

Report: Israel Faces Internal Rift Over Financing Gaza War

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime is facing an internal dispute over funding for its ongoing military aggressions against the Gaza Strip, as the war ministry seeks billions of shekels to replenish munitions and support the extended deployment of reserve forces.

According to the Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth, the war ministry and Zionist troops are at odds with the Finance Ministry over the allocation of funds essential for replenishing munitions and equipment.



“The war ministry is asking for an addition of 60 billion shekels to its budget to pay for the war against Iran and the latest aggression on Gaza, both military operations that were not included in the 2025 budget bill,” reported the newspaper.

Finance Ministry officials are resisting this request, citing concerns over increased costs associated with the mobilization of reserve troops and the overall military budget.

Senior military officials expressed frustration, saying the Finance Min-

istry has withheld funds previously approved by a joint commission, hampering the army’s ability to procure urgent equipment, including Arrow missile interceptors and armored vehicles for troops operating in Gaza.

“What can you do when the military needs the reserve force more than originally planned?” Israeli officials said, highlighting that the ground invasion in Gaza was not anticipated in the original budget and necessitated the extended use

of reserve soldiers and additional resources from the Home Front Command.

The Finance Ministry maintains that the increased sales by the Zionist regime’s military industries should offset the funding shortages. Ministry officials have also criticized the military for what they perceive as unnecessary expenditures, particularly concerning the deployment of reserve forces.

Military officials are now urging prime minister Benjamin Ne-

tanyahu to intervene and resolve the financial impasse to ensure the military can effectively continue its aggression.

The Zionist regime unleashed a war against Iran in mid-June, assassinating top-ranking military commanders, scientists, and dozens of civilians, including women and children.

The Zionist regime’s unprovoked aggression against Tehran and several other cities across the country, prompted a crushing and decisive response by the Iranian Armed Forces targeting strategic sites in Tel Aviv, Haifa and other parts of the occupied territories.

Iran’s Armed Forces launched a massive and unprecedented retaliation, firing hundreds of ballistic missiles and drones - in 22 waves - that overpowered Israeli air defenses and hit vital military, intelligence, industrial, energy, and research facilities throughout the occupied Palestinian territories.

Jordan Refuses to Play Zionist Regime Over Gaza War, Forfeits Match

AMMAN (Dispatches) – **Jordan refused to play the Zionist regime at the FIBA Under-19 Basketball World Cup in Switzerland on Sunday in protest at the Gaza war, Jordanian media reported, and the international basketball federation said the game would be forfeited in favor of the occupying regime.**

The official Jordan News Agency said the local basketball federation “sent an official request to the International Federation (FIBA) not to play the match in line with its principles and steadfast positions in such circumstances.”

The Jordanian federation did not reveal any further details, but

Jordanian newspaper Ad-Dustour said the decision was due to the war on Gaza.

At least 56,412 Palestinians have been killed, mostly women and children, and another 133,054 individuals injured in the brutal Israeli onslaught on Gaza since October 7, 2023.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants last November for Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former war minister Yoav Gallant, citing war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The occupying regime also faces a genocide case at the International

Court of Justice for its war on the besieged coastal territory.

The Palestine Olympic Committee (POC) says Israeli troops have killed at least 13 Palestinian athletes and coaches this month.

The committee announced in a statement on Saturday that the total number of Palestinians from the sports community killed since the onset of Israel’s bloody onslaught against Gaza in early October 2023 now stands at around 615.

The POC said amongst the 13 athletes killed this month were eight football players and staff, two volleyball players, one hand-

ball player, a karate practitioner, and one Muay Thai fighter.

The fallen football stars include Mohamed Abdel Moneim Al-Jaabari, Emad Yousef Al-Samhour, Mohamed Mahmoud Yassin, Mostafa Mayt, Abdullah Mazen Hawila, Ayman Jumaa al-Hamas, and Youssef Ayman Al-Najjar.

The volleyball players killed were identified as Abdel Karim Al-Nanman and Ahmed Mohamed Al-Mufti; the karate athlete was Ayman Totah; the Muay Thai fighter was Ammar Hamayel; and the handball player was Mohamed Hussein Al-Nashar

Zionist Settlers Hold Wedding Ceremony Inside Al-Aqsa Under Police Protection

AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – **The Zionist regime’s authorities permitted a wedding engagement ceremony for Zionist settlers within the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the occupied Old City of East Al-Quds on Monday.**

The Palestinian Authority’s Jerusalem Governorate deemed the move “provocative and humiliating,” describing it as a transformation of the Al-Aqsa Mosque into what resembles a public hall for celebrations by extremist settlers.

“(This is) a flagrant violation of the sanctity of the mosque, a serious provocation of the feelings of Muslims, and a deliberate attempt to impose a new reality that erases the Islamic identity of the site and paves the way for its division temporally and spatially,” the Jerusalem Governorate said.

On Monday, settlers, accompanied by Israeli police, toured the Al-Aqsa compound. Police prevented Palestinians from approach-

ing the settlers to disrupt the ceremony, according to the Wafa news agency.

