

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – The Lebanese army reported on Monday armed clashes near its shared border with Syria. This is not the first time that clashes have occurred near the common borders of the two countries since the overthrow of the Bashar al-Assad government. The Lebanese army stated that during a military patrol in the Qasr-Hermel area near the common borders between Lebanon and Syria, unknown armed elements opened fire on Lebanese forces from the Syrian side. The Lebanese army also opened fire on the elements, and clashes occurred in the area. One of Lebanon's military forces was injured during the clashes.

If you are greeted then return the greetings more warmly. If you are favored, then repay the obligation manifold; but he who takes the initiative will always excel in merit.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Resistance Groups Hail Palestinian Victory Following Ceasefire

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraqi anti-terror resistance group Kata'ib Hezbollah has praised the Palestinian nation and the Hamas resistance movement for winning a great triumph over the Zionist regime, which it said has suffered an irreparable defeat.

"Despite the unconditional support of the United States and numerous atrocities perpetrated against a defenseless and exemplary nation, the Israeli occupiers were unable to break the willpower of resistance fighters and bring Palestinians to their knees," Kata'ib Hezbollah (Hezbollah Brigades) said in a statement on Monday.

It added, "Israelis have sustained an irreparable defeat in the face of the legendary steadfastness of the resilient Palestinian nation and its resistance front, who have turned into international paragons of determination and boldness."

Kata'ib Hezbollah also noted that religious obligations to the Muslim nation, particularly to the steadfast people of Gaza, require the Iraqi anti-terror resistance group to ward off the evils of enemies.

"For this reason, the Righteous Front dedicated martyrs, great leaders, and brave warriors, led by [late secretary-general of the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement]



Children wave Palestinian flags in Rafah city after the ceasefire.

Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah," the statement also read.

Kata'ib Hezbollah described the Palestinian issue as the "foremost and principal issue" of the Muslim world, and emphasized that liberation of all Israeli-occupied lands from the river to the sea constitutes the primary objective of all honorable and freedom-loving people of the Islamic Ummah.

"From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" slogan, which has been popular during pro-Palestinian rallies, refers to the lands between the Mediterranean Sea and the River Jordan, and symbolizes the right to return, the decolonization of Palestinian lands and the rejection of Israeli occupation.

The Yemeni Ansarullah resistance

movement has also congratulated Palestinians on the implementation of the Gaza ceasefire deal, reaffirming its unwavering support for the oppressed nation and its resistance front.

"With faith and confidence in the promised divine victory, we reiterate Yemen's unfaltering support for Palestine and its resistance," the group said in a statement on Monday.

It added, "Yemen will closely follow up on the full implementation of the agreement and its details, and will resolutely confront any possible escalation of aggression by the Zionist regime."

The Ansarullah movement described the implementation of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas, as part of which 90 Pal-

estinian prisoners were freed from Israeli jails, as the fruit of resilience in the face of the 15-month-long genocidal war and brutalities by the Israeli military.

"The genocidal war, launched by the Zionist regime, was waged with the full complicity of the United States and the unlimited support of Western European countries," the Yemeni group stated.

It lauded the Gaza ceasefire deal and the release of the first group of Palestinian prisoners, which was achieved through sacrifices of the local Palestinian population, as a historic achievement.

"Palestinians have recorded an epic saga of patience and resilience. Operation Al-Aqsa Flood proved that we are facing a tyrannical and bullying enemy, which only understands the language of force and cannot be deterred by any means other than the language it comprehends [which is confrontation]," Ansarullah pointed out.

It underlined that the martyrdom of the late secretary-general of the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the head of the political bureau of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh, and Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar helped the attainment of this great achievement.

Palestinian Teen Martyred During West Bank Raid



14-year-old Ahmad Rashid Rushdi Jazar was martyred in the town of Sebastia northwest of Nablus.

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's troops killed a Palestinian teenager and wounded two others during a raid late Sunday in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health announced in a brief statement that 14-year-old Ahmad Rashid Rushdi Jazar was shot to death in the town of Sebastia northwest of Nablus.

In the southern West Bank, the Palestine Red Crescent Society said its teams transported two injured people to the hospital. One was a 17-year-old boy with a gunshot wound to the hand and the other was an 11-year-old child injured during clashes in the town of Idhna.

Eyewitnesses told Anadolu that the Israeli army raided the town for about two hours before withdrawing. Clashes erupted during the raid, with the use of live ammunition, rubber bullets and tear gas.

The developments came as hundreds of families of Palestinian prisoners gathered near Israel's Ofer Prison in

the West Bank awaiting the release of 90 prisoners, most of them women and children, as part of the first phase of a ceasefire agreement between the Zionist regime and the Palestinian resistance group Hamas amid a celebratory atmosphere, according to an Anadolu correspondent.

In another development, illegal Israeli settlers attacked the Palestinian town of Sinjil, north of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, ostensibly to disrupt celebrations in several towns over the expected release of 90 Palestinian prisoners under the Gaza ceasefire agreement.

The illegal settlers attacked the northern outskirts of the town, setting fire to four Palestinian vehicles, and pelting stones at four houses, eyewitnesses told Anadolu.

The eyewitnesses added that "the town's residents gathered to repel the settlers' assault without any intervention from the army and without any reported injuries."

Palestinian Dies in Israel's Prison Due to Medical Negligence

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A Palestinian in his early 20s who has been held in an Israeli prison for over 14 months under so-called administrative detention, has died in custody, prisoners' rights organizations say.

