

CAIRO (AP) – An oil-drilling ship capsized in the Gulf of Suez, killing at least four crewmen and leaving four others missing, authorities said Wednesday. The drilling ship overturned Tuesday evening off the city of Ras Ghareb, on the African side of the Gulf of Suez, the Red Sea’s northwestern arm and a crucial shipping route, the Petroleum Ministry said in a statement. There were 30 workers on board when the drilling ship capsized, said Amr Hanafi, governor of the Red Sea province. Rescue teams recovered four bodies and rescued two 22 others who were taken to hospitals, he said. He said ships from the Egyptian navy joined the search-and-rescue efforts which were still ongoing overnight for four missing crewmen.

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# Yemen Strikes Ben Gurion With Hypersonic Missile

SANA’A (Dispatches) – The Yemeni army says it has carried out several retaliatory operations against the Zionist regime, striking sensitive targets deep inside the occupied Palestinian territories.

The missile force of the Yemeni Armed Forces used a Palestine 2 hypersonic ballistic missile to attack the airport, the Yemeni Armed Forces said in a statement issued on Tuesday night.

The operation successfully achieved its goal, causing a large number of Israelis to flee to shelters and halting airport operations.

Yemen’s Armed Forces spokesman Brigadier General Yahya Saree said that the UAV force of the Yemeni Armed Forces also struck sensitive targets belonging to the



Israeli enemy in the areas of Yaffa, Ashkelon, and Eilat in the occupied Palestine using three drones.

He said the Yemeni army will continue its operations in support

of the oppressed Palestinian people in Gaza, noting that the people of Yemen will not abandon their duties towards Palestinians.

Saree stressed that the army’s

operations will continue until the Israeli aggression against Gaza stops and the siege of the territory is lifted.

As the genocidal war on Gaza escalated, the Yemenis enforced a strategic blockade on essential maritime routes, intending to obstruct the delivery of military supplies to Israel and urge the international community to take action regarding the ongoing humanitarian emergency in Gaza.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have declared they will not stop their assaults unless Israel ceases its ground and aerial offensives in Gaza, where more than 56,531 Palestinians have been killed and 133,642 wounded since the onset of war on October 7, 2023.

## Palestine Action ‘Shut Down’ Elbit Systems HQ, Subcontractor



Pro-Palestinian demonstrators gather in protest against Britain’s Home Secretary Yvette Cooper’s plan to proscribe the Palestine Action group, in London, UK.

LONDON (Dispatches) – Palestine Action said its activists occupied the rooftop of an Elbit Systems subcontractor as well as blockading the entrance to the arms manufacturer’s UK headquarters in Bristol.

The direct-action group said the occupation “successfully halted operations at Guardtech”, a subcontractor which it said “provides essential clean room services” to Intro Precision, a subsidiary of Elbit Systems, the Zionist regime’s largest arms manufacturer.

The group published footage on X of its activists blockading the only entrance to the company’s Bristol headquarters.

“Just a reminder we, Palestine Action, we are not the terrorists,” an activist said in the video.

“Elbit are the real terrorists”.

Palestine Action said that Intro Precision cannot operate without Guardtech’s services, which help to maintain “controlled environments” needed to produce radar kits and targeting equipment.

This includes high-precision military electro-optical sensors that help Zionist regime troops and vehicles select targets.

According to a report by De-classified and The Ditch, cargo documents confirmed that Intro Precision has been exporting the equipment to Israel during its war on Gaza.

According to the documents, the company sent military tripods, tripod support systems, radar kits and aerial reflectors to Elbit factories in Israel between November 2023 and May 2025.

Elsewhere in Bristol, other activists targeted another Elbit Systems subsidiary, Aztec West, using a van and lock-on devices to blockade the site’s only entrance and dousing it in red paint to symbolize Palestinian blood.

The actions come as Home Secretary Yvette Cooper laid a draft order for the banning of Palestine Action under counter-terror legislation before parliament. On Wednesday, parliamentarians will vote on the order for the group’s proscription.

On Tuesday, UN experts raised concerns about the “unjustified labeling of a political protest movement as ‘terrorist,’” warning the decision could have a “chilling effect” on protest and advocacy in relation to Palestine.

## Lebanese MP: Hezbollah Won’t Lay Down Arms

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – A Lebanese lawmaker from the political wing of Hezbollah says the resistance movement will not lay down arms while the Zionist regime continues its attacks on southern Lebanon.

“The Lebanese have the right to protect their country, and the state has the duty to defend the sovereignty, life, and dignity of the citizens, and not to bow to the enemy’s dictates. It is the weapon of the resistance that liberated Lebanon and protects it, and we will remain committed to it,” Ibrahim al-Moussawi, a member of Loyalty to Resistance parliamentary bloc, stated on Tuesday night.

The Lebanese lawmaker added that the occupying Israeli regime, which claims invincibility, has been defeated in all formative stages against Lebanese people and resistance fighters since 1982.

He added it was Hezbollah that created the deterrence equation and liberated the Lebanese territories, noting that the resistance movement has always protected Lebanon and given it pride and dignity.

The Lebanese legislator also stated that the Zionist regime has been in a state of fear following the creation of the deterrence equation by Hezbollah.

