

TEHRAN – The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei will perform this week's Friday prayers. The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei is scheduled to perform this week's Friday prayers in Tehran, according to Tehran Times post on X. In Islam, Friday prayer is a community prayer service held once a week on Fridays.

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British Oil Tanker Hit by Yemen's Missiles, Drones in Red Sea
SANA'A (Dispatches) – Yemen says its armed forces have targeted a British oil vessel with cruise and ballistic missiles during a series of operations in the Red Sea on Tuesday. The country's armed forces said in a statement that the oil tanker—CORDELLA MOON—was severely damaged after being struck with "eight ballistic and cruise missiles, a drone, and a drone boat." A British maritime agency also confirmed the attack on the oil tanker, saying it was hit by a sea drone, puncturing a ballast tank. Another vessel, MARATHOPOLIS, which is registered and sailing under the flag of Malta, was struck in a separate operation in the Indian Ocean with a cruise missile, Yemen said.

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Gallant Admits Operation Al-Aqsa Storm Zionist Army's 'Biggest Failure'

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's war minister Yoav Gallant on Tuesday called the Oct. 7 operation by Hamas the "biggest failure" in the history of the Zionist regime's army. "This forum has experienced the greatest failure... in IDF (the Zionist regime's army) and military establishment history this year," Gallant said at a session of the army's General Staff Forum. On Oct. 7, 2023, Palestinian resistance group Hamas launched an operation, dubbed Al-Aqsa Storm, into the Israeli-occupied territories during which around 1,200 people were killed and scores were held captive. The Zionist regime's army has since launched a brutal military aggression on the Gaza Strip, killing more than 41,600 people, mostly women and children, and injuring over 96,400 others. The conflict has spread to Lebanon, with the Israeli army launching massive airstrikes against what it calls Hezbollah targets, killing more than 1,057 people and injuring over 2,950 others since Sept. 23, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. Several Hezbollah commanders have been martyred in the assault, including its leader Hassan Nasrallah. The international community has warned that Zionist regime's attacks in Lebanon could escalate the Gaza conflict into a wider regional war. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, warned that Israel's expansion of the war into Lebanon and Yemen will

only result in more displaced people and civilians suffering. He said that more than 100,000 Lebanese and Syrians living in Lebanon have now crossed into Syria fleeing the Israeli airstrikes while over 200,000 others have been internally displaced inside Lebanon. In a post on X, Grandi added that relief operations are underway to help those in need, in coordination with the Lebanese and Syrian governments. He noted that the Israeli airstrikes have targeted homes and civilian infrastructure in Lebanon, resulting in the killing of entire families and an unprecedented mass displacement. He stressed the importance of protecting civilians and meeting their basic needs, whether they decide to flee or stay, stressing that they are not a target. For his part, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Philippe Lazarini, said the Israeli raids on Lebanon have forced thousands of people, including Palestinian refugees, to flee their homes, noting that seven shelters have been opened to receive displaced families and which currently hosts 1,600 people, including Lebanese, Palestinians and Syrians. Lazarini stressed that many of the displaced are suffering from psychological trauma as a result of the ongoing shelling and uncertainty, warning that further expansion of the war will only lead to more suffering for civilians.

Iran's Ballistic Missiles Rain Down on Israeli-Occupied Territories



Iran launches hundreds of missiles at the Israeli-occupied lands.

TEHRAN – Iran launched hundreds of missiles at the occupied lands on Tuesday evening, confirmed by the local Israeli media. In an official statement, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced that it has targeted the heart of the occupied territories in response to the martyrdom of the Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and top Iranian commander Brigadier General Abbas Nilfroushan.

The statement further warned that any retaliatory action by the Zionist regime will be met with a crushing response. According to the IRGC, the ongoing operations against Israel are being supported by both the Iranian Armed Forces and the Ministry of Defense. Meanwhile, the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations posted a tweet on X. The tweet read: "Iran's legal, rational, and legitimate response to the terrorist acts of the Zionist regime—which involved targeting Iranian nation-

als and interests and infringing upon the national sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran—has been duly carried out. Should the Zionist regime dare to respond or commit further acts of malevolence, a subsequent and crushing response will ensue. Regional states and the Zionists' supporters are advised to part ways with the regime." The Zionist regime's military spokesman Daniel Hagari had earlier on Tuesday that intelligence information shared by the United States indicated an immi-

nent missile attack from Iran. In a news briefing, Hagari said the occupying regime was in a state of preparedness and preparing for the possible attack with the aid of American forces in the region. Other resistance factions in the region also launched heavy strikes against Israeli targets. The spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces says the country's aerospace units have conducted two operations against strategic positions in the Israeli-occupied territories in retaliation for the Tel Aviv regime's ongoing atrocities in the Gaza Strip and its unrelenting strikes across Lebanon. Brigadier General Yahya Saree said in a televised address on Tuesday morning that Yemeni forces struck a vital target near the coastal city of Tel Aviv, using a homegrown and long-range Yafa kamikaze drone. They also pounded military installations at the Port of Eilat in the southernmost part of the occupied lands with four domestically-developed Sammad-4 (Invincible-4) combat drones. The Yemeni spokesman said both operations successfully achieved their desired objectives. He noted that Yemeni Armed Forces salute resilient Palestinian and Lebanese resistance fighters as they are defending their nations and confronting the U.S.-backed Israeli aggression, and reaffirm their practical support for (Continued on Page 7)