Mohamed Jaber, 22, died on Saturday, the Commission of Detainees' Affairs and the Palestinian Prisoners Society said in a joint statement, citing the Palestinian Civil Affairs Authority, which liaises with Israeli occupation authorities.

The statement added that Jaber, from the Dheisheh Refugee Camp in Bethlehem, in the southern occupied West Bank, "had been held under administrative detention since Dec. 11, 2023, and was detained in the Negev Desert Prison of southern

Israel before his martyrdom."

Though the statement did not go into detail about the circumstances surrounding his death, it did mention that Jaber had a severe wound to his abdomen a year and a half before his arrest.

"Part of his intestines was removed at that time, and he was arrested while in need of intensive medical care," the statement added.

An estimated 292 Palestinian prisoners have died in the Zionist regime's jails since 1967, excluding prisoners from Gaza who have been subjected to enforced disappearance. Some 56 have died while in detention since October 2023. Jaber was the sixth 'administrative detainee' to die while incarcerated.

The total number of identi-

fied deaths among prisoners and detainees since the start of the bloody onslaught surged to 56 as well.

Neither the administrative detainees, who include women and children, nor their lawyers are allowed to see the "secret evidence" that Zionist troops say form the basis for their arrests.

These people have been arrested by the military for renewable periods of time, meaning the arrest duration is indefinite and could last for many years. The administrative detainees include 41 children and 12 women, according to the Addameer prisoner support association.

The Zionist regime keeps Palestinian inmates under deplorable conditions without proper

hygienic standards. Palestinian inmates have also been subject to systematic torture, harassment, and repression.

Palestinian detainees have continuously resorted to open-ended hunger strikes in an attempt to express outrage at their illegal detention.

Human rights organizations say the occupying regime continues to violate all rights and freedoms granted to prisoners by the Fourth Geneva Convention and international laws.

According to the Palestine Detainees Studies Center, around 60 percent of the Palestinian prisoners detained in Israeli jails suffer from chronic diseases, a number of whom died in detention or after being released due to the severity of their cases.

Report: Egypt's Imports of Israeli Gas Surged 18% in 2024

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Egypt's imports of gas from the Zionist regime reached a record 981 million cubic feet per day (cfd) in 2024, marking an 18.2 percent increase compared to the previous year, a new report has revealed.

Notably, December saw a record high with volumes climbing to 1.065 billion cubic feet per day. In stark contrast, imports were only at 202 million cubic feet per day in 2020.

A recent report from the energy news source MEES, cited by the local economic bulletin

Enterprise on Sunday, attributes this remarkable surge in imports to a growing gas deficit resulting from declining domestic production.

As of October, local gas output had fallen to a seven-year low of approximately 4.5 billion cubic feet per day – about 1.6 billion cubic feet short of meeting demand.

According to the report, NewMed Energy, the Israeli company that holds a 45.3 per cent stake in the Leviathan gas field, has already

proposed to the Egyptian government plans to potentially double shipments to over two billion cubic feet per day by 2030.

However, challenges remain for increasing Israeli gas exports due to infrastructure limitations that may cap flow until late 2025.

On 19 December, the Zionist regime approved plans for a third pipeline linking Israel and Egypt aimed at doubling Cairo's current intake from Tel Aviv; approximately 10 billion cubic meters annually.

Corbyn, McDonnell Face Police Questioning Over London Gaza Rally

LONDON (Dispatches) – Prominent British MPs Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell are due to be questioned by the police under caution following a pro-Palestine protest on Saturday that led to numerous arrests.

According to a report by the BBC, Corbyn, the former Labour leader, and McDonnell, his former shadow chancellor, agreed voluntarily to attend a police station in central London.

This follows 77 arrests made during Saturday's protest after the police accused demonstrators of breaking through a police cordon in Trafalgar Square. The Organizers denied the claims.

The Met said on Sunday that 24 people had been released on bail, while 48 remained in custody. Ten people charged are due to appear in court in the coming days.

The Met added that a "75-year-old, 73-year-old and 61-year-old will be interviewed by officers "under criminal caution."

Among those arrested on Saturday was Chris Nineham, the vice-chair of the Stop the War Coalition, who served as the chief steward for the national protest for Palestine.

Footage taken by Middle East Eye showed police officers in riot gear surrounding Nineham and bundling him into the back of a police van.

The arrest was made shortly after a small group of protesters left Whitehall to lay flowers in Trafal-

gar Square in commemoration of the deaths of Palestinian children.

Crowds could be heard shouting "shame on you" and "free, free Palestine" at the police as they detained Nineham.

The Met said it was launching an investigation and claimed there was a "coordinated effort led by the protest organizers to march out of Whitehall in a clear breach of the conditions".

"There is video footage of one of the organizers clearly inciting the crowd to join a march, and one of the organizations involved has released a statement this evening confirming as much," said Commander Adam Slonecki, who led the policing operation.

Tensions ran high on Saturday after the police attempted to impose last-minute restrictions on the protest despite organizers approving the route with the police months in advance.

A coalition of advocacy groups, which includes the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), the Muslim Association of Britain (MAB), the Palestinian Forum in Britain (PFB), the Stop the War Coalition (StWC) and Friends of Al-Aqsa (FOA), publicly announced the march's original route on 30 November.

Key restrictions imposed by the police included a ban on beginning the march outside the BBC, citing concerns about its proximity to a synagogue.