

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Egypt's armed forces possess the advanced Chinese air defense system HQ-9B, Israeli media has reported, which is similar to the Russian S-400 missiles. According to the Israeli news website nztv, retired Major General Samir Farag, a military expert and former head of the Egyptian Armed Forces' Morale Affairs Department, confirmed during a televised interview on Sada El-Balad TV channel that Egypt owns various modern defense systems, including the long-range Chinese HQ-9B. The Israeli report noted that this is the first time Egypt has officially revealed its deployment of the HQ-9B system, reflecting both the diversification of its arms sources and the enhancement of its air defense capabilities.

In this world, man is a target of death, an easy prey to calamities, here every morsel and every draught is liable to choke one, here one never receives a favor until he loses another instead.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

# Dozens More Gazans Martyred, Death Toll Surpasses 51,000

GAZA (Dispatches) – At least 25 more Palestinians were killed in the Zionist regime's attacks in the Gaza Strip in the last 24 hours, pushing up the death toll from the regime's genocidal war since October 2023 to 51,025, the Gaza Health Ministry said on Wednesday.

A ministry statement said that 89 more injured people were also transferred to hospitals, bringing the number of injuries to 116,432 in the Zionist regime's onslaught.

"Many victims are still trapped under the rubble and on the roads as rescuers are unable to reach them," it added.

The Israeli army resumed its assault on the Gaza Strip on March 18 and has since killed 1,652 people and injured nearly 4,400 others despite a ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement that took hold in January.

### 'Mass Grave' of Palestinians

As Zionist troops resume and expand their assault on Gaza by land, air, and sea, Doctors Without Borders (MSF) on Wednesday denounced the mounting toll on Pal-



Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike on a school turned shelter in the al-Tuffah neighborhood of Gaza City.

estinian civilians and aid workers, saying the enclave has become a "mass grave" of Palestinians.

"Palestinian lives are once again being systematically destroyed," the MSF said in a statement, adding that a series of deadly attacks over the past three weeks by Zionist troops "have shown a blatant disregard for the safety of humanitarian and medical workers in Gaza."

The organization cited a March

attack by Zionist troops on aid workers, when the bodies of 15 emergency responders and the ambulances they were traveling in were found in a mass grave on March 30 in Rafah, southern Gaza.

It called for "international and independent investigations" to establish accountability on attacks on aid workers.

"This horrific killing of aid workers is yet another example of the complete disregard shown by Zi-

onist troops for the protection of humanitarian and medical workers. The silence and unconditional support of Israel's closest allies further emboldens these actions," said Claire Magone, general director of MSF France.

The medical aid agency also criticized the failure of the Humanitarian Notification System, a mechanism intended to coordinate safe movement with the occupying regime forces.

It said the system is now "barely affording any protection guarantees."

"We are witnessing in real time the destruction and forced displacement of the entire population in Gaza," said Amande Bazerolle, MSF's emergency coordinator in Gaza. "Gaza has been turned into a mass grave of Palestinians and those coming to their assistance."

"With nowhere safe for Palestinians or those trying to help them, the humanitarian response is severely struggling under the weight of insecurity and critical supply shortages, leaving people with few, if any, options for accessing care."

## Data of Thousands of Zionist Troops Leaked

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A security breach on an external Israeli ticketing website led to sensitive data belonging to soldiers in the Israeli occupation army, including Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir and high-ranking officers, being made available online, Haaretz reported.

According to the report, the breach allowed access to personal information, including their full names, ID numbers and phone numbers, through the TickChak website, which is used by army units to offer recreational benefits to their employees.

The breach, coupled with the weak security of the website, allows anyone to access soldiers' data simply by entering their ID number, without going through any additional verification. This allowed for the extraction and collection of personal information belonging to tens of thousands of forces.

The breach occurred using simple software tools created by an anonymous user identifying themselves as the "Persian Prince". The user was able to run a program that tested potential ID numbers and

extracted the details of their owners.

The website did not implement any automated protection against repeated attempts or geographic restrictions, allowing the attacker to access the data from outside the Israeli-occupied territories, according to the newspaper.

The database of exposed information contained the details of several active-duty soldiers, including the Chief of Staff of the Israeli army, Eyal Zamir, which is considered a critical security breach, as external or hostile parties could use this

information to track military personnel or target them electronically or in the field.

In response, the army said that "the glitch was immediately addressed, the incident was investigated, and lessons were learned." TickChak, the platform's operator, clarified that the site is secure according to international standards, but acknowledged that "the simple login system was used at the customer's request, instead of two-step verification." It added that security levels were strengthened after receiving feedback.

## Afghan Children Will Die Because of U.S. Funding Cuts, Aid Official Says

NEW YORK (AP) – Afghan children will die because of U.S. funding cuts, an aid agency official says.

The warning follows the cancelation of foreign aid contracts by President Donald Trump's administration, including to Afghanistan where more than half of the population needs humanitarian assistance to survive.

