

TEHRAN -- Iranian intelligence forces have successfully identified and dismantled a separatist terrorist group linked to the Zionist regime that was attempting to infiltrate the country.

The terrorist group aimed to incite street riots and carry out acts of terror and insecurity as they sought to enter Iran's West Azerbaijan province from the Kurdistan region of Iraq, IRNA reported. The group was planning to establish new cells, but was busted before being able to infiltrate the country. The operation led by the ministry of intelligence resulted in the death of a key member of the terrorist outfit. Two of his associates were captured.

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -- Iran's Ambassador to the UN Amir Saeid Iravani said U.S. sanctions imposed on Cuba for more than six decades were an example of the most unjust and long-lasting system of unilateral measures no less than "military siege".

Addressing a UN General Assembly meeting, Iravani said that the blockade against Cuba must immediately unconditionally end. "This action will not only bring relief to the Cuban people, but also send a powerful message that the era of coercion, domination and economic terrorism must end."

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Zionist Regime Short on Troops After Year of War



Report: Netanyahu Mulls Ending Invasion Amid Rising Losses

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with senior security officials on Tuesday evening to discuss the possibility of ending the invasion of Lebanon, Israeli media report.

The meeting came after a notable increase in Israeli military casualties along the Lebanese front in recent days.

According to Israel Hayom, Netanyahu convened a session with top security officials at 8 p.m. local time (18:00 GMT), focusing on Lebanon's northern front, upcoming operational priorities and exploring options for a political settlement to conclude the conflict.

The newspaper cited an unnamed Israeli official as saying, "The timeline for ending the war in Lebanon is approaching and is likely a matter of weeks."

However, he emphasized that "troops will not be withdrawn until a resolution is reached that meets Israel's security requirements".

The U.S., Netanyahu added, must offer full support to Israel's ability to operate freely in Lebanon after the war.

Israel's Channel 12 also reported that Netanyahu's meeting took place amid security assessments suggesting that the occupation entity is close to ending its aggression on the northern front.

The channel also noted that Zionist strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer is leading negotiations with the U.S. administration to secure a political agreement in Lebanon, aiming to implement an "accord" reached by U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein during his recent visit to Beirut. The framework is reportedly based on UN Security Council Resolution 1701.

Channel 12 added that the proposed accord includes a revised version of the resolution, calling for a significant deployment of multinational forces in the region.

On Wednesday, Hezbollah struck another Israeli military base near the town of Metula in the northern part of the occupied territories.

Israeli media said two people were injured by shrapnel from a Hezbollah rocket. They were airlifted and transferred to Rambam hospital in Haifa.

On its Telegram account, the hospital released footage that showed a helicopter landing and transferring the injured. The medical center said one of the men, in his 40s, is seriously wounded, while the other, in his

30s, was listed in light-to-moderate condition.

Air raid sirens were activated in several Israeli-occupied towns in the north following the Hezbollah rocket attack.

A ballistic missile was also fired, triggering alerts in the Sharon region, Upper Galilee, and the occupied Golan Heights.

The Zionist regime also reported a drone strike in the northern city of Nahariya. The military said the drone caused damage to an aviation factory.

The Israeli military keeps attacking Lebanon, killing and injuring more civilians. The regime says it has targeted over 100 places in the latest airstrikes.

In central Lebanon, near the village of Aaraiya, Israeli forces targeted a van with missiles. One person was killed.

The regime has issued an evacuation order for the entire city of Baalbek in eastern Lebanon.

Earlier, at least 10 people lost their lives in an airstrike on Haret Saida, a town near the southern city of Sidon.

Since October 2023, Israel has martyred over 2,700 people in Lebanon. Most of them have lost their lives in the past month amid intensified airstrikes and a ground offensive.

DETROIT (Reuters) -- With the U.S. election days just away, officials in the most competitive battleground states are bracing for misinformation, conspiracy theories, threats and possible violence.

In Philadelphia, Detroit and Atlanta, three of former President Donald Trump's favorite targets for false claims of voter fraud, officials have fortified their operations against a repeat of the chaos of 2020. Philadelphia's ballot-counting warehouse is now surrounded by fencing topped with barbed wire. In Detroit and Atlanta, some election offices are protected by bullet-proof glass.

In Wisconsin, election workers have been trained on de-escalation techniques and polling stations rearranged so workers have escape routes if they are menaced by protestors.

In Arizona, an epicenter in 2020 for false claims by Republicans about rigged voting, the secretary of state is working with local officials on how to respond to misinformation, including deep-fake images of purported fraud.

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Sheikh Qassem in First Address as Resistance Chief: Hezbollah Will Continue Nasrallah's Path



Sheikh Naim Qassem makes his first televised address as the new secretary general of Hezbollah on Wednesday.

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Hezbollah will continue to fight to disrupt a "major scheme" by Israeli its Western supporters to dominate the region, its new chief Sheikh Naim Qassem said on Wednesday.

In his maiden televised address as the Hezbollah chief, Qassem said his plan is to continue the path of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah who was martyred in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut.

