WEST BANK (Dispatches) - Two journalists from the German state broadcaster Deutsche Welle (DW) were attacked by Zionist settlers while reporting in the occupied West Bank, the outlet said on Saturday. The correspondent and cameraman came under assault in the Palestinian village of Sinjil, north of Ramallah. They were covering a planned protest against mounting settler violence when a group of settlers hurled stones at them and chased them from the scene. The DW crew managed to escape without physical injury, but the camera man's vehicle was severely damaged. According to DW, other international journalists pres ent during the attack were also forced to flee after coming under a barrage of stones. DW lirector Peter Limbourg condemned the assault, calling for immediate accountability

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# Hezbollah Chief: Humiliation. **Surrender Not an Option**

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Hezbollah Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem has declared that the Lebanese people will never accept humiliation or surrender in the face of the Israeli enemy, and that their path remains a Husseini one rooted in dignity, defiance, and sacrifice.

Sheikh Qassem made the remarks on Sunday as the U.S. and the Zionist regime mount pressure on Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah before a potential normalization deal between Beirut and Tel Aviv.

During a speech commemorating Ashura, the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein (AS), the third Shia Imam, Sheikh Qassem said that Hezbollah rejects normalization with the occupying regime as an act of humiliation and disgrace.

"Threats will not make us surrender, and it is unacceptable to ask us to soften our positions or abandon our weapons while the aggression continues," he added. He also noted that Hezbollah was



Hezbollah supporters listen to a video speech by Naim Qassem during a ceremony near Beirut to mark Ashura, July 6, 2025.

astonished by calls to hand over its rockets, which are the foundation of its defensive capability.

"Were it not for the resistance,... Israel would have overrun Lebanese towns and villages," the Hezbollah chief said.

He further referred to last year's ceasefire agreement between Hezbollah and Israel, saying the regime has violated the truce thousands of times.

Israel, he emphasized, must implement the agreement, which means withdrawing from Lebanon, halting its aggression and overflights, and releasing prison-

Israel launched its aggression against Lebanon in October 2023

in response to Hezbollah's determined pro-Palestinian strikes against the occupied territories.

It, however, agreed to the truce deal after failing to either stop the resistance operations or cripple Hezbollah as it had sought.

Additionally in his remarks, Sheikh Qassem expressed Hezbollah's readiness for peace and state-building, along with confrontation and defense, saying, "We will not relinquish our rights, no matter the sacrifices."

He also hailed Yemen's operations against the Tel Aviv regime, saying Sana'a has managed to humiliate both the U.S. and the Zionist regime.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Qassem praised the Iranian people for standing firm in the face of Israeli-U.S. aggression during last month's assault on the country.

He further said that Palestine will remain for its people and that Hezbollah will continue to stand by the oppressed nation.

### Ben Gurion Airport Shut After Yemeni Missile Attack

Monday, July 7, 2025, Tir 16, 1404, Muharram 11, 1447



Yemeni volunteer fighters raising the Palestinian flag and vowing to fight against the Israeli regime in this file photo.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) -Israeli aviation authorities have suspended all arrival and departure flights at Ben Gurion International Airport and stated the facility will remain closed "until further notice," after Yemeni Armed Forces conducted a missile attack in reprisal for the Tel Aviv regime's ongoing genocidal war against Palestinians in Gaza.

The pan-Arab media outlets reported that the Israeli-occupied territories were effectively cut off from international air travel early on Sunday, as air raid sirens sounded across multiple locations in the Dead Sea area following the launch of the ballistic

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The Israeli military later claimed in a brief statement that its anti-air missile systems were working to shoot down the projectile.

The development came less than a week after the Yemeni army claimed responsibility for launching a ballistic missile targeting Ben Gurion airport.

In a televised statement broadcast by al-Masirah TV on July 1, the Ye-

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meni military spokesperson Brigadier General Yahya Saree said they had "carried out a special military operation targeting Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv using a hypersonic ballistic missile of the Palestine-2 type."

He added that the missile strike "successfully achieved its goal" by forcing "millions of settlers into shelters and disrupting airport opera-

Saree also said that a wave of oneway unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) attacks targeted "three sensitive sites' in Eilat, Tel Aviv, and Ashkelon.

As the genocidal war on Gaza intensified, the Yemenis implemented a strategic blockade on vital maritime routes, aiming to hinder the transportation of military supplies to Israel and to prompt the international community to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have announced that they will continue their attacks until Israel halts its ground and aerial offensives in Gaza, where over 57,300 Palestinians have lost their lives since the war began on October 7, 2023.

### Iraqi Gov't Rejects Kurdish Region's Allegations Against Popular Forces

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -The Iraqi government has hit back at the Interior Ministry of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) for leveling baseless allegations against the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), denouncing them as unacceptable under any pretext.

Iraqi army spokesperson Sabah al-Naaman in a statement called the case particularly special, stating that KRG officials have yet to present evidence to the Baghdad government for

It came after the Interior Min-

istry of the KRG claimed in a statement that an unmanned aerial vehicle had crashed in an unpopulated area near Erbil on Thursday night.

It accused certain groups affiliated with the PMU, also known as Hashd al-Sha'abi, of conducting such attacks "with the intent of inciting chaos."

