

Hundreds Protest in Gaza Against Zionist Attacks, Blockade

GAZA (Dispatches) – **Hundreds of Palestinian women and children took to the streets on Monday in Beit Lahia town in northern Gaza, demanding an immediate end to the ongoing military aggression and aid blockade by the Zionist regime.**

The protesters, who walked among the devastated areas, held placards in Arabic reading: “Enough displacement and homelessness,” “Enough killing and destruction,” and “Stop the bloodshed.” They also chanted slogans calling for an end to the Gaza war.

“Our demands are simple: to stop the war and to live in peace and security without the constant fear of death and airstrikes,” Sumaya al-Ghazali, one of the protesters, told Xinhua.

“The international community must bear its responsibility toward the people of Gaza, especially the children who are dying of hunger due to the Israeli-imposed blockade,” the 39-year-old mother of four said.

“We want to eat. We are starving. We want food, flour, and we want the killing to stop,” Ruba Alian,



a nine-year-old girl, told Xinhua. “We have the right to live like other children around the world, to return to school, and to enjoy peace and security.”

The Zionist regime has blocked the entry of all humanitarian aid into Gaza since March 2. It then ended a two-month ceasefire on March 18 and resumed deadly air and ground assaults on the enclave.

The renewed Israeli attacks have so far killed 2,222 Palestinians and injured 5,751 others, Gaza health authorities said Monday, adding

Food prices in the Gaza Strip have risen by 527 percent, according to the Chamber of Commerce in the territory, due to the Zionist regime’s blockade and its prevention of goods and humanitarian aid from entering.

In a statement published by Palestinian Information Centre, the chamber explained that the Zionist regime continues to “prevent the entry of private sector trucks, causing an almost complete paralysis of commercial activity.”

It pointed out that people in Gaza are suffering from “deliberate starvation and thirst” being used by regime authorities as a weapon against civilians.

It added that the closure of crossings and the obstruction of humanitarian aid deliveries constitute a policy of “deliberate starvation” imposed on Palestinians.

The chamber warned of a catastrophic collapse of the economic system in Gaza due to the ongoing blockade, stressing that the current situation threatens a long-term humanitarian and social disaster if it continues.

Zionists Build New Settler Road as Troops Loot Palestinian Homes in Al-Khalil

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – **Zionist settlers have begun constructing a new settlers-only road while the occupying regime’s troops, dressed in military uniforms, stole money during raids on Palestinian homes in Masafer Yatta, south of Al-Khali.**

According to Osama Makhamra, a Palestinian community activist, Zionist settlers are carrying out large-scale excavation work on Palestinian-owned land in the Wadi al-Asira area, near Tel Ma’in to the east. The work appears aimed at expanding the illegal outpost of Avigal, which is already established on confiscated Palestinian land.

The international community, including the UN, considers these settlements illegal under international law. The UN has repeatedly

warned that continued settlement expansion threatens the viability of a solution, a framework seen as key to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Meanwhile, Zionist troops and settlers wearing military uniforms stormed the home of Akif Salem Harizat in the village of Manizil, also in Masafer Yatta. During the raid, they vandalized the house, destroyed furniture and belongings, and stole six thousand shekels in cash.

These attacks form part of an escalating pattern of settler violence in Masafer Yatta, where Palestinian communities continue to face threats to their homes, land and livelihoods.

Zionist troops have intensified their raids across the West Bank,

beating and arbitrarily abducting people in the occupied Palestinian territory.

On Sunday also, violent attacks took place, with the occupation soldiers forcing Palestinians out of their homes, while bulldozing and torching the buildings.

In the Tulkarm refugee camp in the northern West Bank, Israeli forces severely beat an elderly man after setting his house on fire.

The regime’s troops also abducted a Palestinian man and his 13-year-old twin boys from their home in the central West Bank city of Beitunia.

In the al-Zahra’a neighborhood of the Jenin refugee camp, the occupation soldiers forced 20 families out of their homes and converted the dwellings into military out-

posts.

Bashir Matahen, director of public relations at the Jenin municipality, said 3,470 homes have been forcibly evacuated in the refugee camp, adding that almost 600 houses have been completely demolished there.

In a significant legal development in July, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued a ruling that declared the Zionist regime’s decades-long Occupation of Palestinian Territories “illegal”. The Court called for the immediate evacuation of all existing settlements in the Occupied West Bank and East Al-Quds.

Despite global condemnation and calls for a halt to settlement activity, the occupying regime continues its expansion efforts, deepening tensions in the region.

Lawyers File Complaint Over Detention of Egyptian Activist in UAE

LONDON (AP) – **Lawyers for an Egyptian poet and activist who has been allegedly detained and held in solitary confinement without charge in the United Arab Emirates for over 100 days have filed a legal challenge in the UK against UAE authorities.**

The filing was made on behalf of Abdulrahman al-Qaradawi, an outspoken critic of Egypt’s government who had been residing in Turkey. It urges London’s Metropolitan Police to launch a criminal investigation into the activist’s alleged abduction, torture and extradition to the UAE.

Al-Qaradawi was detained in Lebanon on Dec. 28 as he was returning from Syria.

Lebanon’s Cabinet deported him to the United Arab Emirates on Jan. 8. Since then he has been held alone “without charge, without due process, and under psychological pressure,” his lawyer said, adding that amounts to torture under international law.

