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# Official: Yemen With Pinpointing Missiles Cannot Be Defeated



Yemeni forces show ballistic missiles in a parade.

SANA'A (Dispatches) – Yemeni Sana'a government official Mohammed al-Houthi has warned the aggressors, saying that the enemies cannot defeat a nation that has pinpointing missiles.

Speaking at a ceremony attend-

ed by Yemeni officials on Monday, Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, a member of the Supreme Political Council of Yemen, said that "We must thank God Almighty for the work we have done

in supporting and supporting

Gaza."

"We should not be affected by propaganda," al-Houthi said, adding that "We tell Saudi Arabia that your perception of the past is wrong. Any aggression against Yemen will cause severe damage to your economy."

"To those who want to invade Yemen, we say, you cannot defeat a nation that has pinpointing and precise missiles," he added.

After the Israeli attacks against the people of Gaza intensified as part of its genocidal campaign in the autumn 2023, Yemen announced its support for the Palestinians and targeted Israeli army positions with drone and missile attacks dozens of times over the past year.

The Israeli army attacked Yemen several times to stop the attacks and damaged some of the country's civilian infrastructure; but these attacks did not stop the operations of the Yemeni armed forces

The United States and the United Kingdom also intervened to stop the operations by Yemen and to support their ally Israeli regime, but their attacks also did not yield any results and the Yemeni operations intensified even more

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heavy security after a campaign highlighted by an increase in political violence that included two assassination attempts against Trump, including one in which a bullet grazed his

Eight years ago, Trump delivered a bleak inaugural address vowing to end the "American carnage" of what he said were crime-ridden cities and soft borders, a departure from the tone of optimism most newly elected presidents have adopted.

Foreign governments scrutinized the tenor of Trump's speech on Monday after he waged a campaign laced with inflammatory rhetoric.

The traditional parade down Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House took place indoors at the Capital One Arena, where Trump held his victory rally on Sunday.

Trump is the first felon to occupy the White House after a New York jury found him guilty of falsifying business records to cover up hush money paid to a porn star.

Winning the election also rid Trump of two federal indictments - for plotting to overturn the 2020 election and for retaining classified documents - thanks to a Justice Department policy that presidents cannot be prosecuted while in office.

In a report last week, Special Counsel Jack Smith said he had enough evidence to convict Trump in the election case if Trump had reached trial.

#### Oxfam...

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week in 2024, and three-fifths of billionaire wealth comes from inheritance, monopoly power or "crony connections," it said.

On average, Oxfam said, low- and middle-income countries are spending nearly half their national budgets on debt repayments. It also noted that life expectancy in Africa is just under 64 years of age, compared to over 79 years in Europe.

Despite the growing gap between the über rich and the poor, the annual Davos confab, which formally begins on Tuesday, will likely focus this year again on making money and doing deals, with strongman leaders on the rise in some Western countries and progressive causes like diversity and climate change waning in the business world.

The continued rise of artificial intelligence as a tool for business to reap greater efficiencies will also again be a central theme in Davos, despite worries in many sectors that AI could upend many white-collar jobs and displace workers in an array of industries.

Trump's return for a second term will likely be on many lips in Davos, as will lingering conflicts, including wars in Ukraine and Sudan, along with hopes for a continuation of a cease-fire that began on Sunday between Hamas and Israel, pausing their devastating 15-month war in Gaza.

Forum organizers last week issued a survey conducted among 900 experts for "Global Risks Report," which found that conflicts between countries was the top concern, followed by extreme weather, economic confrontation, misinformation and disinformation, and "societal polarization" — a nod to the gap between rich and poor.

As in past years, protesters calling for more economic equality, taxing the rich and pressing other demands took to the streets. Some blocked roads to Davos, snarling traffic in places and delaying trips for some attendees to the event, which runs through Friday.

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region and the Muslim world.

Bagheri held talks with Pakistani
President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime
Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif,
and Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif.

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well as the latest developments in the

Bagheri also said the developments in the Gaza Strip over the last 15 months were the beginning of a disaster for the Zionists and the elevation of Islam and the Resistance Front.

Leading a high-ranking military delegation, Bagheri arrived in the Pakistani capital on Sunday at the invitation of General Munir.

Bagheri said the ceasefire agreement

reached between Israel and the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas exposed the flimsy power of the occupying regime and the global arrogance in the face of the resistance fighters. "Today is the day that a ceasefire has

"Today is the day that a ceasefire has been imposed on the Zionist regime. American and European officials have admitted to some regional leaders that without their help, the Zionist regime will certainly collapse," he added.

He emphasized that 15 months of developments in the Gaza Strip were a major turning point in the region, the Muslim world and the resistance front.

He said the global arrogance was mobilized to help the fake Israeli regime against the resistance front but now "we are witnessing the dignity of resistance and surrender of the Zionists to the steadfast will" of the resistance fighters.

The resistance front emerged victorious in its battle against the Israeli regime and imposed the ceasefire on the enemy, he added.

"However, our fundamental goal, strategy and roadmap will not change."

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crimes in Gaza, it was the brave and heroic Hamas that emerged victorious on the battlefield," Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi

He said the Israeli regime suffered a defeat on the battlefield and only then agreed to the ceasefire.

Shekarchi further said the Palestinian resistance has become much stronger in comparison with the days before Operation Al-Aqsa Flood launched on October 7, 2023.

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Donald Trump in the upcoming four years, the spokesman expressed hope that Washington's approach will be based on "realism, international law, and respect for the demands of the Iranian people."

