President Pezeshkian to Visit Egypt for D-8 Summit

TEHRAN -- Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian will take part in a summit of big Muslim countries in Egypt on Thursday, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said, the first visit by an Iranian president to Egypt in more than a decade.

Egypt is hosting the summit of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, which also includes Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.



Israel Arrests Settler on Charge of Spying for Iran

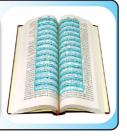
TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Israeli forces say they have arrested a settler from the occupied city of Al-Quds on charges of espionage for Iran and being involved in a plot to carry out an attack in the occupied territories.

In a joint statement on Tuesday, the Shin Bet and police said the 23-year-old Israeli settler was arrested in November on suspicion of being in contact with Iranian intelligence forces to commit "security offenses" in return for payment.

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Eleven Zionist Troops Killed, Injured in Hamas Op

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches)
-- Hamas' military wing the
Al-Qassam Brigades said Tuesday its fighters detonated a
booby-trapped house targeting
an Israeli force in the middle of
Jabalia refugee camp, killing
and wounding 11 soldiers.

The attack occurred in central Jabalia, an area that has faced intensified Zionist military operations in recent days.

Over 13,500 soldiers and officers have been wounded during Israel's war on Gaza, with about 1,500 of them sustaining injuries on two separate occasions, the Israeli war ministry's department of rehabilitation said.

The report said 287 soldiers suffered head injuries, 87 of which are categorized as severe, and 10 soldiers are now confined to wheelchairs as a result of their wounds.

Additionally, the ministry stated that 37 percent of the injured personnel sustained limb injuries, with the majority being bone fractures.

Mental health challenges have also emerged as a significant concern, affecting approximately 5,200 soldiers. Of these, 3,350 are dealing with anxiety, depression, and adjustment difficulties, while 1,300 have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The figures underscore the heavy toll the war has taken on the physical and mental well-being of the Zionist regime's military personnel.

The statement from Al-Qassam comes amid ongoing Israeli assaults on Gaza, which have drawn widespread condemnation for targeting densely populated civilian areas and causing large-scale destruction

On Tuesday, Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip martyred at least 14 Palestinians, at least 10 of them in one house in Gaza City as tanks pushed deeper towards the western area of Rafah in the south.

Medics said the Israeli airstrike on the house in the Daraj suburb of Gaza City destroyed the building and damaged nearby houses. Four other people were killed in two separate airstrikes in the city and the town of Beit Lahiya north of the enclave said medics, medics added.

In Rafah, near the border with Egypt, Israeli tanks pushed deeper towards the western area of Mawasi, known as a humanitarian-designated area, residents said.

The Palestinian health ministry said at least 45,059 people have been martyred during Israel's war on Gaza, including 31 deaths in the past 24 hours.

The ministry added that 107,041 people have been wounded in the Gaza Strip since October 7, 2023. More than 10,000 are missing and presumed dead under the rubble.

The Israeli military's deliberate and highly organized destruction of entire Palestinian cities and neighborhoods in the Gaza Strip is a clear manifestation of the genocide that the occupation state has been committing in Gaza for the past 14 months, the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor said in an online statement released Tuesday.

This urbicide, the monitor said, is a primary tool for the implementation of the ongoing genocide.

"This crime has not been confined to the killing of tens of thousands of Palestinians or the gradual decimation of two million people's basic survival elements," said the rights group. "It has extended to the complete annihilation of Palestinian cities, obliterating their architectural and civilizational fabric."

This systematic destruction, it said, aims to erase the Palestinian national and cultural identity, impose permanent forced displacement, prevent the return of the people, dismantle communities and eradicate their collective memory.

"It is a deliberate attempt to eliminate their physical and human existence while destroying their past, present, and future."

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Ayatollah Khamenei meets a group of women on the eve of the birth anniversary of Sayyida Fatimah al-Zahra (SA) in Tehran on Tuesday.

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Tuesday that the Zionist regime of Israel and the U.S. are "completely wrong" to imagine the Axis of Resistance had collapsed with the ouster of President Bashar al-Assad and other developments.

"With the developments in Syria

and the crimes the Zionist regime is committing and the crimes that America is committing, and the help that some others are giving to them, they thought that the resistance was over," he said in a televised speech. "They are completely wrong."

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed that the spirit of Hezbollah head

Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and Hamas chief Yayhya Sinwar lives on despite their assassination by the Zionist enemy.

"Their bodies have left, but martyrdom has not erased them from existence. Their spirit and ideas remain, and their path continues." the Leader said.

He touched on the steadfastness

of the Gazans in the face of daily attacks of the Zionists and the ongoing resistance in Lebanon.

The Leader said, "The Zionist regime assumes it is preparing itself by way of Syria to surround and eradicate Hezbollah in Lebanon, but it is Israel that will be eradicated."

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UK Diplomats Meet 'Terrorist' Leader in Damascus

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) --British diplomats have held talks with Abu Muhammad Jolani, leader of the militant group with links to Al-Qaeda that overthrew the Assad government.

Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) is a proscribed terrorist organization in the UK and expressing support for the group is a crime. However, British diplomats were photographed with Jolani, whose real name is Ahmed al-Sharaa, in Damascus on Monday.

This came after Downing Street insisted last week that it could still engage with HTS without violating the government's antiterror legislation.

Jolani met with Stephen Hickey, director of the Middle East department at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and Ann Snow, the UK's special representative for Syria.

HTS said the discussions focused on the "latest developments" in Syria. In an interview with The Times, Jolani urged Britain and other countries to lift all sanctions imposed on Syria.

He further called on the occupying regime of Israel to end its air strikes and withdraw from Syrian territory that it took after Assad's fall.

On Monday, Foreign Secretary David Lammy said the meeting between British diplomats and Jolani "underlies our commitment to Syria".

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Yemen's Hypersonic Attack Draws Frenzied U.S., Israel Reaction

WASHINGTON (Dispatches)
-- American forces carried out an
airstrike in Yemen against a command and control facility that was
used by the country's armed forces
to coordinate attacks, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

Yemeni forces began striking Israeli-linked ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden in November 2023 in a bid to forced the Zionist regime to stop its war of genocide on the Gaza Strip.

"The targeted facility was a hub for coordinating Houthi operations, such as attacks against U.S. Navy warships and merchant vessels in the southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden," the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a statement.

The United States and Britain have deployed military vessels to help shield Israeli ships, and Yemeni forces have periodically launched attacks targeting American military ships.

Washington's forces have also carried out frequent airstrikes on Yemen in a bid to degrade the country's ability to target Zionist interests, but the operations have persisted.

The Zionist regime has twice struck Yemen and according to Channel 12 news the Israeli military was preparing to potentially strike again following Monday's ballistic missile launch from Yemen that triggered sirens across most of central Israeli occupied territories.

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