

Embassy Slams UK's Delisting of MKO Terrorists
 LONDON (Dispatches) -- The Iranian Embassy in London on Friday strongly condemned the UK's double standards on terrorism, based on which Britain has taken a lenient stance towards anti-Iran terrorists.
 The diplomatic mission pointed to the UK's removal of the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) from its list of terrorist organizations back in 2008. London took the move, despite the MKO's members having been "long recognized as terrorists by the international community," the mission said in a post on X. "They were removed from the list solely to pressure Iran," it said.

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Indigenous Systems Able to Protect Iran's Airspace
 TEHRAN -- A senior Iranian military commander said Friday the Army's Air Defense Force has produced state-of-the-art systems and is ready to defend the country's airspace. Brigadier Ali Asadi, commander of Iran's Western Air Defense Zone, said the Air Defense Force has succeeded in manufacturing all its required systems and equipment in cooperation with Defense Ministry in the recent years. "All the old radars have been updated and reproduced after converting to indigenous technologies."

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Yemenis Stage Rallies in Support of Palestinians Amid Zionist Genocide



Israel Threatens Soldiers Refusing to Return to Gaza

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- The Israeli military has reportedly warned a number of its troops that they will be prosecuted if they do not return to the Gaza Strip, amid growing cases of such refusals in recent months.
 According to Israel's KAN public broadcaster, at least 20 soldiers from an infantry brigade have refused to return to the war in Gaza, where Palestinian fighters have put up a spirited defense against the invaders since October last year.
 Around 10 of the soldiers, the report added, have received official warnings saying they would face trial for disobeying military orders.

Israel launched its Gaza onslaught after the Hamas resistance group carried out a surprise operation against the usurping entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.
 However, almost 11 months into the onslaught, the Tel Aviv regime has failed to achieve any of its declared objectives in the Gaza Strip despite killing at least 40,602 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injuring 93,855 others.

Some of the Zionist forces said that they are unable to return to Gaza following months of combat but nonetheless they are ready to assume other duties.
 Families of the soldiers said that their relatives "are forced to conduct ground maneuvers in Gaza or face prison".
 "There are only a few soldiers left in their company who are capable of fighting... This is our time as parents to help them confront a system that does not care about them," they noted.
 The development comes at a time when the Israeli military is suffering manpower shortages.
 Last month, Israeli war minister Yoav Gallant said the occupying regime needed 10,000 new soldiers immediately.

On Thursday, Israeli daily Maariv warned that the regime's military is on the verge of "sinking in the mud of Gaza".
 "In this black August, some 15 Israeli soldiers were killed in battles in Gaza and the north (with Lebanon), and this is the price of a war of attrition," the paper said.
 "August will be remembered as one of the bloodiest months," continued Maariv.
 It further said Israel "insists on maintaining the Philadelphi Corridor and the Netzarim Passage in the name of security, and this is currently the main point of contention in the negotiations."

For months, mediators have been trying to reach an agreement between Israel and Hamas to ensure a prisoner exchange and a ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid to enter Gaza. But the efforts have been stalled due to prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal to meet Hamas's demands to stop the war.
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West Bank Residents Fight Back Israeli Invasion 'Steadfast Just Like Gaza'



Residents compare the Israeli devastation in the West Bank to that in Gaza.

NUR SHAMS CAMP, Palestinian Territories (Dispatches) -- Palestinian residents of the Israeli-occupied West Bank expressed shock and despair Friday at the outcome of an Israeli onslaught on their refugee camp: bullet-riddled walls, destroyed homes and piles of concrete blocks.
 "We are another Gaza, especially in the refugee camps," said Nayef Alaajmeh, a resi-

dent of the Nur Shams camp in the city of Tulkarem, as he surveyed the damage following a devastating Israeli raid on the camp that ended late on Thursday.
 On Wednesday, Zionist forces launched a widespread invasion of several West Bank cities and refugee camps, including Nur Shams.

At least 19 Palestinians have been martyred so far in the raids, according to the Palestinian health ministry in Ramallah.
 The Israeli military initially sent bulldozers to tear up tarmac streets, sending clouds of dust over the targeted areas.
 Footage showed camp residents walking cautiously

through streets littered with burnt tires and other debris.
 Municipality workers and residents were already at work trying to salvage what they could.
 Many residents compared the devastation to that in Gaza, where nearly 11 months of war have left much of the Palestinian territory destroyed.
 "Today, we are just like Gaza, war or no war... (but) we are steadfast and the people of Gaza are also steadfast," said Nabil Abu Shala, another resident of Nur Shams camp.
 Fuad Kanuh, who runs a shop on the ground floor of the building where he lives, said gas cylinders exploded during the raid, apparently hit by explosives.
 Almost everything in the shop is now charred and blackened by soot, but that did not stop Kanuh from pulling out what he could -- an air conditioning unit and a television hanging from a wall.
 The Zionist military is officially forbidden from entering

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Ukraine's Kursk Push Turns Into Fiasco

SUMY, Ukraine (Guardian) -- Russia has continued to make rapid advances in eastern Ukraine toward the key city of Pokrovsk, sparking public criticism of the Ukrainian military leadership and raising questions about Volodymyr Zelensky's decision to launch a bold incursion into the Russian Kursk region.
 For months, Russian forces have been attempting to seize Pokrovsk, a strategically important mining town with a prewar population of about 60,000, but their advance has gained considerable momentum in recent weeks.
 Deep State, a Ukrainian group close to Ukraine's defense ministry that tracks frontline activities, reported that Russian forces on Friday were less than 10km (6 miles) from the outskirts of Pokrovsk, where local officials have ordered a mass evacuation.
 Russian pro-war military

bloggers also reported on Friday that forces had entered the city of Selydove, south of Pokrovsk.
 As Vladimir Putin's troops advanced, Russia also shelled a residential building and a children's playground in Kharkiv, killing at least five people, including a child, and leaving 40 people injured, according to the city's mayor.
 Videos circulating on social media showed flames pouring out of the high-rise building, which officials said was hit by a glide bomb. Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, has been shelled relentlessly since the start of Russia's invasion.
 Located at the intersection of several key roads, Pokrovsk facilitates the supply of Ukrainian forces across a broad frontline and its loss could open the way for further Russian advances in the Donetsk

region.
 "The situation is very bad, and it deteriorated quickly," said a commander whose troops are stationed near Pokrovsk, speaking on the condition of anonymity, as he was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. "Time will tell if we should have sent troops to Kursk instead of defending the east. But for now, we are suffering."
 Kyiv's surprise incursion into Russia's Kursk region earlier this month provided a welcome boost to morale at home and raised hopes that the gutsy attack might prompt Moscow to redeploy its troops away from the eastern front.
 But more than three weeks into the operation, Ukraine's military has admitted that Russia has not yet committed its forces in eastern Ukraine to recapture its own territory, while Kyiv's progress in the

Kursk region has significantly slowed down.
 Ukraine's top general, Oleksandr Syrskyi, said last week that Moscow had redeployed 30,000 troops to recapture its territories in the Kursk region, with some troops shifted from the occupied south of Ukraine.
 Crucially, he also said that Russia was simultaneously increasing its efforts in the Pokrovsk sectors.
 Ukraine continues to hold a chunk of Russian territory and in Sumy, the Ukrainian city closest to the operation, signs of the incursion are everywhere, with an increased military presence in the city and frequent sightings of military hardware heading towards Russia.
 On Friday, Russian strikes on Sumy killed two women and wounded eight other people, regional officials said, claiming

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