

Report: Zionist Regime Suffering From Acute Manpower Shortage

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – After 20 months of genocide on the Gaza Strip, the Zionist regime is suffering from an acute manpower shortage and has turned to women to replace key roles.

Prior to the regime’s assault on the besieged Gaza strip, female soldiers were largely confined to duties such as staffing checkpoints across the illegally occupied West Bank. However, the protracted military campaign has pushed women onto the frontlines in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria.

In May, the Israeli military acknowledged a shortfall exceeding 10,000 troops. The crisis is compounded by revelations that over 9,000 reserve troops involved in the Gaza genocide are now undergoing treatment for psychological trauma. Israeli media reports have highlighted the toll the war has taken on soldiers, further straining the military’s capacity to sustain



The Israeli military evacuates troops wounded in battles in Gaza.

prolonged campaign.

One in five combat troops in the Israeli military is now said to be female with women entering into more dangerous combat zones to make up for the shortage of fighters.

In response, the Israeli regime is

now also targeting ultra-Orthodox radical men for conscription.

In a related development, forty-one Israeli soldiers announced on Tuesday that they will not continue their military service, describing the ongoing genocide in Gaza as a war fought to protect Netanyahu’s

political survival rather than to secure the Zionist regime or rescue captives, Anadolu Agency reported.

The soldiers from Israel’s spy and cyber warfare units sent a signed letter to Netanyahu, war minister Israel Katz, Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, and other Cabinet members expressing their refusal, according to the Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth.

The signatories wrote under the heading “Soldiers for the Captives” that the renewed military campaign in Gaza is not a “security decision but a political one.”

They criticized the decision to expand military operations in the strip, asserting that the aim is to “preserve the ruling coalition, not protect Israeli citizens.”

The soldiers said they would not participate in “Netanyahu’s survival war.” Some pledged to make their refusal public.

Israel Holds 8 Foreign Activists From Gaza Aid Ship in Custody

GAZA (Dispatches) – Eight international activists from the Gaza-bound aid ship Madleen remain in the Zionist regime’s custody, a rights group said on Wednesday.

“The Madleen volunteers’ continued custodial detention is completely unlawful,” Israeli human rights organization and legal center Adalah said in a statement.

“The volunteers must be released immediately and safely returned, either to the Madleen to resume their humanitarian mission to Gaza or to their countries of origin.”

Zionist troops seized the Brit-

ish-flagged vessel in international waters early Monday and detained its 12-strong crew.

The ship had set sail from Sicily, Italy, on June 6, for Gaza in an attempt to break an Israeli naval blockade on the enclave, where nearly 55,000 people have been killed in a deadly onslaught since October 2023.

The Zionist regime’s authorities deported four activists on Tuesday, including Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, to their home countries, while eight others remain in detention.

Adalah said that the eight activists were accused of illegal entry into the occupied territories.

“They neither sought to enter Israel nor intended to enter Israeli territorial waters,” it added. “Their planned route was from Sicily to international waters and then directly into the internationally recognized territorial waters of the State of Palestine, into Gaza.”

It identified the activists in Israeli custody as Suayb Ordu from Turkey, Mark van Rennes from the Netherlands, Rima Hassan, Pascal Maurieras, Yanis Mhamdi, and Reva Viard from France, Thiago Avila from Brazil, and Yasemin Acar from Germany.

Adalah accused the Israeli Detention Review Tribunal of

enabling the authorities “to extend detention arbitrarily, potentially for one month, until July 8, 2025, without any further judicial oversight” by setting a follow-up custody review for the activists on July 8, “in clear violation of international law.”

Last November, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his 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.

Francesca Albanese: David Cameron Could Be Criminally Liable for Threatening ICC

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – On Monday, Middle East Eye revealed that former British Foreign Secretary David Cameron privately threatened to defund and withdraw from the International Criminal Court (ICC) if it issued arrest warrants for the Zionist regime’s officials.

Cameron, then foreign secretary in Rishi Sunak’s Conservative government, made the threat in April 2024 in a heated phone call with Karim Khan, the British chief prosecutor of the court.

Since then, 10 British MPs have commented on the revelation. Some have called for a parliamentary investigation, while others have urged the Labour government to distance itself from Cameron’s actions.

On Tuesday afternoon, Humza Yousaf, who was Scotland’s first minister when Cameron made the threat, said that it was “shameful that Lord Cameron allegedly threatened the ICC for having the audacity to do their job”.

Now, legal experts say there is a serious risk that Cameron, who sits as a Tory peer in the House of Lords, could be criminally liable.

Francesca Albanese, the prominent legal scholar and UN special rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territories, weighed in on Tuesday evening in an exclusive interview with MEE.

Albanese, an expert in international law, was careful to note that she is not conversant with all the details of the Cameron story. She caveated her comments by saying, “if this occurred and there is evidence”.

The UN rapporteur explained that if Cameron acted as MEE’s sources said he did, the former foreign secretary and prime minister has committed a “criminal offence under the Rome Statute”.