Naaman emphasized that the Iraqi federal government and its security institutions have repeatedly affirmed their unwavering commitment to the protection of all walks of the Iraqi society as well as national security.

Baghdad will not hesitate to take strict legal action against any entity attempting to disrupt stability or endanger security across Iraq, Naaman pointed

The Iraqi army spokesperson urged cooperation and coordination through official channels, rather than resorting to reports and narratives that could harm the Arab nation's institutions.

He warned that such actions "provide an opportunity for malicious actor" to undermine Iraq's security apparatus, and

offer hostile parties pretexts to destabilize the country.

Hashd al-Sh'abai fighters played a major role in the liberation of Daesh-held areas in the country.

In November 2016, the Iraqi parliament approved a law giving full legal status to the PMU fighters. It recognized the PMU as part of the national armed forces, placed the forces under the command of the prime minister, and granted them the right to receive salaries and pensions like the regular army and police

### **UK Restores Ties With Syria's Ex-Qaeda Rulers Despite Massacres**

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -Britain has officially restored full diplomatic relations with Syria, more than ten years after severing ties amid a Western-backed conflict aimed at destabilizing the Arab na-

British Foreign Secretary David Lammy met with Syria's de facto leader Abu Muhammad al-Jolani in Damascus Saturday, marking a significant but controversial shift in UK policy.

The decision comes despite extensive evidence of war crimes and brutal repression under the current Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) regime, particularly against minority communities such as the Alawites, who have suffered targeted vio-

Last week, Reuters said its investigation had found that fighting units associated with HTS played a key role in the mass killing of Alawite civilians on the Syrian coast last March.

The British news outlet stated that between 7 and 10 March, "1,479 Syrian Alawites were killed and dozens were missing from 40

distinct sites of revenge killings, rampages and looting.

The investigation found that armed units associated with HTS, the former al-Qaeda affiliate led by Jolani, participated in the killings in at least 10 sites, where nearly 900 people were killed.

During an interview with Al Jazeera in 2015, Jolani vowed to kill any Alawites who refused to convert.

London originally cut diplomatic ties in 2011 following the Syrian government's efforts to maintain law and order amid terrorist uprisings fueled and armed by Western powers. The UK also imposed sanctions and took part in military actions targeting Syrian forces.

Following the ouster of Bashar al-Assad in December 2024 by a foreign-backed offensive led by Jolani, Britain has begun easing sanctions and re-engaging diplomatically.

Secretary Lammy Foreign framed Britain's renewed ties as a way to support Syria's sovereignty, reduce illegal migration caused by Western-led chaos, combat terrorism, and ensure the destruction of leftover chemical weapons.

Yet critics warn that Britain's reengagement risks legitimizing a regime with a history of links to the most brutal terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda and Daesh.

Despite the concerns, Britain has pledged over \$129 million in aid to assist the current regime in rebuilding the war-torn country.

Critics of Britain's policy shift say the pledge ignores the broader context of Western aggression and the role of foreign-backed terrorist groups that wrought devastation across Syria.

Britain's move follows similar steps by the United States, which is lifting sanctions and preparing to remove Syria and its turncoat leaders from its list of state sponsors of terrorism.

Based on Western media reports, the U.S. government's conditions to lift sanctions against Syria include normalizing relations with Israel through signing the Abraham Accords and expelling Palestinian resistance factions from the coun-

### Genocide in Gaza, Says Amnesty LONDON (Dispatches) -Amnesty International has con-

demned the Zionist regime for deliberately using starvation as a weapon for war in Gaza, with the controversial Israel-U.S. backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) serving as a tool to deepen the humanitarian catastrophe and sustain the ongoing

In a report, the UK-based rights organization said the Zionist regime is systematically inflicting starvation and disease on Palestinians by manipulating humanitarian relief efforts.

The GHF, an organization imposed on Gaza by Washington and Tel Aviv, has not only been used to sidestep the United Nations but has also, according to Amnesty, played a central role in militarizing aid.

"Israel's genocide has continued unabated in Gaza, including through the infliction of conditions of life that have created a deadly mix of hunger and disease pushing the population past breaking point," said Amnesty's secretary general, Agnes Callamard.

The report compiled from "heartbreaking testimonies" from medical staff, parents of malnourished children, and displaced Palestinians paint a harrowing picture of extreme "starvation and desperation".

Their accounts provide further evidence of the catastrophic suffering caused by the Zionist regime's restrictions on lifesaving aid, its militarized aid scheme, forced displacement, relentless bombardment, and destruction of essential infrastructure.

"This devastating daily loss of life as desperate Palestinians try to collect aid is the consequence of their deliberate targeting by Israeli forces and

the foreseeable consequence of irresponsible and lethal methods of distribution," said Cal-

lamard. Zionist troops have admitted to deliberately shooting and killing unarmed Palestinians waiting for aid in the Gaza Strip, following direct orders from their superiors.

According to soldiers and officers who spoke to the Israeli daily Haaretz, commanders instructed them to open fire on people seeking food at aid distribution points despite knowing they posed no threat.

One soldier described the distribution centers as a "killing field". More than 600 people have been killed at or near these sites in the past month alone, according to the Palestinian health ministry. Witnesses and medics say Zionist troops routinely open fire on crowds trying to reach food.