

BAGHDAD (MEMO) – The Kuwaiti-Iraqi Joint Committee will resume its sessions to discuss demarcating the maritime borders beyond Marker No.162. Al-Qabas newspaper quoted a diplomatic source saying Monday that during its meeting, the committee will continue the joint discussion on the technical and legal aspects of many files, most notably the demarcation of the maritime borders. On 6 December, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN, Tareq al-Bannai, confirmed his country's commitment to the terms of the agreement regulating maritime navigation in Khor Abdullah and the Security Exchange Protocol, based on its commitment to restore bilateral relations with Iraq, which have declined. Al-Bannai also called on Iraq to correct the legal status of the maritime navigation agreement and resume meetings of its technical and other teams to complete the demarcation of the maritime borders.

Live amongst people in such a manner that if you die they weep over you and if you are alive they crave for your company.

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### 'Soul of My Soul'

# Iconic Palestinian Grandfather Killed by Israel in Gaza



Khaled Nabhan playing with his three-year-old granddaughter Reem who was killed in an Israeli attack in November 2023

GAZA (Dispatches) – A Palestinian man whose touching tribute to his dead granddaughter went viral on social media last year has now also been killed by the Zionist regime's military.

According to Palestinian journalists and social media activists, Khaled Nabhan was killed during the regime's bombardment of the Nuseirat camp in central Gaza.

Nabhan became well known after

his granddaughter was killed in an Israeli attack in Gaza in November 2023, with footage of him mourning the three-year-old girl spreading across social media.

The grandfather described the

child, called Reem, as the "soul of my soul" as he held her lifeless body, garnering international attention during the early stages of the war.

After the death of Reem and being displaced by the Israeli military, Nabhan again went viral as he was filmed helping feed other Palestinians in Gaza.

His experiences became symbolic of the loss suffered by Palestinians in Gaza and the resilience they continue to show.

For over 14 months, the Israeli army has been bombarding the enclave, with humanitarian zones, schools, refugee camps, hospitals and residential areas, all targeted.

Zionist troops have killed more than 45,028 Palestinians in Gaza since October 2023, and wounded more than 106,962 people, according to the latest figures from the health ministry and local officials.

Thousands more are missing and presumed dead under the rubble.

Much of the territory has been a left a wasteland of destroyed buildings and infrastructure.

## UN: Gaza Facing 'Unprecedented Humanitarian Catastrophe'



A Palestinian youth reacts as he sits on the rubble of a destroyed home following an Israeli military strike on the Rafah refugee camp in the southern of Gaza Strip on October 15, 2023.

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The United Nations has once again warned that Palestinian people in Gaza, particularly women and girls, are living in dire conditions as the Zionist regime continues its genocidal war on the strip.

"An unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe continues to unfold in Gaza as hostilities rage on," the UN said in a post on its X account on Monday.

It pointed to "severe challenges" that the Palestinian women and girls are facing and added that 50,000 pregnant women have been left without the essentials to survive.

Nearly 1.9 million were displaced multiple times, amid relentless bombardments by the Zionist regime while over 70 percent of Gaza's infrastructure – from health services to water and sanitation – has been destroyed, the UN said.

Gaza's health ministry said on Monday that at least 45,028 people have been killed and 106,962 others wounded during more than 14 months of Israel's genocidal war against Palestinians.

According to the ministry, the toll includes 52 deaths in the previous 24 hours.

Rosalia Bollen, communications specialist at the United Nations agency for children (UNICEF), said on Monday that the situation in northern Gaza is "most dire" af-

ter nearly two months of an Israeli siege.

"Across northern Gaza, including Gaza City, the situation is very difficult for hospitals that lack medical supplies and medicines and doctors, but also for the people who are still there," she said.

She added that after driving around the area with colleagues last week, she saw some market activity in improvised stalls with very few had any food.

"The little that is available is canned food. The people are hungry, cold and traumatized," she emphasized.

She said despite a risk of famine alert, no supplies have entered most of northern parts of Gaza "so the situation will further deteriorate for the families there."

Bollen emphasized that she saw the children who were "all hungry."

Also on Saturday, Catherine Russell, executive director at UNICEF, said the world remained indifferent, while Gaza's children were daily victims of violence and deprivation.

The UN official called on the Zionist regime and "those with influence" over it to "take decisive action to end the suffering of children...to ensure children's rights are upheld, and to adhere to obligations under international humanitarian law."

## Report: Settlers Set Up 14 Outposts South of Al-Khalil Since Last Oct.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist settlers have established 14 new illegal settlement outposts south of the city of Al-Khalil in the southern occupied West Bank since October 7, 2023, a Palestinian official said.

Rateb al-Jabour, coordinator of the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC) in the southern West Bank, said the settler outposts were established near settlements in the area between the towns of Masafer Yatta and Yatta.

