

# World Diplomats Demand End to Israeli Brutal Assault

ATHENS (Dispatches) – The EU reiterated its demand Tuesday for an immediate end to the Zionist regime's aggression in Lebanon and Gaza.

"The European Union renews its call for an immediate ceasefire between Hezbollah and Israel, and for both parties to commit to the full and symmetrical implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 1701, so as to ensure the safe return of displaced populations on both sides, as part of a broader negotiated settlement," it said in a statement.

"We deplore the many civilian casualties in Lebanon, the destruction of civilian infrastructure with related long-term implications," it said.

Slovenian Foreign Minister Tanja Fajon on Tuesday called on the Zionist regime to stop its disproportionate military offensives in Gaza and Lebanon.

"Netanyahu, stop war," she said, expressing her worry over the rising civilian casualties, and growing risk of a wider regional war in the Middle East. "What we see on the ground is more than a million of displaced persons. A land offensive ... that we are strongly calling on all sides to restrain from it, protect civilians, and not to go further in escalation of the war," Fajon told Anadolu, during her Berlin visit.



Smoke rises from the site of a Zionist airstrike in Beirut's southern suburb, Lebanon, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024.

The top Slovenian diplomat said European Union member states are extremely worried over the latest escalation, and are continuing their efforts for an immediate humanitarian cease-fire.

"We were always saying that what is happening in Gaza, with violation of international law, with killings of innocent civilians and children and women, will escalate further," she said.

"And this is what we are witnessing today. So it's an urgent call of the whole European Union, my country especially, to stop this violence on the ground, protect civilians and the

respect of international law," the minister added.

Italy's Prime Minister Georgia Meloni on Tuesday reiterated her country's commitment to a diplomatic solution to the Zionist regime's current military escalation in Lebanon.

During a phone call with her Lebanese counterpart Najib Mikati, Meloni reaffirmed Italy's closeness with Lebanon and the Lebanese people, according to a statement by the Prime Minister's Office.

Meloni also reiterated Italy's commitment to a ceasefire and a diplomatic solution to the conflict which would allow displaced persons to re-

turn to their homes, according to the statement.

"Italy, also as current G7 President, will continue to work for de-escalation at the regional level," it added.

Turkey on Tuesday said that "fundamentals" for its evacuation of citizens of other countries have been established, adding that "necessary preparations are underway" in cooperation with "about 20 countries that have requested support so far."

The situation in Lebanon may "deteriorate" with Israel's current ground invasion, said the Turkish Foreign Ministry, adding that plans have been drawn up for the evacuation of Turkish citizens.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres denounced the escalation of conflict in Lebanon as Israel has been pounding the country with airstrikes for more than one week.

"The Secretary General is extremely concerned with the escalation of the conflict in Lebanon," according to a statement by spokesperson Stephane Dujarric.

Urging for an immediate ceasefire, Guterres warned against "an all-out war" and said it must be avoided in Lebanon at all costs.

"The sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon must be respected," he added.

## Footage Appears to Show Israel Using White Phosphorus in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Video footage circulated online appears to show the Zionist regime's use of white phosphorus munitions in southern Lebanon.

The footage of the intensifying Israeli strikes near the Lebanese border showed what looked like phosphorus bombs, as well as heavy artillery use by the Israelis.

White phosphorus is an incendiary chemical that ignites when in contact with air and can cause severe burns in people or structures it comes into contact with.

Inhalation of white phosphorus

fumes can cause respiratory injuries and asphyxiation, and the chemical can inflict second- and third-degree burns to the skin.

The use of airburst white phosphorus in areas with a dense civilian population is prohibited under international law, as the weapon inflicts indiscriminate harm on civilians.

In June, Zionist regime troops unlawfully dropped white phosphorus munitions on densely populated areas in southern Lebanon, according to Human Rights Watch (HRW).

"Israel's widespread use of

white phosphorus in south Lebanon highlights the need for stronger international law on incendiary weapons," the HRW report said.

This followed other attacks last October, when HRW documented the use of the weapon by Zionist troops in Gaza and two rural areas along the Lebanese border.

This comes after the Israeli military claimed it had launched its ground invasions in Lebanon, claiming that "targeted" raids would be limited to southern villages along the border, although

Lebanese media said there were no confirmations yet that Israeli troops had entered the country as of Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile, a slew of Israeli strikes continued to pound densely populated areas across Lebanon, killing 95 people on Monday. Attacks targeted an ambulance centre in the Beqaa Governorate and the Ain al-Hilweh camp for Palestinian refugees.

Last week, the Zionist regime's deadly bombing campaign of southern Lebanon killed over 1,000 people.

## Israel Arrests Scores of Palestinians, Including Child, in West Bank Raids

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's troops have arrested 30 Palestinians, including a child and former detainees, during multiple raids across the occupied West Bank in the past 24 hours, Wafa news agency has reported.

