

GAZA (Dispatches) – A premature Palestinian baby, who was saved from her mother's womb after she was killed in an Israeli attack in the Gaza Strip, has died after days in an incubator. Sabreen al-Rouh Jouda died in a Gaza hospital after her health deteriorated and medical teams were unable to save her, said her uncle, Rami al-Sheikh Jouda. Dr Mohammad Salama, head of the emergency neonatal unit at Emirati Hospital in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, who was caring for the baby girl, also confirmed her death on Friday. "I and other doctors tried to save her, but she died. For me personally, it was a very difficult and painful day," Salama told the Reuters news agency.

You should avoid making friends with a sinful person because he will sell you for naught.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Hamas 'Serious' About Captives'

Release But Not Without Gaza Ceasefire

GAZA (Dispatches) – Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has said it remains committed to achieving an agreement with the Zionist regime to end the war on Gaza, but only if its conditions including a lasting ceasefire are met.

Khalil al-Hayya, a member of the group's political bureau, said that Hamas "is serious about releasing Israeli captives within the framework of an agreement" that also ensures the release of thousands of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

He told Al Jazeera Arabic in a televised interview that Hamas will not accept a truce without a permanent ceasefire and a complete halt of the regime's assault on the Gaza Strip, which has killed more than 34,000 people – mainly women and children – since the current conflict started in October.

An "unhindered return" of Palestinians across the besieged enclave to their homes, along with the re-



A woman and a girl search for items in the rubble of a collapsed building in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, on April 24, 2024, following Israeli airstrikes overnight.

construction of Gaza and "an end to the crippling siege" imposed on it were among the four conditions that al-Hayya reiterated.

Hamas had submitted its response to a United States amendment on April 13 and is still waiting for a reply from the Zionist

regime and the mediating parties, he said.

Talks on a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas have been in limbo with the two sides showing few signs that they are ready to compromise on their demands, but international mediators – Qatar, the

United States and Egypt – have been engaged in intense behind-the-scenes talks to secure a deal.

Egyptian, Israeli and U.S. officials reportedly held in-person and remote meetings that sought concessions to break the deadlock in the months-long negotiations.

On Friday, Egypt sent a delegation to the Israeli-occupied territories with the hope of brokering a ceasefire agreement, two officials told The Associated Press news agency.

Top intelligence official, Abbas Kamel, was leading the team and planned to discuss a "new vision" for a prolonged ceasefire in the enclave, an Egyptian official said.

Friday's talks initially focused on a limited exchange of captives for Palestinian prisoners and the return of a significant number of displaced Palestinians to their homes in northern Gaza "with minimum restrictions", the unnamed official said.

Report: Israel Admits Campaign to Kill UNRWA Funding Failed



Displaced people wait to receive aid from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, March 7, 2024.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Haaretz newspaper reports that the Zionist regime has admitted defeat in its efforts to keep international funding away from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

This news comes after Germany announced today that it would restore its funding to the agency, which it froze in January amid allegations by the regime that UNRWA staff had participated in the October 7 operations against Israel. This week, a report from Catherine Colonna, former French foreign minister, discredited the Israeli allegations.

"Political sources in Israel have acknowledged in talks with foreign diplomats in recent days that Jerusalem (Al-Quds) had not succeeded in influencing the report in the way it had hoped," Haaretz daily reported.

"An Israeli source involved in the diplomatic effort to halt funding to UNRWA told Haaretz that the failure was not in the field of public relations and communications, but rather stemmed from the lack of a convincing alternative to UNRWA," it added.

Philippe Lazzarini, head of

UNRWA, has told Al Jazeera that Israel's campaign to discredit and defund the organization had led to it facing an "unprecedented" crisis.

UNRWA plays a vital role in distributing desperately needed aid inside Gaza, where thousands are facing famine.

UNRWA has been hindered from doing its job since January, when Israel accused a handful of its thousands of employees of being involved in the Hamas operations against Israel.

Amid a probe of the claims, several countries have cut off funding to the agency, and its aid work for Gaza's famine-stricken population has suffered.

At least 18 countries initially suspended funding to the agency amid the allegations.

UNRWA was created by the UN General Assembly more than 70 years ago to assist Palestinians who were forcibly displaced from their land.

The agency provides crucial support to millions of Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip, West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and other areas where large numbers of registered Palestinians live.

Report: Israel Manipulates GPS Signals, Endangering Flight Safety Amid Gaza War

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime Israel has reportedly been manipulating the signals of the U.S.-based Global Positioning System (GPS) to deceive navigation systems, endangering civil aviation since the beginning of a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

The GPS spoofing, which sends false location signals to satellites, has resulted in the listing of planes, people and even ships that are hundreds of miles from Lebanon in Beirut's international airport, the National Public Radio (NPR) reported.

The GPS spoofing acts "are intended to deter rockets and missiles but are at the same time increasing risks for airline pas-

sengers while forcing pilots and ship captains to abandon automated safety systems developed over decades."