"We will continue to implement the war plan laid out by Sayyed Nasrallah, and we will remain on

the path of war within established political directions," Qassem said.

He emphasized that supporting Gaza is essential to confront the danger posed by the Zionist regime to the entire region.

Hezbollah was founded in 1982 to confront Israeli occupation and its expansionist intentions and to liberate the occupied Palestinian lands, Qassem stated.

He also addressed criticisms that the resistance in Gaza and Lebanon provoked the Israeli ag-

gression, calling on the public not to forget 75 years of Israeli atrocities and the role of Resistance in ending the occupation of Lebanon.

"Some argue that Israel was provoked, but does Israel need a pretext? Have we forgotten 75 years of killing Palestinians, displacing them, seizing the land and sanctities, and committing massacres?"

"It is the resistance that drove Israel out of our land in the past in cooperation with the army and the people. International resolu-

tions did not expel Israel from our land. Rather, it was the Resistance," he said.

Sheikh Qassem said Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu himself stated at the beginning of the Israeli aggression against Lebanon that it was for the sake of a "New Middle East."

"We are facing a significant project in the region; this is a war that extends beyond Lebanon and Gaza; it is a global war against Resistance.

"This Zionist war is American, European, and global in nature, seeking to eliminate Resistance in the region.

"All forms of brutality and extermination are being used in this aggression to advance their project, and we must confront it rather than stand by and watch," he said.

The resistance in the region, Sheikh Qassem said, is fighting for a dignified future.

"The legendary steadfastness of the Resistance in Gaza and Lebanon is an epic of dignity; it will shape our generations' future."

Also, Hezbollah is not fighting on behalf of any party but is defending Lebanon, he added.

"No one fights on our behalf, and we do not fight on behalf of anyone. Our project is to protect our land and defend our country."

Sheikh Qassem praised Iran's support for the Lebanese resistance. (Continued on Page 7)

U.S. Braces for Post-Election Violence, Chaos

can Trump and Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris neck and neck, heading into Tuesday's vote, officials say there's one thing they can't predict or control: What Trump and his allies might say on election night as the votes are still being counted.

"If it's razor thin, then they're going to throw everything they got, right?" said Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, a Democrat, in an interview. "There's nothing we can do to stop the former president from continuing his campaign of misinformation and disinformation. But what we can do is continue to push back on that with facts."

Deeley and 30 other election officials from both parties told Reuters they are preparing for a replay of 2020, when Trump and his lawyers pushed charges about late-night ballot dumps and rigged machines in an effort to overturn his loss. In the wake of those claims, clerks around the country have been subjected to threats and harassment, from Trump supporters convinced the election was stolen.

In a statement, Danielle Alva-

rez, a senior advisor for the campaign and the Republican National Committee, said the party had recruited 230,000 poll watchers, poll workers and legal experts to "bring transparency and accountability" to the election.

"While Democrats will stop at nothing to weaken our elections, we are fighting for a fair and secure process where every legal vote is counted properly," she said.

Throughout his campaign, Trump has repeated that he won in 2020 while signaling he would contest a possible loss to Harris.

On Friday, in a post on Trump's Truth Social platform, he wrote that there was "rampant Cheating and Skulduggery" in 2020 and threatened election officials and others "involved in unscrupulous behavior" this cycle with prosecution.

Election officials say one of their biggest fears is a razor-close result where the outcome will hinge on court fights over small numbers of disputed ballots. The Republican National Committee has targeted election officials with dozens of lawsuits challeng-

ing various aspects of the voting process, a move seen by Democrats as a prelude to contesting a potential loss. Republican poll watchers, who monitor the casting and counting of ballots, have been trained to be aggressive in scrutinizing the process, and their ranks are filled with activists who still deny the 2020 results, according to training calls reviewed by Reuters.

The tensions are especially acute in Philadelphia, Atlanta and Detroit, major Democratic vote centers in crucial swing states. Trump accused them of allowing electoral fraud in 2020 and has done so again since the start of this campaign.

At an Iowa rally in December, he urged followers to go to the three cities and "guard the vote," a phrase that alarmed Democrats who warned it could prompt his supporters to intimidate voters or disrupt the counting.

Daniel Baxter, Detroit's chief operating officer for absentee voting and special projects, said the city is preparing for potential unrest in planning with local police and federal officials. Its

election headquarters has been strengthened with armed guards and bullet-proof glass. The counting of mail-in ballots has been moved to a more secure location in the convention hall downtown. In 2020, Trump supporters sought to disrupt the process by pounding on windows and yelling "stop the count."

"We plan for a riot," Baxter said in an interview. "We just want to make sure that we have planned for the worst as we hope for the best." He said he is unaffiliated with any party.

In a virtual meeting for prospective poll workers, an official with the Republican National Committee warned the volunteers that Detroit was not to be trusted. "Because that city, if I could get away with ... you know, burning it to the ground, I would try," said Morgan Ray, the RNC's director of election integrity for Michigan, according to a previously unreported recording of the Sept. 10 meeting obtained by Reuters. Ray and the RNC didn't respond to requests for comment on her remarks. (Continued on Page 7)