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MIDDLE EAST

Two Killed in Latest Israeli Aggression on Southern Lebanon

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime's airstrikes have killed at least two people in southern Lebanon, health officials say.

According to the country's health ministry, Zionist troops attacked "a vehicle in Kaouthariyet al-Saiyad," located between the southern cities of Sidon and Tyre on Sunday, killing one person and injuring another.

The ministry said that another person was killed in a strike on a house in the town of Houla.

The occupying regime has continued to carry out near-daily strikes in the country despite a ceasefire agreement between Tel Aviv and Hezbollah that sought to halt more



People inspect a burnt-out vehicle hit by an Israeli strike in Ghazieh, near Sidon.

than a year of attacks on Lebanon.

Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) said last week that at least 71 civilians, including 14 women and nine children, have been killed in the regime's airstrikes since the ceasefire took effect last November.

Spokesperson for the UN office, Thameen al-Kheetan, called for investigations into "each and every military action where civilians are killed."

Under the ceasefire, the Zionist regime was to withdraw all of its forces from south Lebanon, but despite the deal, the regime's forces have remained at five south Lebanon positions that they deem "strategic."

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"The Islamic Republic of Iran has always acted based on national interests and maintenance of the Iranian people's dignity, as it follows the principles of wisdom and expediency," Mohajerani said.

She noted that the Foreign Ministry is pursuing the talks within the framework of its duties and missions, emphasizing that the administration would not divert its focus from the main path of running the country.

She added that the indirect talks between Tehran and Washington, mediated by Oman, are being held in a constructive atmosphere.

"The goal of these talks is to examine practical steps to reduce tensions and prepare the ground for technical talks in the future," she said.

Speaking at the end of the second round of talks on Saturday, the Iranian foreign minister said Tehran and Washington had reached a "better understanding" on certain principles and goals.

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that could further escalate the conflict in the region.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed Qatar's unequivocal rejection of any violation of the historical and legal status of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Al-Quds, and its holy sites, and stressed the urgent need for the international community to take action to deter the occupation and compel Israel to provide the necessary protection for these sacred places and to respect international legitimacy and its resolutions.

The ministry renewed Qatar's firm and unwavering position of supporting the Palestinian cause and the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, based on international legitimacy and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state along the 1967 borders, with East Al-Quds as its capital.

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the speaker of parliament to issue a block on Jolani entering the country "for the sake of the martyrs, their families, the wounded, the Iraqi people and the principles," The National reported on Sunday.

Iraqi MP Falih al-Khazali said in response to the invitation for Jolani to visit Baghdad that "Iraq is the center of Arab dialogue; we will not allow Baghdad to become a safe haven for the terrorist Jolani. The blood of the martyrs has not dried yet."

According to Syrian state media, the meeting between Jolani and Sudani in Qatar addressed the issue of joint border security, with both sides agreeing to strengthen field and intelligence coordination between the relevant authorities to counter shared threats.

On Saturday, Secretary-General of the Popular Mobilization Forces' (PMF) Asaib Ahl al-Haq, Qais al-Khazali, said in a statement that it is "necessary for there to be an immediate arrest of the individual in question," in light of the existence of an arrest warrant against him.

The two leaders also discussed ways to revitalize trade, ease the movement of goods and people through shared border crossings, encourage mutual investment, and cooperate in the fields of energy, transport, and infrastructure.

Jolani declared himself president of Syria in December after his group, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), toppled the government of Bashar al-Assad.

HTS was formerly known as the Nusra Front, which was founded after Daesh leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi sent Jolani with fighters and money to establish a new wing of the terror group in Syria in 2011.

Palestine Condemns Zionist Troops' Assaults on Christians in Al-Quds

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Palestine condemned on Sunday Zionist troops' assaults on Christians during the Holy Saturday celebrations as "racist" and "a blatant violation of the freedom of worship and access to holy sites", Anadolu reports.

On Saturday, the occupying regime's police clashed with Palestinian Christians during the Holy Saturday observances at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Al-Quds.

"We decry the arbitrary actions, assaults, and restrictions imposed

by Israeli soldiers and illegal settlers throughout the Easter holiday on Christians, preventing their participation in this global human celebration," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry also denounced footage showing Zionist troops assaulting visitors to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

It rejected Israeli moves to prevent the Vatican's ambassador from entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and obstructing Palestinian Christians from the occupied West Bank from partici-

pating in the celebrations in occupied Al-Quds.

The UN Office for the High

"The Israeli practices against Christians are racist and discriminatory, part of a broader agenda to target Al-Quds and its Christian and Islamic sanctities, and represent a blatant violation of the freedom of worship and access to holy sites amid an ongoing genocide and displacement crimes against our people."

For the second year in a row, participation in Holy Saturday and Easter ceremonies has been visibly reduced amid relentless Israeli attacks in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank.

Tension has been high in the occupied West Bank, where at least 952 Palestinians have been killed and over 7,000 others injured since the start of the Gaza war in October 2023, according to Palestinian figures.

In July 2024, the International Court of Justice declared the Zionist regime's decades-long occupation of Palestinian land illegal and demanded the evacuation of all existing settlements in the West Bank and East Al-Quds.

Palestine Action: We Bypass Politicians, Go Straight to Aggressors

LONDON (Dispatches) – A co-founder of the UK-based directaction network Palestine Action, has outlined the group's uncompromising strategy to disrupt the Zionist regime's military supply chain by targeting British arms manufacturers complicit in Tel Aviv's atrocities.