Moussawi finally denounced at-

tempts to “brainwash” and “present normalization with Israel as a path to peace,” stressing that the agreements signed between the countries and the Tel Aviv regime “have brought neither prosperity nor security, but more humiliation.”

Since the start of the November 27 ceasefire between Tel Aviv and the Lebanese group Hezbollah, Israeli occupation forces have been launching assaults on Lebanon, including airstrikes throughout the Arab nation, breaching the agreement.

On January 27, 2025, Lebanon announced its decision to extend the ceasefire with Israel until February 18.

Although the deadline of February 18 has passed, Israel continues to maintain its occupation of five significant regions in southern Lebanon, namely Labbounch, Mount Blat, Owayda Hill, Aaziyeh, and Hammamis Hill, all situated near the border.

Lebanon has condemned the continued presence of Israeli military forces, viewing it as a violation of the ceasefire agreement and the established timeline for withdrawal. Senior officials in Beirut have expressed their commitment to take “all necessary measures” to remove the occupying troops from the nation.

## Amid Push for ‘Accelerated’ West Bank Occupation Zionist Settlers Establish New Outpost Near Ariha

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Illegal Zionist settlers have established a new outpost northwest of Ariha in the eastern West Bank, the fifth in the same area, according to a Palestinian rights group, Anadolu reports.

Illegal settlers erected tents, brought in excavation and leveling equipment, and began fencing off the site in the Muarrajat area in recent days, the al-Baydar Organization for the Defense of Bedouin Rights said in a statement.

The organization described the outpost as “one of the most dangerous recent developments” in illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank, warning that it is part of a long-term plan to Judaize open grazing lands and

put pressure on long-established Bedouin communities.

“This isn’t just about claiming a plot of land—it’s a calculated political project disguised as a pastoral outpost,” the group said.

The new outpost marks the fifth such site along the Muarrajat road, a vital corridor linking northern and southern parts of the West Bank and separating Ariha from the central region, the statement added.

According to the statement, these outposts often begin as simple encampments but quickly evolve into fortified sites and eventually full settlements.

“Settlers operate as unofficial arms of the Israeli regime,” the group said, “backed by weapons, public

funding, and a permissive legal framework, while impoverished Bedouin communities are choked by restrictions.”

Zionist minister of judiciary affairs Yariv Levin called on his regime on Wednesday to accelerate the annexation of the occupied West Bank.

“I think that this period, beyond the current issues, is a time of historic opportunity that we must not miss,” Levin said during his meeting with the head of a settler council, as cited by The Times of Israel news outlet.

The minister claimed that the West Bank annexation is essential for Israel’s security, calling the occupied territory “not just the heart of the land but also the safety belt for the State of Israel.”

As of the end of 2024, approximately 770,000 illegal settlers lived in the West Bank, across 180 settlements and 256 outposts—including 138 classified as agricultural or pastoral, according to Palestinian reports.

Since the start of Israel’s assault on Gaza in October 2023, at least 986 Palestinians have been killed and more than 7,000 injured in the West Bank by Zionist troops and illegal settlers, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) last July declared the Zionist regime’s occupation of Palestinian territory illegal and called for the evacuation of all settlements in the West Bank and East Al-Quds.

## Srebrenica Survivors Draw Parallels With Gaza 30 Years After Massacre

GAZA (Dispatches) – Ahmed Hrustanovic is a 39-year-old imam from Srebrenica, a town in Bosnia Herzegovina that became notorious after at least 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were summarily executed by Serb forces in July 1995.

He was nine at the time, and living in an accommodation center for displaced people near the city of Tuzla, having been deported from Srebrenica in 1993 with his mother and sister.

But the vast majority of Ahmed’s family, including his father, remained in Srebrenica.

He recalls the fear everyone felt for their loved ones upon hearing the news that Srebrenica had fallen to Serb forces.

“It was clear to us all what was about to happen to our loved ones,” he said, speaking to Middle East Eye at the mosque in the center of the town where he works.

Thirty years on from the killings, widely

branded a genocide, Hrustanovic sees parallels in Israel’s attack on Gaza - also widely assessed by genocide scholars to be a genocide.

“We were in that situation where they [Serb and Croat forces] were attacking from all sides, and they wouldn’t let us defend ourselves,” he said, referring to the international community.

“Unfortunately, we’re witnesses that the international community does not exist the way we’re used to - that it would stand on the side of justice, democracy. Democracy no longer exists in the world; you can see that it’s only the law of the strongest that counts,” he told MEE.

Fadila Efendic, the 84-year-old president of the Mothers of Srebrenica association, always thought that what took place at Srebrenica would be the last of its kind.

“But politics are terrible,” she told Middle East Eye from her house in Potocari, the village in Srebrenica that now hosts a memorial center

for the killings.

“The interests of great powers are paid for by small people with their lives. [The great powers] want to rule the world.”

Just as the international community did not react in Bosnia, they’re also not responding to the genocide in Gaza, she said.

“They work against [ordinary] people just for the interests of [annexing] territory - killing people and expelling them. It won’t end well,” she said.

Efendic recalled the heavy shooting and shelling from all sides by Serb forces on 11 July 1995; it was difficult just to reach the UN base in Potocari alive and seek refuge. People were panicking and no one knew what to do.

“It was the so-called ‘protected zone’, but every day they were shelling. What did [the UN] protect? They only protected Serbs. They handed us over to them to be killed,” she said.