

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Hamas' response to the latest Gaza ceasefire proposal is consistent with the principles put forward in U.S. President Joe Biden's plan, the resistance movement's leader Ismail Haniyeh said in a televised speech on the occasion of the Islamic Eid al-Adha on Sunday. "Hamas and the (Palestinian) groups are ready for a comprehensive deal which entails a ceasefire, withdrawal from the strip, the reconstruction of what was destroyed and a comprehensive swap deal," Haniyeh said, referring to the exchange of Israeli captives for Palestinian prisoners.

On May 31, Biden laid out what he called a "three-phase" Israeli proposal that would include negotiations for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza as well as phased exchanges of Israeli captives for Palestinian prisoners held in Israel.

O you, who are blaming the world, who have been allured and enticed by it, and have been tempted by its false pretenses. You allowed yourself to be enamored of, to be captivated by it and then you accuse and blame it.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Activists Break Into UK-Based Israeli-Owned Arms Firm



UK pro-Palestine activists stormed a regional headquarters of Elbit Systems.

LONDON (Dispatches) – Pro-Palestinian activists broken into a UK-based Israeli-owned arms manufacturer, which provides weapon parts for the Israeli military amid its ongoing genocidal war against the Gaza Strip.

It took place on Monday by members of Palestine Action, a UK-wide network of activists which focuses on "direct action" to try to disrupt and shut down arms makers that are headquartered in the country and contribute to the Israeli regime's deadly aggression against Palestinians.

The activists cut their way through three security fences at Instro Precision, a factory locat-

ed in Kent in southeastern UK, which makes "weapons sight and target acquisition products" for the Israeli military. Specializing in military-grade electro-optical equipment, Instro is a major exporter to the Israeli regime and its products are likely to be used in ground invasion in Gaza, Palestine Action says.

During their operation, the activists smashed a glass door and stormed the factory, where they began destroying equipment.

Kent Online, a news outlet, cited the group as saying that it was "dismantling technology, machinery, and parts used to produce weapons of war in a bid

to prevent the export of arms to Gaza."

"Some [activists] also laid stinger spike strips at the roads leading to the factory to prevent any vehicles from entering," the outlet reported.

The development comes as the chief executive of London-based charity organization Oxfam has censured the UK as "intellectually and morally incoherent" over supplying arms to the Zionist regime while attempting to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza.

"Whether you say they are components or whole weapons [being sold] is a moot point, because individual components collectively

constitute these devices that are killing so many innocent people," Halima Begum said in an interview with the British daily newspaper The Guardian.

"The UK needs to stop selling these arms. The government can't simultaneously give humanitarian aid and talk about its aspirations for peace in the region, then also ship bombs – it's intellectually and morally incoherent.

"That the law doesn't prevent the trade seems immaterial. If you knowingly sell weapons that are being used to kill thousands of innocent children and their parents, why would you continue?" she added.

Begum, who has recently returned from a work trip to the occupied Palestinian territories and was unable to enter Gaza because of the aggression on Rafah, said she was left "shell shocked" after hearing first-hand accounts of the humanitarian crisis from Palestinian colleagues evacuated from the territory.

"Gazan children are being bombed, suffering from malnutrition and facing potential famine and the UK still can't constrain the Israeli military. It defies belief we'd support this action, our humanity seems to be seeping away."

UNICEF: Gaza Children Living Under Constant Israeli Terror



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NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said that children in the besieged Gaza Strip live in "constant terror due to Israeli bombardment."

UNICEF spokesperson James Elder said, "The situation in Gaza is worsening for children day by day, with the intense heat and families crammed into tents on the sand."

He emphasized that "with ongoing restrictions on aid entry, more than 250 days into the war on Gaza, Gazans are facing extreme difficulties in obtaining food for their children."

Elder also stated that almost 3,000 malnourished children are at risk of dying before their families' eyes in Gaza.

"There are 3,000 children we were providing with emergency food aid, and now we do not know their whereabouts," he added.

Separately, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) says more than 50,000 children in the Gaza Strip require immediate medical treatment for acute malnutrition.

The agency said in a recent state-

ment that "with continued restrictions to humanitarian access, people in Gaza continue to face desperate levels of hunger."

"UNRWA teams work tirelessly to reach families with aid but the situation is catastrophic," the agency said.

Israel's savage military assault in the Gaza Strip is taking a catastrophic toll on children.

More than 14,000 children have reportedly been killed during months-long Israeli aggression, according to the latest estimate by the Palestinian Ministry of Health. There are no safe spaces for Palestinians.

The aggression has claimed the lives of more than 37,300 people.

