

ALEXANDRIA (AFP) – An unseasonal rainstorm battered the Egyptian city of Alexandria on Saturday, flooding roads and damaging seafaring businesses in the latest bout of erratic weather to hit the region.

Hailstones pelted the city overnight, forcing people to flee cafes as gusts of wind blew the ice pellets through windows, according to footage posted on social media.

Lightning lit up the skies and underpasses were submerged.

Alexandria governor Ahmed Khaled Hassan raised the alert level and emergency crews worked through the morning to tow cars and clear debris.

No casualties were reported, Egypt's health ministry said.

One who takes lessons from the events of life, gets vision, one who acquires vision becomes wise and one who attains wisdom achieves knowledge.

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Gaza ‘Hungriest Place on Earth’
UN: ‘Catastrophic Situation in Gaza Worst’ Since Beginning of Israeli Attacks

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The UN says that the humanitarian crisis in Gaza has reached its most “catastrophic” level since the start of Zionist regime’s military assault, with ongoing strikes, mass displacement, and severe aid restrictions, Anadolu reports.

Citing the Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told a news conference that “the catastrophic situation in Gaza is the worst it has been” since start of Zionist regime’s military aggression in October 2023.

He said Israeli strikes have intensified across the enclave, particularly in north Gaza, where the al-Awda hospital — the last partially functioning hospital in the area — was forced to evacuate following repeated attacks.

“Displacement continued across Gaza, with nearly 200,000 people displaced in the last two weeks alone,” he said, adding that renewed Israeli displacement order now covers around 30% of Gaza’s territory, while many civilians are



Palestinian women get food at a distribution kitchen in Deir el-Balah, central Gaza

also moving “driven by the search for food and necessities, rather than displacement orders.”

Onaid delivery, Dujarric said only five truckloads were collected from the Palestinian side of Ka-reem Shalom on Wednesday.

“The other 60 trucks had to return to the crossing due to intense hostilities in the area,” he said.

Asked about the reason for the aid trucks returning, Dujarric said it was because the road “was no

longer safe to use.”

On the occupied West Bank, Dujarric warned of a sharp increase in settler violence, and said: “So far this year, settlers have injured more than 220 Palestinians, an average of 44 per month, and the highest rate in at least 20 years.”

“Meanwhile, Israeli-imposed movement restrictions across Sal-fit governorate — in the northern West Bank – continue to disrupt the access of nearly 90,000 people to healthcare, education and liveli-hoods,” he said.

The United Nations also warned that Gaza is the “hungriest place on Earth” and its entire population is at risk of famine, as desperate Palestinians are shot at, starved, and forced from their homes by the Israeli forces.

Calling on Israel to stop its campaign of deliberate starvation and allow food into the besieged enclave, the UN said its mission to help Gaza’s Palestinians is the “most obstructed in recent history”.

“The aid operation that we have ready to roll is being put in an operational straitjacket that makes it one of the most obstructed aid operations, not only in the world today, but in recent history,” the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) spokesperson, Jens Laerke, said.

“I have no flour, no oil, no sugar, no food. I collect mouldy bread and feed it to my children. I want to get a bag of flour for my children. I want to eat. I’m hungry,” a Palestinian told Al Jazeera.

Israel’s Gaza War Producing ‘Staggering’ Carbon Footprint

LONDON (Dispatches) – The emissions caused by the Zionist regime’s war on Gaza as well as estimated reconstruction costs are greater than the annual footprint of 100 individual countries, new research has found.

The war caused more carbon emissions than the annual combined total of Costa Rica and Estonia in its first 15 months.

The research, published by the Social Science Research Network, was shared exclusively with The Guardian.

Destroying, clearing and re-building the Gaza Strip could produce 31 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e), researchers from the UK and U.S. found.

There is no obligation for states to record military emissions to the UN’s climate body, with researchers warning that the lack of accountability could lead to an under-reporting of the global carbon footprint.

The study’s data, which also

includes estimates of emissions relating to Hamas and Hez-bollah activity, highlights the asymmetry between each side.

Hamas’s use of bunker fuel and rockets accounted for about 3,000 tCO2e, just 0.2 percent of the conflict’s total carbon footprint.

The Zionist regime’s use of weapons, equipment, tanks and ordnance produced 50 percent of emissions, the study found.

Researchers also included estimated emissions from Yemen’s Ansarullah resistance fighters, which has traded strikes with the Zionist regime over the course of the war.

All military activity arising from the Gaza war produced the equivalent, in emissions, of charging 2.6 billion smartphones or running 84 gas power plants for a year.

The figure includes the tCO2e estimate — 557,359 — of the pre-war construction of Hamas’s tunnel network and the Zionist regime’s

“iron wall” barrier surrounding Gaza. The findings could eventually help calculate claims for reparations, The Guardian reported.

More than 99 percent of the tCO2e generated between Oct. 7, 2023, and the temporary ceasefire in January this year was attributed to the Zionist regime’s bombardment and the invasion of Gaza.

U.S. involvement in the emissions was also highlighted by researchers. They found that almost 30 percent of greenhouse gases generated in the same period came from regular resupply flights carrying military equipment to Israel from American stockpiles in Europe.

