

Israel Kills Foreign Aid Worker in Gaza

GAZA (Dispatches) – The Israeli military has shot and killed a foreign NGO worker and wounded another in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, according to Palestinian officials in the besieged territory. According to the local authorities, the pair were in a United Nations vehicle displaying the UN flag and insignia when they were targeted. “We strongly condemn the ongoing atrocities perpetrated by the Israeli occupation against both the Palestinian population and foreign aid workers in Gaza,” a statement released by the government in Gaza said. “We urge all nations to denounce these reprehensible acts.”

A Divine rule can be established only by a man, who, where justice and equity are required, neither feels deficient nor weak, and who is not greedy and avaricious.

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Israel's Shin Bet Chief Admits Failure to Prevent Oct. 7 Hamas Operation

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The chief of Israel's Shin Bet domestic spy agency, Ronen Bar, admitted failure on Monday to prevent the Oct. 7 operation by the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas.

“We all feel that the same security cover we were always proud of - we failed to provide it to the people of Israel on October 7th,” Bar said at a memorial ceremony held at the Shin Bet headquarters in Tel Aviv.

“We all feel the loss, the feeling that we could have prevented it, and as the head of the agency and responsible for the agency's activities, I feel it perhaps more than anyone,” he added.

Bar said the Shin Bet is undertaking an “in-depth investigation of its role in the Oct. 7 failures.”

“A painful and significant investigation. We will learn from this and



Palestinians wave their national flag and celebrate by a damaged Israeli tank at the Gaza Strip fence, east of Khan Younis, on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

correct what is required,” he said. “Without the public's trust in the institutions and us, we have no right to exist.”

Israel has waged a brutal aggression on the Gaza Strip in retaliation for the Oct. 7 Hamas attack, which killed 1,200 people.

More than 35,000 Palestinians have since been killed in Gaza, the vast majority of whom have been women and children, and over 78,700 others injured, according to Palestinian health authorities.

Over seven months into the Israeli war, vast swathes of Gaza lay in ruins, pushing 85% of the enclave's population into internal displacement amid a crippling blockade of food, clean water, and medicine, according to the UN.

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Authorities Warn Gaza's Health System to Collapse Soon



Wounded people wait to be treated at al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City.

GAZA (Dispatches) – Palestinian health authorities on Monday warned that the health system in the Gaza Strip could collapse within hours due to a severe fuel shortage.

“As a result of the failure to bring the needed fuel to power hospital electricity generators, ambulances, and transport employees to their workplaces, the health system will collapse in a few hours,” the health authorities said in a press statement, Xinhua news agency reported.

Since the outbreak of the conflict seven months ago, the health authorities can barely deal with the high number of casualties, said the statement, adding that their staff are working around the clock every day to provide services to the people in Gaza.

On May 5, the Israeli army closed the Karem Abu Salem crossing, a key entry point for humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Health Ministry in the Gaza Strip says the ongoing Israeli onslaught has claimed the lives of hundreds of doctors and medical staff across the besieged territory.

In a statement, the ministry said the regime's forces have killed at least 500 medical personnel across Gaza

since the Israeli genocide started early last October.

It added that the figure includes at least 138 nurses who have lost their lives as a result of the regime's indiscriminate strikes.

The ministry called on the international community to take necessary measures to “protect medical personnel and health institutions in Gaza.”

Throughout their genocidal war, the Israeli occupation forces have made Gaza's hospitals regular targets of their relentless strikes, killing not only the medical staff, but also patients and displaced Palestinians taking shelter in medical complexes.

On May 2, the World Health Organization said it has documented 443 Israeli attacks on Gaza's healthcare sector since the regime's genocidal war started on October 7, 2023.

According to the world body, the regime's attacks “have resulted in 723 fatalities, 924 injuries, damage to 101 facilities and affected 106 ambulances.”

It added that two-fifths (38 percent) of attacks took place in Gaza City, a quarter (22 percent) in north Gaza, and over a quarter (29 percent) in the southern Gaza city of Khan Yunis.

“Health care is not a target,” the WHO emphasized.

Hamas Slams U.S. Senator for Suggesting Nuclear Attack on Gaza

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – Palestinian resistance group Hamas denounced U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham on Monday for comparing the Zionist regime's war on the Gaza Strip to when the U.S. dropped nuclear bombs on Japan during World War II.

Speaking during an interview on NBC News' Meet the Press on Sunday, Graham argued that the occupying regime should do whatever it has to do amid its deadly onslaught on the Palestinian enclave.

“When we were faced with destruction as a nation after Pearl Harbor, fighting the Germans and the Japanese, we decided to end the war by bomb-

ing Hiroshima, Nagasaki with nuclear weapons,” he said. “That was the right decision.”