Todd Humphreys, a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, said he and his students have traced the false signals to "a particular air base run by the Israeli military" in the occupied territories.

"I like to say that spoofing is the new jamming. Instead of just jamming the signals and breaking the links with GPS satellites, they're spoon-feeding them false signals," he added.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Aziz, a consultant to Lebanon's Mid-

dle East Airlines and a retired airline captain, said unlike jamming, pilots can easily mistake spoofed signals for real ones.

"You don't have a warning on the aircraft that the signal is spoofed," he asserted.

Aziz further noted that the loss of reliably accurate GPS signals has prompted pilots to return to practices half a century old, such as reporting location points on the ground.

Earlier, the Zionist regime's military spokesman Daniel Hagari acknowledged that the regime is disrupting GPS signals.

Lebanon also announced that it will lodge a complaint with the

United Nations Security Council against Israel for disrupting its navigation systems in violation of the country's sovereignty.

Israel waged its brutal aggression against Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian Hamas resistance group carried out Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the usurping entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

The Tel Aviv regime has so far killed at least 34,305 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 77,293 others.

Israel has also been exchanging deadly fire with Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement.

Palestinian Prisoners Released From Israeli Jails Tell of Terrible Abuse

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Severely damaged skin, signs of fatigue, unkempt hair and long beards - this was the state in which a number of Palestinian prisoners emerged from Israeli prisons following six months of detention.

In the past few days, at the end of six months of renewable 'administrative detention', Israel released dozens of Palestinian prisoners from several jails - people who had been arrested in the wake of the start of the war on Gaza on 7 October.

The evidence of mistreatment shown by the prisoners is indicative of what rights groups have warned is an unprecedented level of abuse taking place in Israel's jails.

Community activist Omar Assaf was among those released in recent days. Assaf, 74, was arrested on 24 October after his house in central Ramallah was stormed by the Israeli army. He was immediately transferred to 'administrative detention', which

allows him to be held without trial or charge for as long as the authorities want.

After completing the first six months, he was released from Ofer Prison. His appearance at the prison entrance shocked both friends and family.

He told Middle East Eye that the prison conditions were indescribably cruel, and that his appearance speaks volumes about the condition of Palestinian prisoners.

"They constantly assaulted the prisoners with severe beatings, using batons, rifles, and heavy shoes," he explained.

"There were prisoners with broken ribs and limbs without providing them with any treatment."

Palestinian prisoner groups say the Israeli army has arrested more than 8,000 Palestinians from the West Bank alone since 7 October, including 280 women and at least 540 children.

Rights groups have documented wide-

spread mistreatment, with the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees (Unrwa) last week releasing a report detailing - among other abuses - detainees being urinated on and made to act like animals, and children being attacked by dogs.

In January, while imprisoned, Assaf felt dizzy and fell to the ground, cutting his head and bleeding. He remained bedridden for two weeks without receiving any treatment.

He remained in an unstable condition. In March he appeared in court and told the judge that he had been subjected to deliberate medical negligence.

"The judge tried to deny this, so he asked me: 'What could the jailers do for you?'" he explained.

"I replied: 'I am not a doctor, but I know that the simplest first aid is to try to stop the bleeding by shaving the hair, applying bandages and medicine, then stitching the wound if necessary.'"

U.S. State Department Arabic Spokesperson Resigns Over Gaza Onslaught

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – The Arabic language spokesperson of the U.S. State Department has resigned over Washington's Gaza war policy, in the third resignation from the department since the war began.

Hala Rharrit, a Palestinian-American, posted her resignation on the LinkedIn social media site, stating: "I resigned April 2024 after 18 years of distinguished service in opposition to the United States' Gaza policy."

Rharrit, who joined the State Department as a political and human rights officer, was also the department's Dubai regional media hub deputy director.

When asked about the resignation, a State Department spokesperson told Reuters on Thursday that the department has channels for its staff to share views when they disagree with government policies.

In late March, Annelise Sheline, a foreign affairs officer in the State Department's human rights bureau, stepped down in protest over the Biden administration's support for the Zionist regime, saying it had made her job promoting human rights "almost impossible".

Earlier, veteran State Department

official Josh Paul, a former director overseeing U.S. arms transfers, resigned over Biden's "destructive, unjust" supply of arms to Israel just days after the war on Gaza began.

In January, a senior Palestinian-American official in the U.S. Education Department, Tariq Habash, resigned from his post, saying he could no longer "stay silent as this administration turns a blind eye to the atrocities committed against innocent Palestinian lives."

Despite mounting international criticism of Israel's carnage that has killed more than 34,300 people and flattened swathes of Gaza, the Biden administration has continued to provide its ally with a steady stream of weapons.

Last week, the Wall Street Journal reported that the White House was eyeing an additional \$1bn weapons deal with Israel.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate joined the House of Representatives in passing an aid bill that will provide \$26bn in aid for Israel and Palestine, with \$4bn set to replenish Israel's missile defence system and roughly \$9bn slated for humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in Gaza.