Israel’s destruction of Gaza has produced an estimated 60 million tons of toxic rubble that requires clearing, producing what researchers warned would be the biggest emissions toll of the conflict.

Removing debris, rebuilding

Thousands of Palestinian Bedouins Protest Home Demolitions in Negev



Many people gather in front of the “Bedouin Settlement Authority” to protest the Israeli demolition policies against Arabs in the town of Beersheba at the Negev Desert.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Thousands of Palestinian Bedouins demonstrated in the city of Bir Saba’ in southern parts of the Israeli-occupied territories against the occupying regime’s policies of demolition and uprooting Palestinian villages in the Negev.

Protesters gathered around the Israeli Bedouin Settlement Authority in Beer-sheba (Bir Saba’) as part of a general strike organized to protest the Zionist regime’s demolition policy in the city.

Approximately 15,000 people participated in the protest making it one of the largest demonstrations witnessed in the Negev in recent years.

Demonstrators from various Arab villages and towns joined the protest expressing united popular anger and a firm rejection of the policies of demolition, uprooting, and displacement.

Demonstrators raised black flags and held banners bearing slogans opposing the racist policies targeting the Palestinian presence in the Negev.

The demonstrators also chanted slogans rejecting the demolitions carried out by the Israeli occupation authorities, represented by the Bedouin Settlement Authority, against Palestinian villages and towns, under the pretext of unlicensed construction.

In another development, illegal Zionist settlers on Friday set fire to Palestinian olive fields north of Ramallah in the central occupied West Bank, while establishing a new settlement

outpost to the east, according to local media.

The official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that illegal Israeli settlers set fire to olive groves in the Ras al-Deir area near Sinjil, with the extent of the damage being assessed.

Simultaneously, illegal Israeli settlers erected a tent approximately 500 meters from homes in al-Mughayir village, the first step toward establishing an illegal settlement outpost in the al-Qale’ area.

In related violence, Zionist troops raided al-Lubban al-Sharqiya village south of Nablus, firing live ammunition and tear gas shells that left scores of Palestinians suffering from suffocation.

According to local sources, soldiers forced shop closures and attacked civilians during the incursion.

In recent days, settler violence in the West Bank has escalated, with coordinated attacks on Palestinian vehicles, homes, and agricultural lands.

According to Palestinian figures, illegal Israeli settlers carried out 341 attacks on Palestinians and their properties in the West Bank last month.

Since the start of the Zionist regime’s onslaught on the Gaza Strip on Oct. 7, 2023, at least 970 Palestinians have been killed and more than 7,000 injured in attacks by the Israeli army and illegal settlers across the occupied West Bank, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

Israel Blocks Ramallah Meeting With Arab Ministers, Draws Condemnation

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime will not allow a planned meeting in the Palestinian administrative capital of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank, to go ahead, an official with the occupying regime said on Saturday, after media reported that Arab ministers planning to attend had been stopped from coming.

The delegation included ministers from Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, Palestinian Authority officials said. The ministers would require Israeli consent to travel to the West Bank from Jordan.

An Israeli official said the ministers intended to take part in “a provocative meeting” to discuss promoting the establishment of a Palestinian state.

A Palestinian Authority official said that the issue of whether the meeting in Ramallah would be able to go ahead was under dis-

cussion.

The move comes ahead of an international conference, co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia, due to be held in New York on June 17-20 to discuss the issue of Palestinian statehood.

The Zionist regime has come under increasing pressure from the United Nations and European countries which favor a solution to the conflict, under which an independent Palestinian state would exist.

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday that recognizing a Palestinian state was not only a “moral duty but a political necessity.”

The ministers condemned “Israel’s decision to ban the delegation’s visit to Ramallah [on Sunday] to meet with the president of the State of Palestine, Mahmud Abbas”, the Jordanian foreign ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

One Killed, Three Wounded in Israeli Strikes on Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime’s warplanes have carried out a series of strikes on former Syrian army outposts in the western provinces of Latakia and Tartus, in the latest string of attacks targeting the Arab country’s military infrastructure following the fall of Bashar al-Assad’s government.

The so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) reported that at least one civilian was killed and three others were injured early on Saturday when a string of aerial raids hit the 107th Brigade in the countryside of Jableh, near the coastal city of Latakia.

Local sources identified the site as a weapon storage facility containing surface-to-surface

and surface-to-sea missiles.

Moreover, Israeli fighter jets struck al-Shamiyah barracks on al-Qasr road in Latakia, as well as military sites in the Mina al-Bayda port area.

The Britain-based monitoring group also said a number of airstrikes targeted a military facility formerly used by special forces, as well as sites in the al-Wuhaib industrial area and the al-Balata barracks in Tartus.

There were no immediate reports available on possible casualties or the extent of damage caused.

Militant factions, led by Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham, toppled Assad’s government on December 8, 2024.

Since the collapse of Assad’s government, the Israeli military has been launching air-strikes against military installations, facilities, and arsenals belonging to Syria’s now-defunct army.

Israel has been widely condemned for the termination of the 1974 ceasefire agreement with Syria, and for exploiting the chaos in the Arab nation in the wake of Assad’s downfall to make a land grab.

The United Nations has condemned ongoing Israeli attacks inside Syrian territory and continuing violations in and around the buffer zone created as part of a 1974 ceasefire agreement with Damascus.