

BAGHDAD (Arab News) – Iraq's military intelligence has discovered and seized a large tunnel being used by the Daesh terrorist group, Iraq News Agency reported late Saturday. The tunnel extended more than 500 meters from Tal Afar district and more than 500 meters from al-Ayadiya district west of Nineveh. It was used by Daesh for covert movement as well as hiding and transporting weapons, ammunition, supplies and other materials. Various pieces of equipment were seized inside the tunnel. Engineering units were dispatched to remove the materials, destroy them on-site and demolish the tunnel.

A friend cannot be considered a friend unless he is tested on three occasions: in time of need, behind your back and after your death.

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## Israel White Phosphorous Attacks on Lebanon Harming People, Ecosystem

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – As Al Jazeera reported in March, the Zionist regime continues to use white phosphorus munitions in south Lebanon, causing lasting damage and driving villagers away even as Israeli officials threaten a war across their northern border.

A new report by Human Rights Watch (HRW) concurs, showing that white phosphorus attacks are “putting civilians at grave risk” and “contributing to displacement”.

More than 92,600 people have been displaced from their villages in south Lebanon since October 6, according to the International Organization for Migration.

“Israel’s use of airburst white phosphorus munitions in populated areas indiscriminately harms civilians and has led many to leave their homes,” Ramzi Kaiss, Lebanon researcher at HRW, said in the report.

In their investigation, HRW also verified the use of white phosphorus munitions by the Israeli military



White phosphorus fired by the Zionist regime is seen on the Lebanon border, November 12, 2023.

in at least 17 municipalities across south Lebanon since October 2023, when Israel’s war on Gaza began.

They verified the illegal use of airburst munitions over populated residential areas in the municipalities of Kfar Kila, Meiss el-Jabal, Boustane, Markaba and Aita al-Shaab.

White phosphorus injuries can be severely painful and necrotic. Oxides can reignite in the skin unless the burns are covered immediately and kept covered to prevent any exposure to oxygen.

Other symptoms may include severe respiratory problems, acute

lung injury, severe eye damage, second or third-degree burns, or even severe bone diseases, such as the necrotic “Lucifer’s jaw”.

At least 173 people have been injured by exposure to white phosphorus between October and late May, according to Lebanon’s Ministry of Public Health.

Among those are verified cases of civilians who were rushed to a hospital on October 15 for asphyxiation after coming in contact with the phosphorus.

And reported cases of white phosphorus continued into June.

In a March investigation into Israeli use of white phosphorus in southern Lebanon, Al Jazeera was told by Lebanese experts that Israel was attempting to create a buffer zone by making the region uninhabitable and impossible to cultivate.

Agriculture accounts for up to 80 percent of south Lebanon’s gross domestic product (GDP), according to the United Nations.

## Haniyeh: Any Agreement Must Include Ceasing Aggression, Exiting Gaza



Minister of Foreign Affairs Hakan Fidan met with Hamas Political Bureau Head Ismail Haniyeh in Doha.

ANKARA (Dispatches) – The chief of the political bureau of Hamas once again emphasized the firm position of the movement regarding the withdrawal of the occupiers from the Gaza Strip and the cessation of hostilities.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan met and held talks with the chief of the political bureau of the Palestinian Resistance Movement Hamas Ismail Haniyeh in Doha, where he was to attend the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of Turkey-Persian Gulf Cooperation Council High Level Strategic Dialogue.

During this meeting, the two sides reviewed the latest political developments related to the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

Referring to the horrific crime committed by the Zionists in the al-Nuseirat Camp in the center of the Gaza Strip, Haniyeh said, “This crime is a confirmation of the correctness of the resistance’s position and its emphasis on the necessity of a cease-and-desist clause, a complete withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and reconstruction (of the Gaza Strip) in any agreement.”

In the meeting, Fidan also condemned the crime of al-Nusirat camp.

He also emphasized that Turkey considers Hamas a national libera-

tion movement and will continue efforts to reach a ceasefire agreement and fulfill the wishes of the Palestinian people.

### ‘Qatar, Egypt Threaten Hamas Into Accepting Deal’

Meanwhile, Doha and Cairo have, on behalf of the U.S., pressed leaders of Hamas to accept a ceasefire proposal in Gaza, or face expulsion from the Qatari capital and the freezing of their assets, the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported citing own sources.

According to the report, mediators made the threat “at the behest of the Biden administration”, which is searching for ways to cajole Hamas into signing the agreement. U.S. President Joe Biden needs to have the deal concluded “amid a political maelstrom over the war”.

At the same time, WSJ reported that these threats had the opposite of the desired effect. The movement announced it would not agree on a deal that doesn’t meet its conditions.

Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, Dr. Majed bin Mohammed Al Ansari said in a statement on June 7 that Hamas was still considering the proposal, which includes a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and the exchange of Israeli captives for Palestinian prisoners.

## President: Colombia to Suspend Coal Exports to Israel

BOGOTA (Dispatches) – Colombian President Gustavo Petro has announced on his social media account that his country will suspend coal export to Israel due to its attacks on the Gaza Strip, which he again called a “genocide.”