Zionist Airstrikes Kill Dozens in Gaza

CAIRO (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's airstrikes killed at least 37 people in Gaza on Tuesday, local medics said and fighting ramped up. Palestinian health officials said at least 13 people, including women and children, were killed in two Israeli strikes on two houses in Nuseirat, one of the enclave's eight historic refugee camps. There has been no immediate comment by the Israeli army on the two strikes. Another strike on a school sheltering displaced Palestinian families in the Tuffah neighbourhood of Gaza City killed at least seven people, medics added. Later on Tuesday, two separate Israeli attacks killed five Palestinians in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip and in the Zeitoun suburb of Gaza City, medics said. In Khan Younis, in the south of the enclave, six Palestinians were killed in an Israeli air strike on a tent housing displaced people, medics said. Hours later, an Israeli airstrike on a car in western Khan Younis, killed six Palestinians, medics said.

Footage circulated on social media showed a mangled, burnt-out vehicle. Oxfam said in a report on Tuesday that Israeli explosive weapons hit civilian infrastructure in Gaza - including schools, hospitals and aid distribution points - every three hours. According to Oxfam, Israeli explosive weapons hit schools and hospitals every four days on average. Meanwhile, 12 people, including children, were killed in an airstrike on a residential building, south of the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza in the early hours of Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, Israel conducted artillery and airstrikes on Amour area in al-Fukhari Town, east of Khan Yunis City, in southern Gaza. However, there were no immediate reports of possible casualties. Shuja'iyya neighborhood, east of Gaza city, and a tent housing displaced people northeast of the southern city of Rafah were also among the targets of overnight Israeli strikes. The armed wings of Hamas, the Islamic Jihad, and other resistance

factions said in separate statements that their fighters attacked Zionist troops operating in several areas of Gaza with anti-tank rockets, mortar fire, and explosive devices. The renewed surge in the Zionist regime's aggression in Gaza comes as the regime claimed it began a ground invasion of Lebanon, saying its paratroopers and commandos were engaged in intense fighting with Hezbollah. The operation into Lebanon represents an escalation of the conflict in West Asia between the Zionist regime and resistance movements. The occupying regime launched the war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians. The regime's bloody onslaught on Gaza has so far killed at least 41,615 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 96,000 others. Thousands more are also missing and presumed dead under rubble.

U.S. Port Workers on Massive Strike

HOUSTON (Xinhua) – About 45,000 port workers across the U.S. East and Gulf Coasts went on strike Tuesday as a midnight deadline for a new labor deal over wages and automation had passed. Labor negotiations stalled between the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX), leading to the shut-down of up to 36 East and Gulf Coast ports. The two sides, which had not been in formal negotiations since June, reportedly moved off their previous wage offers on Monday, but apparently no deal had been reached as picket lines went up from Port of Philadelphia to Port Houston in Texas, with striking dockworkers carrying signs reading "No Work Without a Fair Contract." The USMX, which represents the ports, said in a statement on

Monday evening that it requested an extension of the current contract and increased its offer by raising wages by nearly 50 percent over the life of the contract. The employer alliance pledged to keep the limits on automation in place from the old contract. But the labor union wants a complete ban on automation, according to an AP report. A statement from the ILA said earlier on Monday that employers have refused to compensate workers fairly. "The ILA is fighting for respect, appreciation and fairness in a world in which corporations are dead set on replacing hard-working people with automation," the ILA statement said. "Robots do not pay taxes and they do not spend money in their communities."

Local media reported that the ILA is seeking for a 77 percent wage increase over the six-year life of the contract, for the union workers to make up for inflation and years of small raises. The ILA members make a base salary of about 81,000 dollars per year, but some can pull in more than 200,000 dollars a year with large amounts of overtime, said the report. The affected ports handle roughly half the country's cargo ships. Local experts estimate that the strike, the first of the ILA since 1977, could cost the U.S. economy up to 5 billion U.S. dollars a day, stirring inflation and supply chain concerns weeks before the presidential election. Some say it has the potential to become the most disruptive strike to the U.S. economy in decades.