The Rome Statute criminalizes those who attempt to prevent war crimes from being prosecuted.

Article 70 awards the ICC jurisdiction

over those responsible for “impeding, intimidating or corruptly influencing an official of the Court for the purpose of forcing or persuading the official not to perform, or to perform improperly, his or her duties”.

“A threat against the ICC, direct or indirect, is an obstruction of justice,” Albanese told MEE.

“It’s an action aimed at preventing the court from carrying out an investigation. So it’s a violation of the principle of judicial independence.

“It’s incredibly serious that someone in a position of power might have had the audacity to do that.”

Albanese pointed out that “any form of intimidation, retaliation, or interference with court officials is an offense in itself”.

Significantly, she said that the “court can take action against a person who misbehaves or obstructs proceedings.”

Cameron could also face potential repercussions under British domestic law.

France Slammed for ‘Continuously’ Delivering Military Equipment to Israel



Demonstrators install a banner reading “The weapons killing in Palestine are produced here in Provence” at a gathering against a shipment of Eurolink military equipment parts set to go to Israel, in Marseille.

PARIS (Dispatches) – A new report has rebuked France of “regularly and continuously” delivering military equipment to the Zionist regime since the start of its war on Gaza.

According to the study by a coalition of NGOs released on Tuesday, deliveries have been continuous, both by sea and by air, since October 2023.

They include more than 15 million “bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles and other munitions of war” worth more than \$8mn, as well as 1,868 “parts and accessories for rocket launchers, grenades, flamethrowers, artillery, military rifles and hunting rifles” worth more than \$2mn.

The report was produced by the activist network Progressive International (PI) in cooperation with a coalition of NGOs including the Palestinian Youth Movement, the French Jewish Union for Peace, BDS France and Stop Arming Israel France.

To compile the report, the organizations say they relied on data from the Israel Tax Authority, verifying imports that corresponded to French-made military equipment.

By comparing these imports with

French exports, they found “no fewer than 14 freight flights” as well as “at least 16 shipments destined for the Israeli ports of Haifa or Ashdod.”

At a press conference to launch the report at the National Assembly in Paris, David Adler of Progressive International said that the document “reveals a very stunning hypocrisy at the heart of President Macron’s foreign policy and the sustained violation of international humanitarian law.”

Denouncing “very hollow promises about Palestinian liberation” and the positioning of France “as a champion of human rights”, he said the report confirmed “what many people in this country have long suspected to be true: that France has played and continues to play a central role in the traffic of arms to Israel not for defensive purposes but to be deployed against the people of Gaza and the occupied territories of the West Bank.”

Adler said the report also identified shipments of F-35 fighter jet components, artillery systems and machine gun ammunition, weapons that have been documented in use during the mass killing of Palestinian civilians attempting to access humanitarian aid in recent days.

Poll: 64% of Settlers Believe ‘No Innocents’ in Gaza

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – Some 64% of Zionists living in the Israeli-occupied territories believe that “there are no innocents” in Gaza, signaling a surge in extremist views in Israeli society, a new survey found on Wednesday.

The survey by the Hebrew University’s aChord Center showed that 87% of supporters of the ruling coalition see “no innocents” in the Palestinian enclave.

The poll also found that 73% of voters for opposition leader Avigdor Lieberman’s Yisrael Beiteinu Party and other right-wing, non-coalition parties have the same view.

It revealed that support among centrist voters stood at 67%, while 30% of left-wing voters agreed. In contrast, 92% of Arab citizens of the occupied territories rejected this view.

The poll also examined public attitudes toward media coverage of the Zionist regime’s war in Gaza. It found that 64% of settlers said domestic media coverage was balanced and did not require broader reporting on the humanitarian situation in the Palestinian enclave.

Among coalition voters, 89% held that view, while among opposition voters, only 44% agreed, with 56% of the latter calling for broader coverage.

Regarding specific outlets, 39% of respondents viewed Channel 14, widely seen as supportive of Zion-

ist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as providing balanced Gaza coverage, while 56% said it is biased against Gazans and 5% claimed it favors them.

According to Haaretz newspaper, Channel 14 has systematically labeled all Gaza casualties as “terrorists and, on multiple occasions, praised the killing or harming of civilians.”

On international media, 69% of respondents considered CNN and BBC biased toward Palestinians in Gaza, while 50% viewed Fox News, associated with the American right, as similarly biased, Haaretz said.

Additionally, 77% of participants said, “global public opinion about Israel is very or somewhat important,” according to the poll.

The survey was conducted in the final week of May and included a representative sample of 1,112 Israeli respondents.

Rejecting international calls for a ceasefire, the Israeli army has pursued a brutal genocidal campaign against Gaza since October 2023, killing over 55,100 Palestinians, most of them women and children.

As the Zionist regime has continued to close all Gaza’s crossings to humanitarian aid since early March, aid agencies have warned about the risk of famine among Gaza’s 2.4 million inhabitants.