"We bypass politicians and go straight to the aggressors," Huda Ammori stated in an interview published in Sidecar, a blog run by the New Left Review, a British bimonthly journal.

The remarks emphasized the group's focus on direct action rather than lobbying towards targeting the Zionist regime's occupation of Palestine and deadly aggression towards Palestinians.

Since its inception in July 2020

on dismantling the operations of Elbit Systems, the regime's largest weapons firm, which maintains several facilities across the UK.

The group's tactics include occupying rooftops, obstructing supply chains, and, in some cases, damaging equipment.

Ammori highlighted that these actions aimed to "slow the pace of the violence and make it harder for Israel to carry out its aims."

Palestine Action's sustained campaign has led to significant disruptions for Elbit Systems.

Notably, the group's actions have been linked to the permanent closure of Elbit's factory in Tamworth, Staffordshire, in March 2024. substantial damage to Elbit's subsidiary, Instro Precision, in Kent, reportedly resulting in over £1 (\$1.3) million in damages and halting production temporarily.

These disruptions have had financial repercussions. In November 2024, the UK ministry of defense terminated its $\pounds 2.1-(\$2.3)$ -billion Watchkeeper drone contract with Elbit's subsidiary, UAV Tactical Systems, marking the company's largestever contract loss in Britain.

Ammori expressed skepticism about conventional protest methods, describing them as "statesanctioned" and ineffective. She argued that mass demonstrations, while drawing large crowds, often fail to translate into meaningful "If 100,000 people attended a march, it would only take 1% of them to shut down most Israeli weapons factories across the country," she noted.

The UK government's response to Palestine Action's activities has been increasingly stringent. Activists have faced arrests, with some charged under "terrorism" laws.

Despite this, Ammori remained resolute, stating that heightened repression often galvanized more individuals to join the movement. Palestine Action's decentralized structure, operating in small, security-conscious groups, has made it challenging for authorities to dismantle the network entirely. This approach is believed to ensure the continuity of their operations even

Palestine Action has concentrated

Additionally, activists caused action

UNRWA: Over 90,000 Displaced Palestinians Sheltering in 115 UN-Run Gaza Facilities

GAZA CITY (Dispatches) – More than 90,000 displaced Palestinians are currently taking shelter in 115 UN-run facilities across the Gaza Strip amid a humanitarian crisis caused by the Zionist regime's 19-month onslaught, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) says.

"An already dire situation is deteriorating due to bombardment and the siege blocking the entry of humanitarian and commercial supplies," UNRWA said in a statement.

Since March 2, 2025, the Zionist regime has kept all Gaza border crossings closed, blocking the entry of essential food, medical, and relief supplies, exacerbating an already dire humanitarian situation, according to multiple reports from international organizations and rights groups.

The UN refugee agency estimated that nearly 420,000 people have been displaced yet again since the breakdown of the ceasefire in March.

The Zionist regime's army resumed its assaults on Gaza on March 18, and has since killed 1,827 people, injured, and shattered a Jan. 19 ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement.

More than 51,200 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza in a brutal Israeli onslaught since October 2023, most of them women and children. under intense scrutiny.

Turkish Intelligence Chief Meets Hamas Delegation to Mull Aid to Gaza

ANKARA (Xinhua) – Turkish intelligence chief Ibrahim Kalin

has met with a Hamas delegation to discuss ways to deliver humanitarian aid to war-ravaged Gaza, semi-official Anadolu Agency reported.

The meeting was between Kalin, head of the Turkish National Intelligence Organization, and the Hamas delegation led by Muhammad Darwish, head of Hamas' Shura Council.

Anadolu quoted anonymous security sources as saying that the two sides discussed measures to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza by coordinating international efforts.

The report said they also reviewed "the current state of initiatives aimed at halting Israel's genocidal actions in Gaza and achieving a permanent, comprehensive ceasefire," adding that the meeting addressed "the need for a united stance against the Zionist regime's plans to forcibly displace the people of Gaza." The occupying regime resumed

The occupying regime resumed intense strikes on the Gaza Strip on March 18, ending a two-month ceasefire with Hamas and blocking the flow of aid to the enclave. Jolani had entered Iraq in 2003 to join the nascent insurgency following the U.S. invasion, which had the goal of sparking a civil war between Iraq's Sunni and Shia Muslim. Al-Qaeda in Iraq sent hundreds of car bombs to kill thousands of civilians in Shia areas, such as Najaf, Karbala, and Sadr City. The group later became known as Daesh in Iraq.

Jolani was one of many Al-Qaeda and Daesh in Iraq leaders held in Bucca, the U.S. prison near the city of Basra in southern Iraq. Many were then released by U.S. forces in 2009 and 2010 to travel to Syria to launch a CIA-led insurgency to topple the government in 2011.

The CIA operation to topple Assad, known as Timber Sycamore, was the largest and most expensive in the agency's history, enjoying a budget of \$1 billion per year, with assistance from Israeli, Turkish, Qatari, Saudi, French, and British intelligence.

The Daesh in Iraq became the Daesh of Iraq and Syria in 2013 and returned to Iraq in 2014 to conquer large swathes of Anbar and Ninevah governorates, including the cities of Fallujah and Mosul. In August 2014, Daesh carried out a genocide against the religious minority.

Thousands of Iraqi Shia from Karbala, Najaf, and Baghdad were martyred after joining the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) to fight against Daesh.