

MEP Urges Spain to Suspend Ties With Israel

MADRID (Dispatches) – A left-wing Spanish Member of the European Parliament urged the government in Madrid on Wednesday to suspend diplomatic relations with the Zionist regime, Anadolu has reported. Irene Montero of the PODEMOS party made her comment when writing on X about the Israeli attack on prominent Hezbollah commander Fouad Shukur in Beirut. “They are not going to stop, and Europe must stop being complicit in these genocides,” said Montero. Reiterating her call for an arms embargo against Israel, she urged the Spanish government to seize the ship carrying fuel for Zionist troops, which is currently in Spanish waters, to prevent it from reaching the occupation state.

How true it is! Our declaring that we belong to Allah indicates that we accept Him as our Master, Owner and Lord. And when we say that our return is towards Allah indicates that we accept our mortality.

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Zionist Attack on Beirut Draws Condemnation, Resistance Says to Retaliate

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanon said Wednesday it will lodge a complaint against the Zionist regime at the UN Security Council following an airstrike in Beirut’s southern suburb, which killed at least four people and injured 80 others.

The occupying regime’s army said it targeted Hezbollah commander Fouad Shukur.

Hezbollah confirmed that Shukur was inside the building hit by the regime.

“Lebanon does not want a war and our efforts are focused on diplomacy,” Information Minister Ziad Makary told a press conference following a Cabinet meeting.

“The government plan is ready in case of a large-scale displacement in Lebanon,” he added.

Tuesday’s airstrike was the second Israeli attack on the southern suburb of Beirut since Jan. 2, when the regime assassinated Hamas leader Saleh al-Aroui.

Fears have grown about a full-blown war between the occupying regime and Hezbollah amid an exchange of cross-border attacks between the two sides.

Islamic resistance movements



People gather around the coffins of two children, Hassan and Amira Muhammed Fadallah, during their funeral the day after they were killed in an Israeli strike on a building in Beirut’s southern suburbs.

condemned the regime’s bombing of a southern suburb in Lebanon’s capital.

Lebanon’s official National News Agency (NNA) reported the attack was conducted by a drone that fired three missiles. It said the strike had targeted the area around Hezbollah’s Shoura Council in the Haret Hreik neighborhood of Beirut.

The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas also strongly condemned “the brutal Zionist aggression on Lebanon and the brotherly Lebanese people, which targeted a building for the Hezbollah in Bei-

rut’s southern suburb and resulted in the martyrdom and injury of a number of innocent citizens.”

Hamas called it “a dangerous escalation for which the Nazi-Zionist occupation bears full responsibility.”

“We declare our full solidarity with brotherly Lebanon and our brothers in Hezbollah, and we affirm that the arrogance of the occupation and its attempt to restore its lost prestige and deterrence by committing more crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, Yemen, and the Middle East will be nothing but an uncalculated adventure, for which

the occupation will pay a heavy price,” said the Hamas statement.

Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine also condemned “the treacherous Zionist aggression against Lebanon, its land and its people, and we see in it the persistence of the Nazi regime in the entity to ignite the entire region and prepare to commit new massacres against the peoples of our nation.”

Meanwhile, Yemen’s Ansarullah resistance movement denounced the Israeli aggression.

“We condemn and denounce in the strongest terms the Zionist aggression on the southern suburb of the Lebanese capital, Beirut.”

The resistance group said the attack was “in violation of all international conventions and flagrant breach of Lebanon’s sovereignty and international humanitarian law.”

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in a statement that Israel “has committed a new war crime that represents the true face of this entity, which systematically targets civilians. The Front calls for rallying around the resistance, as it is the only way to deter this criminal enemy.”

UN Report: Israel Used Dogs, Waterboarding on Palestinian Detainees



An Israeli soldier stands by a truck with Palestinian detainees in it, in the Gaza Strip December 8, 2023.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime has detained thousands of Palestinians during the Gaza war and faces accusations of torture, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights reported.

The 23-page report, released on Wednesday, highlights widespread abuse of prisoners held incommunicado and under arbitrary, prolonged detention.

It comes amid a tense standoff in Israel, where far-right politicians and demonstrators oppose an investigation into alleged sexual abuse of detainees by soldiers, Al Jazeera reported.

Based on interviews with released detainees and victims from October 7 to June 30, the UN report found that since the war began, “thousands of Palestinians,” including medical staff, have been “taken from Gaza to Israel, usually shackled and blindfolded.”

As of the end of June, Israel’s prison service held more than 9,400 “security detainees,” the report stated, adding that detainees have been “held in secret, without being given a reason for their detention” and without access to a lawyer.

“At least 53 Palestinian detainees” are known to have died in the Zionist regime’s detention centers, it said. It also detailed “allegations of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment, including sexual abuse of women and men.”

The report was released during an in-

vestigation by the Israeli army, which is questioning nine soldiers over allegations of “substantial abuse” of a Palestinian detainee at the Sde Teiman detention camp in the Negev desert.

Last week, eight Palestinian prisoners released by the Zionist regime’s army reported experiencing torture during their time in Ofer Prison in the occupied West Bank.

Former Palestinian detainees told the UN they were held in “cage-like facilities, stripped naked for prolonged periods, wearing only diapers.”

The documented abuse included food, sleep, and water deprivation and being burned with cigarettes.

“Some detainees said dogs were released on them, and others said they were subjected to waterboarding, or that their hands were tied and they were suspended from the ceiling. Some women and men also spoke of sexual and gender-based violence,” the report said.