The Al-Quds Governorate said that Israeli policies aim to impose sovereignty on Al-Aqsa Mosque, stressing that these repeated provocations contradict international law and the 2016 UNESCO resolution, which recognized Al-Aqsa Mosque as an Islamic heritage site and called for its preservation.

Since 1967, the Al-Quds Endow-

ments Council, which operates under Jordan’s Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs, has been the legal authority responsible for managing and regulating the affairs of Al-Aqsa.

However, this status quo has been challenged in recent years by extremist settlers who regularly tour the site under the protection of Israeli police and are often accompanied by government officials and far-right ministers and activists.

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Saar claimed that the Zionist regime has agreed to a U.S.-proposed 60-day ceasefire and hostage deal, and put the onus on Hamas.

Austrian Foreign Minister Beate Meinl-Reisinger, speaking in Occupied Al-Quds alongside her Israeli counterpart, said the humanitarian situation in Gaza was “unbearable.”

“The suffering of civilians is increasingly burdening Israel’s relations with Europe. A ceasefire must be agreed upon,” she said, calling for the unconditional release of captives by Hamas and for Israel to allow the uninterrupted flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Israel’s military onslaught has killed more than 56,000 Palestinians, most of them civilians, according to the Gaza health ministry, displaced almost the whole 2.3 million population and plunged the enclave into a humanitarian crisis.

More than 80% of the territory is now an Israeli-militarized zone or under displacement orders, according to the UN.

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Any denial of this or any support for such acts by Muslims or Islamic governments is forbidden, he added.

“All Muslims around the world must make these enemies regret their words and mistakes, and if they suffer hardship or loss, they will have the reward of a fighter in the path of Allah, God willing,” he stated.

“May Allah protect the Islamic community from the evil of the enemies,” he said.

Ayatollah Noori-Hamedani said that insulting the position of the Shia authority and the person of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei is considered an insult to the very principles of Islam.

“Today, His Eminence is leading the Islamic Ummah with all his strength and courage. There is no doubt that supporting him is obligatory, and weakening him is forbidden, especially in these circumstances when all the enemies of Islam, the Quran, and the Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them) have united,” he stated.

“Any attack or threat against him and the Shia authority, whether by an individual or a state, is regarded as an act of enmity. Anyone who assists in this crime is considered equally responsible,” he said.

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these measures have been carried out without any justification or excuse,” Baghaei said.

He emphasized that the Zionist regime imposed a war on Iran’s entirety and identity as well as every Iranian individual.

This is the reason that Iranians stood united with complete cohesion in the face of the Israeli regime’s acts of aggression and would continue to resist any new adventurism, Baghaei said.

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As the Iranian armed forces pounded Israel and its military and industrial infrastructure, using many new-generation missiles that precisely hit the designated targets, the embattled regime was forced to unilaterally cease its aggression against Iran on June 24.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Larijani said the U.S. engaged in five rounds of indirect talks with Iran prior to the aggression solely to mislead Iran, while Israel carried out the strikes in complete coordination with Washington.

“The U.S. used talks as a capacity for deception and military aggression,” he noted.

The Israeli regime launched its aggression on Iran just two days before the sixth round of indirect talks, which were scheduled to take place in Muscat.

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the convening of an emergency session of the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in order to examine and condemn such inhumane attacks.

Araghchi also paid tribute to the fortitude, perseverance, solidarity, unity, and resilience of the proud Iranian nation in confronting the recent aggression by the Zionist regime and the United States.

Turkish Intelligence Chief Meets Hamas Delegation, Discusses Ceasefire

ANKARA (Dispatches) – **The Turkish intelligence chief has met with a Hamas delegation to discuss the steps to be taken for a ceasefire and the delivery of aid in Gaza, security sources said, Anadolu reports.**

According to the sources, National Intelligence Organization head Ibrahim Kalin met the delegation, led by Muhammad Darwish, the head of the leadership council of the Palestinian resistance group Hamas.

The humanitarian tragedy in Gaza was the first item of discussion during the meeting, they added.

The meeting also addressed Turkey’s efforts with the international community to end the humanitarian tragedy and destruction in

Gaza and ensure the immediate passage of aid.

Reaching a consensus between Palestinian groups during this critical period was also discussed.

During the meeting, Kalin emphasized that Turkey stands by the Palestinian people.

A senior Hamas official said on Sunday, ceasefire talks with the Zionist regime remain at a standstill due to the occupation’s insistence on continuing its war on Gaza.

Mahmoud Mardawi, a leading member of Hamas, stated that the Zionist regime’s prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, continues to reject any halt to a “criminal war” targeting innocent civilians in Gaza.

He stressed that ending the aggression and allowing humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip are two non-negotiable conditions.

Mardawi added that the Zionist regime is trying to impose conditions that undermine the sovereignty of the Palestinian people and the resistance’s weapons – conditions which Hamas firmly rejects.

He clarified that the resistance’s arms are directly linked to ending the occupation and are not open for negotiation.

Mardawi concluded by reaffirming Hamas’s national stance, which prioritizes the protection of the Palestinian people, ending the war, and opening safe corridors for the delivery of humanitarian assistance.