“We are going to suspend coal exports to Israel until the genocide stops,” Petro said in a post on X on Saturday.

He also posted a draft decree, which said that coal exports would only resume if the regime complied with a recent order by

the International Court of Justice that mandated that Tel Aviv withdraw its troops from the Gaza strip.

The draft decree shared by Petro will be published by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism on its website between June 11 and 17 for comments before entering into force.

Official data show that Colombia exported 447 million U.S. dollars of coal to Israel in 2023, a 57 percent drop from 2022, while in the first four months of 2024, 88 million dollars of coal

was exported to Israel.

Data provided by Colombia’s National Statistics Department shows that the exports were worth more than \$320 million in the first eight months of the last year.

According to the Colombian government, the export ban will enter into force five days after the decree was published in the official gazette.

On May 1, the Colombian head of state said the country had decided to cut its diplomatic relations with the Israeli regime

over the war.

“And we here in front of you, the government of change, the president of the republic informs that tomorrow diplomatic relations” with the Israeli regime “will be cut,” he said at the time, adding, “[We cut diplomatic ties] because of them having...a genocidal president.”

More than 36,801 Palestinians, most of them women and children, have been killed in the war that began after Al-Aqsa Storm, a retaliatory operation staged by Gaza’s resistance groups.

## Massive Protests Rock Israel, Scores of Protesters Arrested

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Over the weekend, the Israeli-occupied territories was ablaze with protests as angry demonstrators took to the streets in cities across the occupied territories, demanding new elections and the return of captives held by Hamas movement, Al-Manar reported.

The Times of Israel also reported that 33 protesters were arrested in Tel Aviv as they vented their anger towards Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his regime. Former spy chief Amos Malka commended the Nuseirat genocide but criticized Netanyahu for neglecting the families of those who were killed while in captivity.

The police also used water cannon on the protesters and several arrests were also made by the police on horseback as they tackled demonstrators to the ground, according to witness accounts quoted by Israeli media.

“We’re losing everything, crops are being burnt, tourism is collapsing, the small businesses that are still operating are collapsing, and worst of all, our communities are collapsing,” said one Israeli settler from a settlement in northern occupied Palestine was quoted as saying.

In Al-Quds, hundreds of demonstrators staged a sit-in at the intersection outside the prime minister’s residence, voicing their support for a captive-prisoner exchange agreement and denouncing the war on Gaza through chants.

Protesters also gathered in Caesarea, the hometown of Netanyahu, demanding early elections and the re-

lease of the remaining captives.

Public pressure on Netanyahu is mounting as negotiations for a truce to release the captives have stalled with Israel refusing to accept any ceasefire deals, having failed to achieve any of its declared war objectives.

The Zionist regime’s war on Gaza has so far killed more than 36,801 people, mostly women and children, and injured 83,680 others, according to the Gaza health ministry.

### ‘Captives Killed During Air Raids’

The Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, says a number of Zionist captives have been killed during the Israeli military’s air raids on the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Abu Obeida, spokesman for the brigades, said on Saturday that the Israeli regime had effectively put the lives of Israeli captives, held by Hamas since October 7, at risk when it launched the large-scale offensive on the area.

“The first to be harmed by [the Israeli army] are its prisoners” Abu Obeida, said.

The Zionist troops carried out numerous airstrikes on refugee camps in central Gaza on Saturday, targeting innocent and defenseless Palestinian civilians, including children, Gaza government media office said.

At least 210 people were killed and more than 400 others injured during the onslaught, it said.

Abu Obeida condemned the attacks in central Gaza as a “complex war crime.”

## Report: Israel Reviewing Measures to Cut Ties With UN Chief

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – After UN blacklisted the Zionist regime as an entity that violates children’s rights in conflict zones, Israeli public broadcaster KAN reported that the regime is reviewing measures to respond to the UN, including cutting ties with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

Guterres spokesman confirmed that he has added Israel’s military to a global list of offenders that have committed violations against children.

The inclusion of the Israeli regime on the UN blacklist for intentionally killing innocent children in its genocidal war against the defenseless people trapped in the besieged Gaza Strip prompted a fu-

rious response in Tel Aviv.

By adding Israel to the list of child-killing regimes the UN “put itself today on history’s blacklist,” Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote on his X account, formerly known as Twitter.

Israel’s foreign minister Israel Katz also said the decision would impact the regime’s relations with the United Nations.

KAN also said Gilad Erdan, Israel’s envoy to the UN, has also recommended the regime classify the UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) as “a terrorist organization.”

Late in May Israeli parliament held a preliminary vote to designate the

aid agency as a “terrorist group.”

Erdan also suggested that Israel denies visas to UN officials and the heads of UN agencies, and prevent them from working in the West Bank.

Despite decades of child-killing and numerous calls in past years by rights groups to add the Israeli regime to the list of offenders, the recent UN decision to blacklist Tel Aviv is the first time Israel was added to the list that is also known as the “List of Shame.”

More than 36,801 Palestinian people have since been killed and many more wounded in Gaza. Most of the casualties have been women and children.