He characterized the outgoing Biden administration as the worst in U.S. history, which oversaw genocide against the Gaza Strip. He said the fact that a ceasefire was reached during the waning days of the administration speaks for itself.

Baghaei also hailed the recent ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Hamas resistance group in the Gaza Strip as "another example of the resistance's victory against occupation and oppression."

He said Israeli crimes in Gaza were not possible without the support of the U.S. and Western countries.

Baghaei also said the Palestinian resistance "is not dependent on any country and that it stems from the nation's beliefs."

Asked about claims that Hamas will not play a role in the governance of post-war Gaza, he replied, "What is clear is that the resistance and Hamas are a movement in the hearts of the Palestinian people, and no one can ignore Hamas' presence in the future of Palestine."

# **UN: Over 90% of Homes Destroyed, Damaged in Gaza**

GAZA (Dispatches) – Almost all housing in the Gaza Strip has been destroyed or damaged during the Zionist regime's genocidal campaign, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Some 436,000 housing units — 92% of Gaza's homes — have been affected, with 160,000 destroyed and 276,000 severely or partially damaged, OCHA said. Additionally, more than 1.8 million people are in urgent need of emergency shelter and essential household items.

The UN announced on its website that approximately 90% of the population across Gaza have been displaced, many of whom have been forced to move repeatedly, "some 10 times or more."

"Much of Gaza is rubble, while Israeli airstrikes and military operations have damaged or destroyed around 60 per cent of buildings, including homes, schools and hospitals," according to the UN.

"The relentless bombing campaign has pushed healthcare to the brink, the solid waste system has collapsed, causing serious environmental and health risks, and the water system has been drastically cut," it added.

The Gaza ceasefire agreement took effect at 11:15 a.m. local time (0915GMT) on Sunday after a few hours' delay.

Nearly 47,000 people have been killed, mostly women and children, and over 110,700 others injured in the Zionist regime's genocidal war on Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, according to local health authorities.

The Israeli war has left more than 11,000 people missing,

with widespread destruction and a humanitarian crisis that has claimed the lives of many elderly people and children in one of the worst global humanitarian disasters ever.

In November, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former war minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The Zionist regime also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the enclave.

#### WHO: Immense Challenges Lie Ahead to Restore Gaza Health System

GAZA (Dispatches) – The World Health Organization (WHO) has welcomed the Gaza between the Zionist regime and Palestinian resistance movements but warned that "immense challenges lie ahead to restore the health system."

The UN agency said only half of Gaza's 36 hospitals remain partially operational.

The 15-month-long Israeli genocidal war has damaged or partly destroyed nearly all hospitals and just 38 percent of primary healthcare centers are functional.

An estimated 25 percent of those

injured -- about 30,000 people -- face life-changing injuries and

will need ongoing rehabilitation.

"Transmission of infectious diseases has massively increased, malnutrition is rising, and the risk of famine persists. The breakdown of public order, exacerbated by armed gangs, raises further concerns," the organization said in a statement.

"Addressing the massive needs and restoring the health system will be an extremely complex and challenging task," it added. "It is critical that the security obstacles hindering operations are removed."

Israel unleashed its brutal Gaza onslaught on October 7, 2023, after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out a historic operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

However, the Tel Aviv regime failed to achieve any of its declared objectives, including the release of captives and the "elimination" of Hamas despite killing nearly 47,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

On Wednesday, Israel was

forced to agree to a ceasefire agreement, accepting Hamas'

longstanding negotiation terms. In November, the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants for Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and former war minister Yoav Gallant "for crimes against hu-

Last year, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to take immediate steps to prevent "plausible genocide" in the besieged Gaza Strip, following a case brought by South Africa.

# Displaced Iraqis Say Unable to Return to Sinjar

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) returning to the Iraqi city of Sinjar, west of Nineveh Governorate, complained that they had not received the financial grants allocated to those returning.

The Iraqi government had previously decided, through the Ministry of Migration and Displacement, to grant four million Iraqi dinars (\$3,054.99) to each displaced family returning to the city of Sinjar, along with providing them with basic household supplies, as an incentive for IDPs to return.

Mayor of Sinjar, Nayef Saydo, said in press statements that "most of the internally displaced people returning to Sinjar did not receive the four million dinars, and some of them did not even receive the 1.5

million dinars, and this is what the returning citizens are complaining about."

"The failure to disburse these amounts has led to the discontent and worry of the displaced, and the process of returning the displaced is currently suspended."

For his part, Sharif Salman, a member of the Migration and Displacement Committee in the Iraqi Parliament, told Al-Araby Al-Jadeed that "there are clear and major shortcomings by the Iraqi government when it comes to the file of the IDPs returning to their original areas and those who have not returned, despite all of the promises made to resolve this issue since last year. The issue of the displaced and their inability to return is still ongoing."

He noted that "not giving the financial

grant to the returning displaced persons will lead to preventing the return of the rest of the displaced, especially since it is a very small amount compared to the tragic conditions that the displaced have been exposed to, as their homes were destroyed, stolen, among other things." He called for "distributing this grant without further delay."

On 29 January 2024, the Iraqi Ministry of Migration and Displacement revealed that more than 10,000 displaced families, or more than 100,000 people, had returned to their original areas, including 5,600 families to Sinjar. Sinjar, which is close to the Iraqi-Syrian border and also the Turkish border, is populated by a mixture of Iraqi Izadis, Arabs and Kurds, distributed over three administrative districts.