“Abdulrahman was taken from his family, forcibly removed across borders and thrown into solitary confinement in a country where he is not a citizen and there is no evidence he has committed any crime,” said his lawyer, Rodney Dixon. “This is not extradition; it’s abduction in plain sight.”

Dixon is pressing UK police to

open an investigation under Britain’s universal jurisdiction laws, which allow governments to prosecute people for the most serious crimes regardless of where they are allegedly committed.

The complaint names the UAE Ministry of Interior, as well as former Lebanese prime minister Najib Mikati, who approved the activist’s extradition from Lebanon to the UAE, and Royel Jet LLC, the company that provided the private aircraft for the extradition, as responsible parties.

All have business or other links with the UK and could be arrested and prosecuted if they travel to Britain.

“What we are hoping is that based on the evidence we have, the Metropolitan Police will commence an investigation into these persons and entities and then to seek arrest warrants,” Dixon said.

Al-Qaradawi’s late father, Youssef al-Qaradawi, was a senior and controversial Egyptian cleric revered by the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.

Abdulrahman al-Qaradawi was wanted in Egypt on charges of disseminating false news and inciting violence, for which he was convicted and sentenced in absentia to five years in prison.

Daesh Kills Five Kurdish Militants in Eastern Syria

CAIRO (Dispatches) – **The Daesh terrorist group said on Monday it killed five Kurdish militants in an attack in eastern Syria’s Dayr al-Zawr, according to the group’s news agency.**

The spokesperson for Syria’s Kurdish-led so-called Syrian Democratic Forces Farhad Shami confirmed to Reuters that five

members were killed in the attack which he described as “one of deadliest” against the group in a while.

Dayr al-Zawr city was captured by Daesh in 2014, but the Syrian army retook it in 2017.

The terrorist group imposed hardline rule over millions of people in Syria and Iraq for years.

Former Daesh head Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared a so-called “caliphate” over a quarter of the two states in 2014 before he was killed in a raid by U.S. special forces in northwest Syria in 2019 as the group collapsed.

It has been recently trying to stage a comeback.

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International North-South Transportation Corridor (INSTC), enhancing regional connectivity and trade routes between Iran and Russia.

Azerbaijan serves as a major transit route in the sprawling INSTC, a network of roads, railways, and shipping routes, linking the Baltic Sea to the Persian Gulf and connecting Azerbaijan, Russia, India, Iran, and other countries.

The Rasht-Astara railway is the crucial and only missing component of the INSTC along the western coast of the Caspian Sea. In January, Pezeshkian and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed in the Kremlin to sign a trilateral agreement and start building the railroad by the end of March 2025.

The project featured on Pezeshkian’s itinerary in Baku, along with removing customs barriers to increase trade, expanding tourism exchanges, exploiting a joint oil field in the Caspian Sea, and Iran’s participation in the reconstruction of Azerbaijani territories liberated in the Karabakh war with Armenia.

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turned to radios instead of their phones to stay informed.

In Madrid, restaurants and shops were plunged into darkness, and internet services were disrupted. Public transport was severely impacted, with passengers evacuated from metro systems and trains. Traffic lights stopped functioning, increasing chaos on the streets.

Similar disruptions were reported in Lisbon and Porto, where metro systems were shut down entirely, and train services were halted. Hospitals in both Spain and Portugal were not spared, with Madrid’s La Paz Hospital and several Portuguese medical facilities forced to cancel surgeries.

Meanwhile, Madrid Open tennis tournament play was suspended, as power outages rendered scoreboards and cameras inoperable. Spectators were seen leaving the venue under a veil of darkness.

Portuguese police confirmed that the blackout disrupted traffic lights and public transportation countrywide. In Lisbon, metro stations were shuttered, and trains were brought to a standstill. Madrid’s Barajas International Airport and other airports in the Iberian Peninsula experienced similar disruptions.

TAP Air Portugal issued a warning to passengers, urging them to refrain from travelling to airports until further notice. In a statement shared on its Facebook page, the airline announced that some services were currently disrupted and requested passengers to wait for further updates.

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Central Bank and popular messaging applications such as Rubika and Bale also came under cyber assault.

Iranian officials confirmed at the time that the attacks were extensive, but also noted that the nation’s cyber defense apparatuses had managed to contain them with minimal disruption.

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“so detached from reality that it hardly merits a response.”

“What is striking, however, is how brazenly Netanyahu is now dictating what President Trump can and cannot do in his diplomacy with Iran,” the top Iranian diplomat added.

Araghchi and Trump’s envoy Steve Witkoff have so far led three rounds of indirect talks between Tehran and Washington in the Omani capital of Muscat and the Italian capital, Rome, since April 12.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei on Monday said any adventurism against Iran will face a crushing response.

“Western countries, especially those continuing to support this regime [Israel], must understand they are assisting an entity whose survival depends on crisis,” he told a weekly news briefing.

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outlines agreed upon by both sides,” he said.

Baghaei also addressed the role of European nations in the nuclear talks. “We hope the Europeans will play a constructive role,” he said, adding that Iran’s continued engagement with neighboring countries signals the Islamic Republic’s good will.

He further criticized U.S. pressure tactics, saying are not limited to Iran and are pursued against other countries like China.

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least 40 people and injured more than 1,000 others.

He conveyed his country’s condolences and sympathy to the bereaved families as well as the Iranian government and nation, and prayed to God for the recovery and wellbeing of the injured.

The two foreign ministers further discussed bilateral ties besides regional and international developments during the telephone conversation.