of the U.S. on the world stage.

Even before Trump was to take office at noon ET (1700 GMT), aides detailed a raft of executive actions that he would sign immediately, including 10 focused on border security and immigration, his top priority.

The president was to declare a national emergency at the southern border, send armed troops there and resume a policy forcing

asylum seekers to wait in Mexico for their U.S. court dates, an incoming White House official told reporters.

The inauguration completes a triumphant comeback for a political disruptor who survived two impeachment trials, a felony conviction, two assassination attempts and an indictment for attempting to overturn his 2020 election loss.

The ceremony took place inside the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, four years after a mob of Trump supporters breached it in an unsuccessful effort to forestall Trump's defeat by Biden. The swearing-in was moved indoors for the first time in 40 years due to the extreme cold.

Trump, the first U.S. president since the 19th century to win a second term after losing the White House, has said he would pardon "on Day One" many of the more than 1,500 people charged in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack.

Biden, in one of his last official acts, pardoned several people whom Trump has targeted for retaliation, including former White House chief medical adviser Anthony Fauci, former Republican U.S. Representative Liz Cheney and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley.

Trump will restore the federal death penalty, which Biden had suspended, and require that official U.S. documents such as passports reflect citizens' gender as assigned at birth, incoming administration officials told reporters.

He was also to sign an order ending diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in the federal government on his first day, which was also Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the officials said.

But Trump would not impose new tariffs on Monday, instead directing federal agencies to evaluate trade relationships with China, Canada and Mexico, a Trump official confirmed.

"A tide of change is sweeping the country," Trump said in his inaugural speech. "With these actions, we will begin the complete restoration of America and the revolution of common sense."

The Trumps began the day at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, where several tech executives - including the three richest men in the world, Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg - joined them.

As he did in 2017, Trump enters office as a chaotic and disruptive force, vowing to remake the federal government and expressing deep skepticism about the U.S.-led alliances that have shaped post-World War Two global politics.

The former president returns to Washington emboldened after winning the national popular vote over Vice President Kamala Harris by more than 2 million votes thanks to a groundswell of voter frustration over persistent inflation, though he still fell just short of a 50% majority.

In 2016, Trump won the Electoral College - and the presidency - despite receiving nearly 3 million fewer votes than Hillary Clinton.

Jeremi Suri, a presidential historian at the University of Texas at Austin, compared the present era to the late 19th century, when Grover Cleveland became the only other president to win non-consecutive terms. Like now, he said, that was a time of upheaval, as industrial advances transformed the economy, wealth inequality exploded and the proportion of immigrant Americans reached a historical peak.

"What we're really talking about is a fundamentally different economy, a fundamentally different country in terms of its racial and gender and social makeup, and we are as a country struggling to figure out what that means," he said. "It's an existential moment."

Trump, who will surpass Biden as the oldest president ever to be sworn into office, will enjoy Republican majorities in both chambers of Congress that have been almost entirely purged of any intra-party dissenters. His advisers have outlined plans to replace nonpartisan bureaucrats with hand-picked loyalists.

Even before taking office, Trump established a rival power center in the weeks after his election victory, meeting world leaders and causing consternation by musing aloud about seizing the Panama Canal, taking control of NATO ally Denmark's territory of Greenland and imposing tariffs on the biggest U.S. trading partners.

Unlike in 2017, when he filled many top jobs with institutionalists, Trump has prioritized fealty over experience in nominating a bevy of controversial cabinet picks, some of whom are outspoken critics of the agencies they have been tapped to lead.

The inauguration proceeded amid

Oxfam: Billionaires' Wealth Skyrocketed Last Year

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) -- Billionaires' wealth grew three times faster in 2024 than the year before, a top anti-poverty group reported on Monday as some of the world's political and financial elite prepared for an annual gathering in Davos, Switzerland.

Oxfam International, in its latest assessment of global inequality timed to the opening of the World Economic Forum meeting, also predicts at least five trillionaires will crop up over the next decade. A year ago, the group forecast that only one trillionaire would appear during that time.

OxFam's research adds weight to a warning by outgoing President Joe Biden last week of a "dangerous concentration of power in the hands of very few ultra-wealthy people." The group's sharp-edged report, titled "Takers Not Makers," also says the number of people in poverty

has barely budged since 1990.

The World Economic Forum expects to host some 3,000 attendees, including business executives, academics, government officials, and civic group leaders at its annual meeting in the Alpine village of Davos.

President-elect Donald Trump, who visited Davos twice during his first term and was set to take the oath of office on Monday, is expected to take part in the forum's event by video on Thursday. He has long championed wealth accumulation -- including his own -- and counts multibillionaire Elon Musk as a top adviser.

"What you're seeing at the moment is a billionaire president taking oaths today, backed by the richest man. So this is pretty much the jewel in the crown of the global oligarchies," Amitabh Behar, executive director of Ox-

fam International, said in an interview, referring to Trump and Musk.

"It's not about one specific individual. It's the economic system that we have created where the billionaires are now pretty much being able to shape economic policies, social policies, which eventually gives them more and more profit," he added.

Like Biden's call for making billionaires "begin to pay their fair share" through the U.S. tax code, Oxfam -- a global advocacy group -- called on governments to tax the richest to reduce inequality and extreme wealth, and to "dismantle the new aristocracy."

The group called for steps like the break-up of monopolies, capping CEO pay, and regulation of corporations to ensure they pay "living wages" to workers. Many investors racked up

strong gains in 2024, with strong performances for top tech companies and stock-market indexes like the S&P 500, as well as the price of gold and cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin.

Oxfam said billionaire wealth grew by \$2 trillion last year, or roughly \$5.7 billion a day, three-times faster than in 2023. The number of billionaires rose by 204 to 2,769, and the 10 richest men saw their wealth rise nearly \$100 million a day on average, it said.

Citing World Bank data, the group pointed to lingering poverty, saying the number of people living on less than \$6.85 per day has "barely changed" since 1990. Oxfam used Forbes' Real-Time Billionaire List" as of end-November for data on the ultra-rich.

By contrast, at least four new billionaires were "minted" every

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