Hamas termed the U.S. senator's remarks as “shocking,” indicating “his deep moral decline and the genocide and colonialism mentality that he harbors.”

This mentality also exists “among the U.S. political elite, who align themselves with a fully-fledged genocidal crime committed by the morally free Israeli army against isolated civilians,” it added in a statement.

Hamas said Graham's comments came “in the context of pledging allegiance to the fas-

cist occupation (Israel), making their proponents complicit in the genocidal war.”

According to Business Insider, the U.S. gives Israel around \$3.8 billion in weaponry and military systems annually.

Last month, U.S. Congress approved a military aid package worth \$15 billion for Israel, which includes around \$5 billion for replenishing weapon stocks.

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Egyptian Students Violently Detained for Supporting Pro-Palestine Movement

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Two Egyptian students have been “forcibly disappeared” after security forces arrested them last week over their support for a new student movement for Palestine, a rights group told Middle East Eye on Monday.

According to the Egyptian Network for Human Rights (ENHR), security forces publicly detained medical student Mazen Ahmed in Mansoura, a city in northern Egypt.

Ahmed, a 19-year-old student at Mansoura University, was taken to the headquarters of the national security apparatus in the city after his arrest, but has not been presented to any investigative authorities so far, ENHR said.

The group said Ahmed was detained because of his support and activism for Palestine and against the ongoing Israeli war on Gaza. He is due to take his end-of-year exams next week.

“The ENHR calls on the Egyptian authorities to review their shameful stance regarding the continued detention of doz-

ens of Egyptian citizens supporting the Palestinian cause, who are being held in pre-trial detention on various charges, and to release them immediately,” the group said on Monday.

A second student, Ziad Bassiouni, was also detained last week because of his pro-Palestine views, according to both his family and the ENHR.

Bassiouni's mother, the film critic Fayza Hendawi, said her son was violently detained on Thursday and has since disappeared.

“On Thursday at dawn, a large force from the national security apparatus, including masked men, violently stormed our apartment, broke down the doors, threatened us with guns, stole our phones, terrorized us, and vandalized every corner of the house for two full hours,” Hendawi wrote on Facebook on Sunday.

Hendawi said Bassiouni was detained after posting on social media calling on students to support Palestine and the boycott movement against Israel, “without oppos-

ing the regime or calling for violence”.

“Nevertheless, he was treated as a criminal and arrested a week before his exams, and since then, we have heard nothing about him.”

Hendawi said that the family had remained quiet since the detention, hoping he would be released, but that she had now decided to go public to raise concern about her son, who is being held incommunicado.

Egyptian authorities have detained dozens of people in recent months for acts of solidarity with Palestinians since the Israeli attack on Gaza that began in October 2023.

On 5 May, a statement signed by a new movement called “Egyptian Students for Palestine” was circulated on social media, calling on all students across the country to join.

The statement demanded that the education ministry boycott all products and companies that they say are “supportive of the crimes of Israeli occupation”.

UK Labour Calls for ‘Pause’ in Israel Arms Sales as Cameron Dithers

LONDON (Dispatches) – The UK's Labour Party is calling on the government to suspend arms sales to the Zionist regime amid a new onslaught on Rafah in southern Gaza.

Close to 1.5 million Palestinians had gathered in the southern town bordering Egypt, which is the last haven for the besieged territory's residents amidst a devastating Israeli military campaign.

Shadow foreign secretary David Lammy's call echoes U.S. President Joe Biden's threat to halt exports should Israel proceed with the aggression, which is likely to endanger the lives of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians.

Israel has already destroyed most of northern and central Gaza, killing at least 35,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children, and making the enclave uninhabitable for most of its residents.

“President Biden is correct to tell [Zionist] prime minister Netanyahu that the U.S. will not supply weapons that could be used in a Rafah if Israel proceeds with a full-scale attack on Rafah against the international community's warnings,” Lammy said,

according to a report published in the Daily Telegraph.

He added: “The UK government should now work with the U.S. to try and prevent a Rafah onslaught by being clear it will assess UK exports and, if the Rafah onslaught goes ahead, join our American allies in suspending weapons or components that could be used in that Rafah onslaught.”

British Foreign Secretary David Cameron has previously said it is “not wise” for the UK to suspend arms sales to Israel.

Speaking to the BBC, Cameron said he did not agree with comments made by Biden that suggested imposing some restrictions on weapons exports if Israel attacked Rafah.

“Just to simply announce today that we will change our approach on arms exports, it would make Hamas stronger and it would make a hostage deal less likely.”

Netanyahu, who is under pressure at home for his failure to defeat Hamas after seven months of war or to free captives held by the group, appears adamant about attacking Rafah.