In a joint statement, the Palestinian Prisoners' Society (PPS) and the Detainees' and Ex-Detainees' Affairs Commission revealed that since the escalation of the Zionist regime's aggression on 7 October, 2023, more than 11,000 Palestinians have been detained. These arrests have affected all sectors of Palestinian society, they add-

ed. Numerous Palestinian workers and thousands of Palestinians from Gaza are the victims of enforced disappearances.

Moreover, the organizations highlighted that the ongoing detention campaigns have been marked by extrajudicial killings, the use of live ammunition before arrests, severe physical abuse and aggressive field interrogations.

First-hand reports describe the use of police dogs, human shields and the taking of captives during these now daily military operations. There have also been widespread incidents of home

demolitions, property confiscation — including vehicles, money, gold and electronic devices — and the blowing up of detainees' homes.

These detentions are part of a larger military aggression against the Palestinian population. The data includes those still in custody and those who have since been released, highlighting the scale and impact of the regime's ongoing crackdown.

Tension has been running high across the occupied West Bank amid a brutal Israeli onslaught on the Gaza Strip, which has killed

nearly 41,600 people, mostly women and children, since October 7 last year. At least 719 Palestinians, including 160 children, have since been killed in the West Bank and Al-Quds, nearly 6,200 others have been wounded and 11,000 have been arrested.

The escalation follows a landmark advisory opinion in July by the International Court of Justice that declared the Zionist regime's decades-long occupation of Palestinian land to be unlawful and demanded the evacuation of all settlements in the West Bank and East Al-Quds.

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Palestine and Lebanon until Israel is defeated and all its criminal plots and expansionist conspiracies are thwarted.

The Yemeni army calls upon all Arab and Islamic nations to break their silence and participate actively in this fateful battle, as the first anniversary of the beginning of the Gaza war is approaching, he said.

"We will continue our struggle with God's help until the promised victory is achieved," Saree concluded.

Yemenis have declared their open support for Palestine's struggle against the Israeli occupation since the regime launched a devastating war on Gaza on October 7 last year, killing at least 41,615 Palestinians to date.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have said that they won't stop their attacks until Israeli ground and aerial attacks in Gaza end.

Israel launched its brutal campaign of genocide in Gaza after Palestinian resistance groups conducted a surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm into the occupied territories.

The regime has had in place a near-total siege on the coastal territory, which has reduced to a trickle the flow of foodstuffs, medicine, electricity, and water into the Palestinian territory.

Leader of Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement Abdul-Malik al-Houthi has said it is "a great honor and blessing to be confronting America directly."

The Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah also targeted the Zionist regime's Gilot military base and Mossad headquarters in the outskirts of Tel Aviv with salvos of Fadi-4 rockets.

Israeli reports said several settlers were injured in the rocket barrage from Lebanon on Tel Aviv.

The reports said the rocket attack from Lebanon was "the largest" since the beginning of the war.

Hezbollah earlier said it struck gatherings of Israeli troops in artillery and rocket attacks on the northern part of the occupied Palestinian territories in retaliation for Israel's deadly strikes on Lebanon.

In separate statements released on Tuesday, the resistance movement said the gatherings of the enemy troops were hit at the Shtula, Metulla, Avivim and Rosh Pina settlements.

The resistance also targeted the Doviv barracks with a Falaq-2 rockets as well as the gathering of Israeli forces near the settlement of Rosh Pina with a rocket barrage.

The resistance group added that it had conducted the operations in support of "steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and ... their valiant and honorable resistance, and in defense of Lebanon and its people."

The attacks came amid a major escalation in Israel's acts of terror and aggression in Lebanon that saw the regime assassinating Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in an airstrike on southern Beirut.

The death toll from Israeli aerial assaults across Lebanon since early October 2023 has reached 1,745 with some 8,767 injured, according to Lebanese government data. In response, Hezbollah has fired barrages of rockets and drones towards Israeli targets.

The deadly exchange of fire was sparked by Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip, which has killed 41,615 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and wounded 96,359 others over the past year.

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against forces of instability," Bagheri Kani said. "With the heavy legacy left by Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, a great responsibility now rests on our shoulders and on the world of Islam."

Elsewhere in his speech, Bagheri Kani condemned Israeli atrocities in Lebanon, particularly the Tel Aviv regime's bombardment of southern Beirut, stating, "The crimes committed by the Zionist regime are a continuation of its longstanding crimes and the crimes cannot be justified under humanitarian law or any international legal framework."

Bagheri Kani also criticized U.S. and Western support for Israel, noting that "the U.S. policy of supporting the Zionists has failed to convince even the American public. People in the West are waking up and taking a stand against U.S. policies."

Bagheri Kani said "the efforts of the Islamic world on the international stage must aim to halt Israeli aggression and ensure that the Zionists are held accountable for their crimes."