He added that the extremist

so-called "Hilltop Youth" group has been involved in establishing the outposts after confiscating thousands of dunams of Palestinian land, with support from the Israeli occupation regime, according to a report by Anadolu agency.

Al-Jabour pointed out that the Hilltop Youth recently seized Palestinian land east of Yatta, adjacent to the Susya settlement, ploughed the area and set up a fence around it, noting that the land belongs to the families of Abu Suwaileh, al-Jabour and others.

According to al-Jabour, all land is located in "Area C" of the West Bank.

Palestinian Ibrahim al-Tal said settlers have seized about 60 dunams (14.8 acres) of his family's lands in the town of Dhahiriya, south of Al-Khalil, Wafa reported.

Al-Tal said the confiscated lands are owned by the Taleb al-Tal family, and are located in an area near the Shama settlement, which was built on Palestinian land belonging to the town of Dhahiriya.

Zionist troops also expelled

Palestinian farmers from their land south of Al-Khalil.

Nayef al-Basaytah said the Israeli occupation forces have forced the Palestinian farmers to leave their lands and prevented them from continuing to plough and cultivate them under the pretext that they had been classed "regime property" so their owners need special permits to access them.

Al-Basaytah explained that the lands, estimated at 250 dunams (61.8 acres), belong to the families of Abu Sharkh, Mansiyeh, Makharza and al-Tal.

## Chechnya Leader Says Ready to Ensure Wheat Supplies to Syria If Necessary

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – Chechnya's Kremlin-backed leader Ramzan Kadyrov has said he is ready to step in if necessary and ensure that Syria gets the wheat it needs in what he said was the unlikely event that Russian wheat supplies to the country were disrupted.

Russian and Syrian sources told Reuters on Friday that Russian wheat supplies to Syria had been suspended due to uncertainty about the new government there after two vessels carrying Russian wheat for Syria failed to reach their destinations.

In a message posted on his Telegram channel, Kadyrov said that the two rerouted vessels had been carrying "commercial" wheat and that

Russian state-backed supplies to Syria had not been affected.

"Even if for some impossible and incredible reasons this does happen, I, as the head of the Chechen Republic, am ready to take responsibility and ensure the necessary amount of wheat for Syria," Kadyrov wrote.

Russia, the world's largest wheat exporter, supplies wheat to Syria through complex financial and logistical arrangements, circumventing Western sanctions imposed on both countries. It is not clear what share of wheat is supplied by the state.

Kadyrov did not specify how he would organize and finance wheat supplies to Syria if he had to step in and where the wheat would come

from.

But he said he could act, if necessary, via a charitable fund named after his late father which helped to rebuild some mosques and provided humanitarian aid to Syria during ousted President Bashar Assad's rule.

Russian analysts estimate Russia's exports to Syria at 300,000 tons so far this season, with the country ranking 24th among buyers of Russian wheat. They estimate Syria's total wheat imports at about 2 million tons.

Russia is the main supplier of wheat to Syria, and disruption in supplies could cause hunger in the country of over 23 million people. Sources told Reuters the two sides are in contact regarding supplies.

## Netanyahu Orders Tighter Censorship on Coverage of Captives Deal

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has requested the military impose stricter restrictions on media reports regarding negotiations for a prisoner exchange deal with Hamas, according to a report published by Israel Hayom.

The report stated that Netanyahu's office urged the military censor to enforce more stringent controls than usual on the dissemination of information about the potential deal. This comes amid a blackout on the details of the negotiations and an air of optimism expressed by Washington and Tel Aviv regarding the possibility of successful talks.

While the military censor declined to comment, Netanyahu's office said: "The Prime Minister has instructed ministers and se-

curity officials to fully adhere to information security protocols during security discussions."

Netanyahu and his coalition partners have repeatedly sabotaged any agreement that would end the war on Gaza. Reports from the October 9 and 10, 2023 show that Hamas agreed to a prisoner swap deal immediately after October 7 but the Netanyahu regime refused instead insisting on launching their ongoing genocidal campaign on Gaza.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu appeared in court in Tel Aviv for the 3rd time on Monday to testify in his corruption trial.

Netanyahu took the stand before the Tel Aviv District Court last week to defend himself against accusations of bribery, fraud, and breach of trust.

He is the first sitting Zionist premier to take the stand as a criminal defendant in the regime's history.

The court rejected requests from Israeli media outlets to broadcast Netanyahu's testimony live.

The charges stem from cases labeled "Case 2000" and "Case 4000," accusing Netanyahu of feathering his own nest to secure favorable media coverage for himself and his family.

Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing, calling the accusations against him "complete lies."

Netanyahu also faces charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, with the International Criminal Court (ICC) issuing arrest warrants for him and former war minister Yoav Gallant in November over atrocities in Gaza.