Palestinian detainees in occupied territories are mostly men and boys who are residents, doctors, patients, and captured Palestinian fighters, it added.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk stated the testimonies gathered by his office and “other entities indicate a range of appalling acts ... in flagrant violation of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.”

Israelis Fear for Ceasefire Deal After Hamas Chief’s Assassination

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Concerns grew among Israelis on Wednesday over the fate of dozens still held captive in Gaza following the assassination of Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Haniyeh’s assassination “was a mistake as it threatens the possibility of having a captives deal,” said Anat Noy, a resident of the coastal city of Haifa, in her 50s.

“We woke up today with a sense of fear in our hearts that this can escalate even more. There is no calm... we are afraid.”

On Wednesday, Hamas and the Iran’s Islamic Revolution Guards Corps announced that

Haniyeh, 61, had been martyred in Tehran in an Israeli air strike.

He was in the Iranian capital to attend the swearing-in on Tuesday of President Masoud Pezeshkian.

As the political chief of the Palestinian movement Hamas, Haniyeh was overseeing the negotiations for a deal to end the war in Gaza and release captives held in the territory in exchange for Palestinian prisoners in the occupied territories.

Hamas’s armed wing, the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, said Haniyeh’s killing takes the war with Israel to a “new levels,” warning of “enormous consequences for the entire region”.

Months of negotiations mediated by Qatar and Egypt between Hamas and the Zionist regime have failed to secure a ceasefire and captives release deal.

Both the Zionist regime and Hamas have blamed each other for the delay in striking the deal.

“We will be happy when the captives come back home and the war will be over,” said another Haifa resident, Avi Ben-Ishai.

Campaign group the Captives and Missing Families Forum said “true achievement” can come only with the return of the captives.

“Time is of the essence, and we implore Israeli and global

leaders to decisively advance negotiations,” it said in a statement released after Haniyeh’s assassination was announced.

“This is the time for a deal.”

Tel Aviv resident Shahar Binyamini said she was anxious over how Hamas and allies like Lebanon’s Hezbollah movement would react to Haniyeh’s martyrdom.

“What stresses me now is the reaction of Hamas and Hezbollah,” Binyamini, 25, told AFP as she cancelled plans to go to the beach out of fear.

“My partner was in reserve service in the north since September and was told to be on standby.”

10,000 Palestinians in Gaza Need Medical Evacuation

GAZA (Dispatches) – At least 10,000 Palestinians require medical evacuation from Gaza, the spokesperson for the World Health Organization (WHO), Christian Lindmeier, says.

“The organization has evacuated four children along with their escorts through Egypt to Belgium, but the operation is ongoing, and precise numbers cannot be provided at this moment,” Lindmeier said in a press conference.

Lindmeier noted that the WHO would release the necessary data upon the completion of the evacuation process.

Medical evacuations have almost entirely stopped since May 6 when the Zionist regime invaded Gaza’s southernmost city of Rafah, took over the crossing between the enclave

and Egypt and raised the occupying regime’s flag over it.

The entry of humanitarian aid and the evacuation of civilians has been hindered even further by occupation authorities since.

The developments come the WHO spokesperson said on Tuesday it is very likely that polio has infected people in the Gaza Strip, in what would be a setback for global efforts to eradicate the disease.

Gaza’s health ministry declared a polio epidemic across the Palestinian enclave late on Monday after samples of the virus were found in sewage. It has not announced any human cases.

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) has also reported

an outbreak of hepatitis across the Gaza Strip amid relentless Israeli attacks on the enclave. UNRWA said that nearly 40,000 cases of hepatitis have been recorded in Gaza since the start of the Israeli war on 7 October last year,” reported Anadolu.

“Eight hundred to 1,000 new hepatitis cases are reported weekly from UNRWA health centers and shelters across Gaza,” said the UN agency. “Desperate sanitary conditions facilitate the spread of diseases including Hepatitis A.”

Hospitals and other civilian infrastructure have been targeted systematically by the Zionist occupation forces. At least 39,400 Palestinians have been killed, mostly children and women, and 91,000 others have been wounded.

UN Experts Call for Targeted Sanctions, Arms Embargo on Israel

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – A group of 38 independent UN human rights experts, appointed by the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva as part of its special procedures, have called on UN member states to impose an arms embargo and targeted sanctions on the Zionist regime.

In a joint statement, the experts urged UN member states to “immediately review all diplomatic, political, and economic ties with Israel, inclusive of business and finance, pension funds, academia and charities.”

They called on member states to implement an immediate and complete embargo on the sale of arms, munitions and other military equipment to the Zionist regime.

The UN experts added that states must impose targeted sanctions on the occupying regime and investigate dual citizens involved in crimes while serving in the Israeli military, or involved in settler violence in the occupied West Bank.

The call comes as the UK indicated it is looking into restricting

some arms sales to the Zionist regime, although it has offered no timetable on the decision.

Reports have claimed that the Labour government is reviewing evidence to identify which UK-made weapons may have been used in suspected war crimes in Gaza.

The UN experts’ statement is in response to the International Court of Justice’s (ICJ) recent landmark advisory opinion that the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory is unlawful and should be brought to an end “as rapidly as possible”.

Judges at ICJ ruled that member states have a duty to “take steps to prevent trade or investment relations that assist in the maintenance of the illegal situation created by Israel”.

The UN experts said: “The advisory opinion reaffirms peremptory norms prohibiting annexation, settlements, racial segregation and apartheid, and should be seen as declaratory in nature and binding on Israel and all states supporting the occupation.”