### At Least...

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The official added that another person was injured in the shooting. In another incident, two Iranian security guards were killed after gunmen shot at a passing police car in the city of Khash.

An informed source told Fars News that the incident happened on Tuesday noon during which a terrorist gunman shot at the car carrying the law-enforcement forces in the city.

Abodfzali Jahani and Hosseilali Kikha are the two police officers killed in the Khash terrorist attack on Tuesday.

Meanwhile the Iranian interior minister Eskandar Momeni has assigned his deputy in charge of security issues to conduct a full investigation into the matter along with two other similar attacks that happened in the province over the past few days.

Also on Sunday night, an Iranian soldier was killed in armed clashes with members of a terrorist group in the village of Pashamak near the city of Rask.

### Why...

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An internet search shows that around 6,000 verses of the Masnavi have Quranic references or are inspired by Quranic teachings.

Dr. Akrami said that this number equals around one-fourth of the Masnavi.

"This book is imbued with Quranic verses and Quranic ideas, and any attempt to sever the Masnavi from the Quran or the basic teachings of the Quran is simply a childish, futile attempt," explained Dr. Akrami, who also teaches courses on the Masnavi and Divan-e-Shams.

"Whoever reads the Masnavi will understand that this book is nothing except a mirror image of the Quran."

Molana Rumi's other major work, Divan-e-Shams, containing 2,500 odes to his master Shams Tabrizi, is also loaded with references to the Quran and the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

"As far as Divan-e-Shams is concerned, if we look at Ghazal number 1948 (the website Ganjoor's numerical order), the whole Ghazal is drawn from the Quran. Each verse ends with words from the Quran," Dr. Akrami stated.

Rumi and West

As Molana Rumi became a household name in the West, his works received significant recognition in popular Western culture.

However, many English translations divorced his poetry from his belief in God and Islam, reducing the verses to love poems.

"After starting Persian poetics, I informed my followers that most Rumi pages post poorly translated content or outright false Rumi quotes. Eventually, this grew from Instagram stories and posts to a viral Twitter thread and now a full website," a Rumi scholar Mohammad Ali Mojaradi said in a conversation with the Press TV website.

"The extent of this falsification, as well as the seeming total unawareness, was shocking to me."

Mojaradi is known on social media as Sharghzadeh. He is a US-based researcher and translator who has studied Rumi's works for years.

Mojaradi said he "seeks to rectify inaccurately translated and wrongfully attributed work" relating to the 13th-century Persian poet.

While Molana Rumi's background as a Muslim closely shapes his work, this crucial link often gets ignored by the new-age translators.

Many interpreters who claim to know Molana Rumi have never studied the Persian language and are largely unaware of the Persian poet's Islamic background and environment.

"I am lazy, as a matter of fact—it was hopeless to try to learn Farsi," Coleman Burks, the American translator who is credited with expanding Rumi's readership in the West, was quoted as saying in various media outlets.

Translations by other translators who claim to know Molana Rumi have little resemblance to the poet's original works, often presenting distorted versions of his poetry.

Rumi experts regard it as a deliberate attempt to erase the centuries-old religious and spiritual history inherited and witnessed by Muslims throughout the world.

"There is a real bias against Islam and all things Eastern, and this has surely affected the Western version of Rumi, whether subtly or explicitly," Mojaradi said when asked if erasing Rumi's Islamic background can be linked to the Western bias against Islam and Eastern cultures.

Meanwhile, in Iran, Iraq, Sara, Shabnum, and Yasaman regard Rumi as an antidote to hate and suffering.

## Maldives Seeks to Join South African Genocide Case Against Israel

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Maldives Tuesday said it has officially filed a declaration of intervention in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to join the genocide case against the Zionist regime for committing massacres in the Gaza Strip.

"The Maldives, pursuant to the Article 63 of the CIJ\_IC Statute, filed the declaration of intervention to the Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa vs. Israel)," Maldives' President Mohamed Muizzu said in a post on X.

"Israel must be held accountable for its un-

lawful acts in Gaza. The rule of law must be upheld, and Israel must cease its genocidal acts against the Palestinian people," he added.

The Maldives, he went on to say, will always side with "humanity, peace and justice, and in doing so, we will continue to stand with the Palestinian people."

Muizzu further said that Palestine "must" be recognized and established based on the pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

South Africa filed the case at the tribunal based in The Hague in late 2023, accusing the regime, which has bombed Gaza since last

October, of failing to uphold its commitments under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

The top UN court ordered the Zionist regime in May to halt its aggression in the southern Gaza city of Rafah. It was the third time the 15-judge panel issued preliminary orders seeking to rein in the death toll and alleviate humanitarian suffering in the blockaded enclave, where casualties have surpassed 41,600.

Several countries have joined the genocide case against Israel, including Turkey, Nicaragua, Palestine, Spain, Mexico, Libya and Colombia. The court began public hearings in January.