

Israeli Settlers, Forces Attack Palestinians in New West Bank Raids

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist settlers and the regime forces have attacked Palestinians and their homes in new raids across the occupied West Bank.

The Wafa news agency reported on Sunday that a group of settlers, backed by the occupation soldiers, assaulted Palestinians in Wadi Hilweh, an area in the East Al-Quds neighborhood of Silwan.

Citing local activist Aref Jaber, Wafa also reported settler attacks in the Jaber, as-Salaymeh, and Wadi Nasara districts of al-Khalil's Old City.

The activist said a 64-year-old Palestinian man, Abdul Aziz al-Shantir, sustained head injuries after Israeli settlers stormed his shop in al-Khalil's Old City.

In Wadi al-Husseini, east of al-



Palestinians inspect the destruction following an Israeli raid in the eastern neighborhood of Jenin city in the occupied West Bank on March 11, 2025.

Khalil, settlers threw stones and empty bottles at Palestinian houses.

Meanwhile, the occupation forces

raided the village of Nabi Saleh northwest of the city of Ramallah, firing live ammunition at a parked

vehicle.

The Israeli military launched its offensive against the occupied West Bank on January 21, claiming that it was targeting the resistance fighters of the Jenin Battalion.

The occupying regime has ramped up West Bank violence since October 7, 2023, when it launched its genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

Since then, at least 935 Palestinians have been killed and nearly 7,000 others injured in the attacks by the Israeli soldiers and settlers across the West Bank.

The raids have so far uprooted at least 40,000 people, the largest displacement since the 1967 war that led to the Israeli occupation of the territory, according to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA).

Pakistan Architect Rejects \$100,000 Award From Israeli Body Over Gaza Genocide

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) – Renowned Pakistani architect Yasmeen Lari has turned down this year's Wolf Prize, which is granted by not-for-profit Wolf Foundation, based in the Israeli-occupied territories, citing the war on Gaza.

In her response to the Wolf Foundation, she stated that she would not accept the award "in view of the unfortunate continuing genocide in Gaza."

The Wolf Foundation released the recipients of its prize on 10

March. A day later, Lari thanked the jury and the foundation for the nomination but declined the award and its \$100,000 prize money.

In her letter to the foundation, Lari wrote: "While I am immensely grateful for this honor, alas, in view of the unfortunate continuing genocide in Gaza, I am not able to accept the award and the prize money even from an organization that is independent of the regime."

"All the violence is unacceptable to me on any side of a conflict and I've spent much of my life helping refugees, albeit climate migrants, and Gaza is unfortunately now one of the worst situations in terms of displacement."

The protest comes as the Government Media Office in Gaza has reported that 80 per cent of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip lack regular access to food, confirming that the enclave is experiencing a famine. Meanwhile, the

Gaza Municipality warned of the danger of cutting off energy, fuel and water supplies due to the Israeli army's continued closure of the border crossings.

The media office confirmed on Sunday that the Gaza Strip is suffering from a shortage of everything 15 days after the entry of aid was halted. The office called on mediators to act to stop the Israeli occupation's illegal collective punishment of more than two million people.

Lebanon Reports New Israeli Violations of Ceasefire Agreement

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanese media reported new Israeli air and ground violations of a ceasefire agreement in southern Lebanon on Monday.

According to the state news agency NNA, Zionist troops staged a ground incursion on the outskirts of Aita al-Shaab town and the Khallat Wardeh and Hadb Aita areas in southern Lebanon.

Apache helicopters also conducted extensive sweeps around Yaroun town in Bint Jbeil dis-

trict, the broadcaster said.

On Sunday, two Lebanese were killed in an Israeli drone strike in southern Lebanon, taking the death toll in 24 hours to five.

A fragile ceasefire has been in place in Lebanon since November 2024, ending months of warfare between the Zionist regime and Hezbollah, which escalated into a full-scale conflict in September.

Lebanese authorities have reported nearly 1,100 Israeli violations of the truce, including the

deaths of at least 92 victims and injuries to more than 285.

Under the ceasefire deal, the occupying regime was supposed to fully withdraw from southern Lebanon by Jan. 26, but the deadline was extended to Feb. 18 after Israel refused to comply. It still maintains a military presence at five border outposts.

On January 27, Lebanon announced its agreement to extend the ceasefire with Israel until February 18.

However, Israel now maintains

its occupation of five strategic locations in southern Lebanon, namely Labbounneh, Mount Blat, Owayda Hill, Aaziyyeh, and Hammamis Hill, near the border beyond the February 18 deadline.

Lebanon has rejected the continued presence of Israeli troops, a violation of the ceasefire and the withdrawal deadline. Senior authorities in Beirut say they will "adopt all means" to force the occupation forces out of the Arab country.

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under numerous incessant aerial assaults by a Saudi Arabia-led military coalition, which invaded the country in 2015, as well as ongoing American, British, and Israeli attacks against the Yemeni people.

On Sunday, the leader of the Ansarullah resistance movement warned the United States that the aggression against Yemen will be met with escalation, and that the Yemeni Armed Forces will target the American aircraft carrier, and warships in the region.

Abdul Malik al-Houthi made the remarks in a speech, a day after the US carried out large-scale military strikes on the Yemeni capital Sana'a and multiple other provinces across the country, leaving dozens of people, including women and children, killed and injured.

"We will stand against American and Israeli oppression. The American aggression is a failure and will fail, by the will of Allah, and it will not achieve its goals," al-Houthi said.

"The American aggression will not succeed in pressuring our people and our country to retreat from their stance or decision, as it is a fundamental position," he added.

"The new aggression will contribute to further developing our military capabilities, and we will confront escalation with escalation," he said.

"Our armed forces have begun responding to the American aggression—this is our choice, our decision, and our direction, as long as the American aggression on our country continues," he noted.

On Saturday night, American and British warplanes launched 47 airstrikes on several sites in Yemen's capital, Sana'a as well as on areas in the northern province of Sa'ada, the central province of al-Bayda, and the southwestern province of Dhamar.

At least 31 people, mostly women and children, were killed in the aerial and naval attacks ordered by US President Donald Trump.

The large-scale aerial attacks, which began on Saturday and continued into the early hours of Sunday, came after the Yemeni Armed Forces threatened to resume their retaliatory operations against the Israeli-linked ships in the Red Sea over the Tel Aviv regime's blockade on Gaza.

"The aircraft carrier and American warships will be targets for us, and the navigation ban will include the Americans as long as they persist in their aggression," al-Houthi said.

"We will respond to escalation with escalation, and we will strike at the American enemy by targeting its aircraft carrier, warships, and imposing a blockade on its vessels," he said.

"If the American aggression on our country continues, we will escalate further with additional measures," he stated.

"Our dear people will move broadly and comprehensively to confront American tyranny, resisting the aggression against our country and the starvation of the Palestinian people," al-Houthi said.

"We are not in an aimless position, creating problems for ourselves; we are in a faithful, moral, humanitarian, and jihadist position for the sake of Allah Almighty," he said.

He said supporting Palestine is an honorable stance that his people will never abandon, despite US attempts to pressure them into doing so.

The Ansarullah leader expressed pride in Yemen's solidarity with Palestine, calling it a cause they will never regret.

He also criticized Arab countries over their lack of serious action against the starvation of Palestinians inflicted by the Israeli regime's blockade on the Gaza Strip.

"The Americans and Israelis want their hands to be completely free to commit aggression, crimes, occupation, and whatever they wish—without any reaction from our Ummah," he said.

"Remaining silent will not work against this equation of unchecked aggression, nor will approaches that fail to take a stance against American and Israeli aggression," he stated.

"The American goal is to subjugate the entire region to the Israeli enemy and enforce the rule of unchecked aggression,

and neither of these can ever be accepted," he said.

Al-Houthi described action against the Israeli regime as an ethical responsibility on the shoulders of Muslim and non-Muslim nations.

He added that lack of action encourages the enemies to take greater steps in their aggression against the region.

"Silence and surrendering entire nations and countries is a suicidal option for the Ummah—it invites Allah's wrath and empowers the enemies," he stated.

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as a violation of all the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law.

The Iranian spokesman called on the international community, Muslim countries, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to take swift action regarding the U.S. attack.

In response to a question about Trump's letter to Iran, Baghaei said the U.S. sends "very contradictory" messages.

"Simultaneously with its expression of readiness for negotiations, the U.S. imposed extensive sanctions on various Iranian commercial and manufacturing sectors," he said.

Washington's words do not match its actions, he said, referring to the Treasury Department's latest sanctions on Iran's Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad and some vessels that are part of a fleet involved in the Iranian crude oil exports.

The Iranian spokesman reiterated that the U.S. has failed to remain committed to its obligations over the past 10-15 years, adding that Washington raised the issue of talks just as a political means and psychological warfare and not as a way to solve disputes.

"Our response is clear," Baghaei asserted, adding that Iran currently has no intention to publicize the details of Trump's letter, dismissing speculations in this regard.

Iran would respond to the letter through the appropriate channels after completing the reviews, the diplomat said.

He rejected any link between the Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi's short "pre-planned" visit to Oman on Sunday and the US letter, saying regional countries should hold intensive consultations given the very hasty developments in the region.

Baghaei further said the Trump administration's possible travel restrictions for the citizens of dozens of countries, mainly Muslim states, clearly shows the US's racism and racist discrimination based on religion, ethnicity and nationality.

"The travel ban on Iranian nationals to the United States is also a clear sign of hostility and animosity of American politicians and policymakers towards the Iranian nation," he emphasized.

He added that the move is part of the U.S. pressure tactics against Iran that have been implemented in various forms at different times.

Baghaei also said Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister, Kazem Gharibabadi will meet UN nuclear agency chief Rafael Grossi at the agency's headquarters in Vienna on Monday.

He noted that, "The meeting with is part of our ongoing engagement with the International Atomic Energy Agency."

Gharibabadi took part in talks with his Russian and Chinese counterparts in Beijing on Friday.

Baghaei said, "As threats against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities have increased, it is natural for us to intensify consultations with the IAEA."

Asked about military tension between Lebanon and Syria, Baghaei said it is truly regrettable that such confrontations are occurring among the countries of the region and among neighbors following regional developments.

"We believe that the only beneficiary of these developments is the Zionist regime (Israel), which has no intention but to disintegrate Syria and weaken the neighboring and regional countries," the Iranian spokesman emphasized.

He expressed hope that Syria's ruling Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) regime would manage the incidents and attitude correctly to prevent their reoccurrence.

At Least 274 Kenyan Workers Dead in Saudi Arabia Over Past Five Years

RIYADH (Middle East Eye) – At least 274 Kenyan workers, most of whom are women, have died in Saudi Arabia over the past five years despite being a young workforce in non-dangerous jobs, according to a New York Times report.

Large numbers of Ugandan workers also died in the Persian Gulf kingdom, but Uganda's government does not release official figures.

Thousands of Ugandan and Kenyan women travel to Saudi Arabia each year to take up domestic jobs such as housekeepers and nannies. But many are returning with stories of unpaid wages, detention, beatings, starvation and sexual assault. Others have returned in coffins.

Among those who died, autopsies often revealed evidence of trauma such as burns and electric shocks - but Saudi authorities labeled the deaths as natural causes.

Eunice Achieng, a Kenyan housekeeper, called home in 2022 and said that her boss had threatened to kill her and throw her in

a water tank. She was later found dead in a rooftop water tank, in what Saudi police labeled a "natural death".

Ugandan worker Aisha Meeme also died in the kingdom. The Saudi autopsy found extensive bruising, three broken ribs and severe electrocution burns on her ears, hands and feet. Saudi authorities said she died of natural causes.

Faridah Nassanga worked as a housekeeper in Saudi Arabia until, one day, her employer's husband raped and abused her. Nassanga became pregnant, and her employers put her on a plane back to Uganda. She is now seeking compensation.

The New York Times interviewed more than 90 workers and the family members of those who had died.

The investigation found that influential figures in Kenya, Uganda and Saudi Arabia owned staffing companies and were turning a blind eye to abuses and deaths.

Members of the Saudi royal family, in-

cluding descendants of King Faisal, were investors in agencies that place domestic workers, the report said. A director of a Saudi human rights board, a former interior minister, an investment ministry official and several government advisers served as vice chairs of major staffing agencies, it added.

Kenyan and Ugandan politicians, and their families, also own staffing agencies.

While some other countries had secured deals with Saudi Arabia to ensure worker protections and wage standards, Kenya and Uganda had failed to do the same, the report stated.

A spokesperson for Kenya's presidency said the government was taking steps to protect workers and weed out unlicensed recruiting firms.

A Saudi labor ministry spokesperson said: "Any form of exploitation or abuse of domestic workers is entirely unacceptable, and allegations of such behavior are thoroughly investigated."