Action Against Hunger initially stopped all U.S.-funded activities in March after the money dried up suddenly. But it kept the most critical services going in northeastern Badakhshan province and the capital Kabul through its own budget, a measure that stopped this month.

Its therapeutic feeding unit in Kabul is empty and closing this week. There are no patients, and staff contracts are ending because of the U.S. funding cuts.

"If we don't treat children with acute malnutri-

tion there is a very high risk of (them) dying," Action Against Hunger's country director, Cobi Rietveld, told The Associated Press. "No child should die because of malnutrition. If we don't fight hunger, people will die of hunger. If they don't get medical care, there is a high risk of dying. They don't get medical care, they die."

More than 3.5 million children in Afghanistan will suffer from acute malnutrition this year, an increase of 20 percent from 2024. Decades of conflict — including the 20-year U.S. war with the Taliban — as well as entrenched poverty and climate shocks have contributed to the country's humanitarian crisis.

Rietveld said there were other nongovernmental organizations dealing with funding cuts to Afghanistan. "So when we cut the funding, there will be more children who are going to die of malnutrition."

The children who came to the feeding unit often could not walk or even crawl. Sometimes they were unable to eat because they didn't have the energy. All the services were provided free of charge, including three meals a day.

Rietveld said children would need to be referred to other places, where there was less capacity and technical knowledge.

Dr. Abdul Hamid Salehi said Afghan mothers were facing a crisis. Poverty levels among families meant it was impossible to treat severely malnourished children in private clinics.

"People used to come to us in large numbers, and they are still hoping and waiting for this funding to be found again or for someone to sponsor us so that we can resume our work and start serving patients once more."

## Israeli Petition Against Gaza War Grows Exponentially



Thousands of demonstrators gather in Tel Aviv, to call for an end to Gaza war and to demand a deal on captives.

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Over 200 former police officials with the Zionist regime signed their first petition demanding a prisoner swap with Palestinians, in the latest wave of calls for an end to the occupying regime's destructive war on the Gaza Strip, Israeli media said on Wednesday.

Eight former police chiefs were among the signatories, including former Tel Aviv District Police Chief Ami Eshed, who was ousted in 2023 by far-right minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, Haaretz newspaper reported.

They called for the immediate return of Israeli captives in Gaza through a negotiated deal and an end to the war in Gaza.

Signatories said that the current war in Gaza is being driven by personal and political motives rather than national security.

Twenty-eight petitions have so far been signed by military personnel, former police members, and civilian professionals, according to data collected by Anadolu, bringing the total number of signatories to nearly 29,000.

Facing mounting pressure to end the war, Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused the

petitioners of attempting to topple his regime.

"These letters were written not in the name of our heroic soldiers. They were written by a small handful of fringe elements," he said in a statement.

The petitions follow the collapse of the first phase of a ceasefire and captive-prisoner exchange deal that came into effect on Jan. 19, mediated by Qatar and Egypt with U.S. support. The Palestinian resistance group Hamas adhered to the terms, but Netanyahu, facing pressure from his far-right coalition, refused to proceed to phase two, resuming military aggression on March 18.

At least 51,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza in a brutal Israeli onslaught since October 2023, most of them women and children.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants last November for Netanyahu and former war minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The Zionist regime also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the enclave.

## Israel Allows 180 Zionists to Pray at Al-Aqsa for First Time

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime has allowed 180 settlers to enter Al-Aqsa Mosque, the largest number ever permitted by the regime authorities.

On Wednesday, dozens of worshippers were seen entering the site, referred to as Temple Mount in Judaism, flanked by occupying regime forces.

The move marks a departure from the regime's previous policy of allowing no more than 30 Zionists at a time into the site, which was occupied by Israel in the 1967 war and is recognized as occupied territory internationally.

Thousands of Zionists could be seen dancing and celebrating at the Lions' Gate entrance to the Old City of Al-Quds. Muslim worshippers were prevented from entering the mosque.

Aouni Bazbaz, director of international affairs at the Islamic Waqf, the organization that administers Al-Aqsa Mosque, told Middle East Eye that the scenes on Wednesday - and in the previous days - had been unprecedented.

"These are frightening scenes," he said.

Bazbaz added that the total of settlers who entered the site in 2003 stood at 258, while "the numbers have risen exponentially" today, with thousands making their way into the complex.

"Today [as the Islamic Waqf], we will be dealing with something we have never ever dealt with before," he said.

The Chief Rabbinate of Al-Quds has long declared Jewish worship on Temple Mount forbidden unless worshippers are "ritually pure", which is believed impossible under modern conditions.

However, many Orthodox Jewish settlers oppose this stance, arguing that preventing them from worshipping there is discriminatory.

Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has previously said that "the status quo on the Temple Mount has not changed and will not change", referring to a 1757 Ottoman decree reaffirming a ban on non-Muslims entering Al-Aqsa Mosque and granting Jews the right to pray at the Western Wall.

However, in recent years, visits by Zionist settlers to the site have become increasingly routine.