All of Gaza's children have been exposed to the traumatic experiences of war, the consequences of which will last a lifetime. Their homes have been destroyed; their families torn apart.

Around 1.7 million people in the Gaza Strip are estimated to have been internally displaced -- half of them children. They do not have enough access to water, food, fuel and medicine.

Zionist Troops Violently Block Palestinians From Al-Aqsa on Eid

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Zionist troops violently blocked Palestinians from accessing Al-Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Al-Quds to attend Eid prayer.

Hundreds of people, mainly young men, were prevented at checkpoints in the Old City from reaching the religious site, with some being beaten by batons, pushed and shoved by Zionist troops.

Ahead of the prayer to mark Eid al-Adha, which is celebrated by Muslims worldwide at the end of Hajj, the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, the regime troops also stormed the courtyard of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The Islamic Waqf, or religious endowment, announced that only around 40,000 Palestinians managed to pray inside Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Eid prayers often draw hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from East Al-Quds and the West Bank.

However, Israeli authorities have increased their restriction on Muslims' access to the Al-Quds site since 7 October, severely limiting the number of people allowed inside. Similar restrictions were also

placed on Palestinians in al-Khalil's Ibrahimi Mosque, where Zionist troops allowed only 8,000 people to pray there, according to local media.

In war-torn Gaza, Palestinians held Eid al-Adha prayers next to ruins of destroyed homes and mosques.

The Israeli war on the besieged strip, now in its ninth month, has distorted most residential buildings and mosques, turning the 365 sqkm enclave into a hellscap.

More than 800 mosques have been damaged, including 600 fully destroyed, according to the Gaza-based government media office.

Among them is the Great Omari Mosque, in the Old City, which is Gaza's oldest mosque.

In total, at least 137,297 structures, more than half of all buildings in the Gaza Strip, have been destroyed by Israel's bombing campaign, according to satellite imagery analyzed by the United Nations Satellite Centre.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) stressed the destruction in Gaza was "indescribable" and clearing the rubble would take years.

Tens of Thousands of Israelis Take to Streets to Demand Gaza Deal

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Tens of thousands of people protested in several areas in the Israeli-occupied, demanding a captive swap deal with Palestinian factions and dismissal of the regime led by Premier Benjamin Netanyahu, Anadolu news agency reported.

The Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reported that thousands in Tel Aviv, Netanya, Haifa and the Qiryat Tivon

junction demanded the release of captives in Gaza, the holding of early elections and the dismissal of the cabinet.

Israeli army radio also reported that tens of thousands demonstrated in Kaplan Square in central Tel Aviv to demand the regime conclude an immediate captive swap deal with Palestinian factions.

Several protesters closed a section of Ayalon Street in

central Tel Aviv, which police later reopened using force, according to the occupying regime's broadcasting authority.

Nearly 37,300 Palestinians have since been killed in Gaza, most of them women and children, and more than 85,000 others injured, according to local health authorities.

Over eight months into the Israeli war, vast tracts of Gaza lay in ruins amid a crippling

blockade of food, clean water and medicine.

The Zionist regime stands accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), which in its latest ruling has ordered Tel Aviv to immediately halt its aggression in the southern city of Rafah, where over a million Palestinians had sought refuge from the war before it was invaded on 6 May.

Norway: Palestinian Authority at Risk of Collapse

OSLO (Dispatches) – The Palestinian Authority could collapse in the coming months, Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide said on Monday, citing a lack of funding, continuing violence and the fact that half a million Palestinians are not allowed to work in the Israeli-occupied territories.

"The Palestinian Authority, with whom we work closely, are warning us that they might be collapsing this summer," Barth Eide said.

Norway chairs the international donor group to the Palestinians and is a backer of the PA.

It is set to increase financial support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

(UNRWA) by 100 million Norwegian kroner (9.3 million U.S. dollars), the government announced on Monday.

The new funding was revealed during a visit by UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini to Norway. The aid increase comes in addition to the 275 million Norwegian kroner that Norway had already contributed earlier this year.

"UNRWA and other UN organizations' ability to deliver much-needed humanitarian aid, including health care and education, to people living amid war and conflict, is fundamental to a world order based on international law," said Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide.

UNRWA represents the international community's commitment to Palestinian refugees until a political solution is found, Eide underlined, highlighting the importance of continued support for the organization from Norway and other countries.

Since the conflict in Gaza started in October 2023, nearly 200 UNRWA staff members have been killed. The organization's personnel, schools, and hospitals all face daily attacks.

Established in 1949, UNRWA has provided education, health care, shelter, and humanitarian aid to 6 million Palestinian refugees in Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon.