

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) -- Israeli settlers have established a new illegal outpost near Kisan village, east of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, local sources told Wafa news agency. Ahmed Ghazal, Fatah secretary in Kisan, reported that settlers set up tents on the remains of homes belonging to 15 forcibly displaced Palestinian families. Two weeks earlier, settlers confiscated aluminum sheets used for roofing and solar panels and burned the belongings of these displaced families.

Daily prayers are the best medium through which one can seek the nearness to Allah. Hajj is Jihad for every weak person. For everything that you own there is Zakat, and Zakat of your body is fasting. The Jihad of a woman is to afford pleasant company to her husband.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Yemen Strikes Ben Gurion Airport With Hypersonic Missile

SANA'A (Dispatches) -- Yemen's Armed Forces have targeted Israel's key Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv with a hypersonic ballistic missile, underscoring their ongoing support for Palestinians enduring nearly 22 months of Israeli military aggression in Gaza.

The missile, dubbed "Palestine-2," successfully disrupted operations at the airport, forcing over four million settlers to seek shelter and bringing the facility to a standstill, according to a statement released by Yemeni military officials.

The strike forms part of a broader aerial blockade that Yemeni forces have maintained against Israel since May, aiming to pressure the Zionist regime to end its genocidal campaign in Gaza and lift the siege imposed on the Palestinian enclave.



Israeli security forces inspect the site where a projectile fired by Yemen's forces landed, near Ben Gurion Airport on May 4, 2025.

Yemeni forces have repeatedly launched missile attacks against strategic Israeli targets, including Ben Gurion airport, as part of their pro-Palestinian operations initiated shortly after the outbreak of Israel's October 7, 2023 offensive.

The sustained campaign has led to disruptions in international air travel to Israel, with Italy's and India's national airlines extending their suspension of flights to Ben Gurion until late September and October, respectively.

Israeli military correspon-

dent Doron Kadosh reported that Yemeni forces have launched at least 15 missiles toward occupied Palestinian territories in the past month alone—averaging roughly one missile every two days. Since March, Yemen has reportedly fired approximately 67 ballistic missiles and deployed 18 armed drones targeting Israeli sites.

In their statement, Yemeni forces highlighted their ongoing surveillance of Israeli plans aimed at halting Yemen's support for Palestine, including recent Israeli attacks on Yemeni infrastructure.

Despite these hostile actions, the Yemeni military affirmed its vigilance and readiness to counter any aggression, declaring that all enemy plots and conspiracies have failed against their resolve.

South Africans Demand Severing of Ties With Israel Over Gaza Genocide

JOHANNESBURG (Dispatches) -- South African authorities are facing intensifying public pressure to sever all remaining ties with the Israeli regime and expel its diplomats, amid growing outrage over what activists have called a campaign of genocide by starvation in the Gaza Strip.

More than 200,000 Palestinians have been killed or wounded during nearly two years of relentless Israeli aggression, with the entire population of Gaza now facing imminent famine under a near-total blockade.

Activists and civil society groups across South Africa have renewed calls for stronger action, accusing President Cyril Ramaphosa's government of ignoring Parliament's 2023 reso-

lution to cut diplomatic ties with Israel. While South Africa has not had an ambassador in Tel Aviv since 2018, it has not yet taken formal steps to fully disengage from the Israeli regime.

"South Africa can't be having normal relations with an abnormal, genocidal regime," said author and activist Zukiswa Wanner.

She said that many South Africans had hoped Pretoria's move to bring a genocide case against Israel to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) would help end the violence.

"Almost two years later, Israel has not relented, and we continue seeing horror inflicted on the Palestinian people with full Western backing," she said.

A new petition by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), demanding the closure of the Israeli embassy, has already gained thousands of signatures. "If South Africa has determined that genocide is being committed, how can we continue to maintain diplomatic and economic ties with the perpetrators?" the petition asks.

Meanwhile, grassroots campaigns like "Block the Boat - Durban" have mobilized hundreds of South Africans in protest against potential military-linked shipments bound for Israel.

Activists flagged a vessel traveling via Durban from Chennai, India, believed to be carrying "dangerous goods." While po-

lice inspections found no human rights violations, campaigners praised the swift response and vowed to continue monitoring ports.

Lubna Nadvi of the KwaZulu-Natal Palestine Solidarity Forum emphasized the broader importance of such actions. "We will continue our port watch, because our communities refuse to be complicit in genocide," she said, noting that further protests are planned at Richards Bay Port.

Despite Israel's efforts to suppress international accountability, South African activists remain committed to ensuring their government acts decisively against what many now openly call a genocidal regime.

Trump Imposes Crushing Tariffs in Latest Humiliation of Arab Allies

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- U.S. President Donald Trump has announced sweeping new tariffs, imposing steep trade barriers on six Arab countries—Syria, Iraq, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, and Jordan—as part of his so-called effort to "re-balance trade."

According to the White House executive order, Syria faces the harshest rate at 41%, followed by Iraq (35%), Libya and Algeria (30%), Tunisia (25%), and Jordan (15%). These punitive tariffs come amid a broader list that includes other nations, ranging from Brazil at 50% to Switzerland at 39%, with a baseline tariff of 10% on countries not explicitly mentioned.

Trump proudly defended the move on his Truth Social platform, boasting, "Tariffs are making America GREAT & RICH Again," while an NBC interview saw him insist the du-

ties would remain firmly in place, declaring the process was going "very well, very smoothly."

Yet, behind this self-congratulatory rhetoric lies a glaring display of humiliating power dynamics—one in which Arab regimes, already weakened by corruption and internal instability, appear powerless in the face of blatant economic coercion from Washington.

The condescending treatment of these Arab states exposes their governments' profound weakness and failure to assert meaningful sovereignty or protect their people's economic interests.

Instead of standing united or demanding respect on the international stage, many of these regimes continue to acquiesce, accepting the humiliating tariffs with little resistance—further exposing their subservience to US geopolitical whims.

These tariffs are far from a mere "trade re-balancing" tool; they constitute a blunt instrument of economic pressure aimed at reinforcing Washington's dominance.

The measures, set to take effect on August 7, threaten to exacerbate already fragile economies in the Middle East, which struggle with high unemployment, inflation, and weak growth.

Analysts warn that these tariffs risk disrupting critical supply chains and deepening inflationary pressures, inflicting real hardship on ordinary citizens whose governments lack the resolve or capacity to push back effectively.

Trump's tariff onslaught reveals not only his administration's reckless disregard for global economic stability but also the stark reality of Arab regimes' continued failure to defend their sovereignty and dignity in the face of humiliating U.S. economic aggression.

Finland, France, UK, Canada Move Toward Palestinian Recognition

HELSINKI (Dispatches) -- Finland's President Alexander Stubb has expressed his readiness to recognize a Palestinian state if the government formally submits a proposal, signaling a growing international shift challenging Israel's ongoing aggression.

Stubb pointed to recent recognition decisions by France, the United Kingdom, and Canada as part of a broader momentum to revive the stalled peace process. He emphasized that Finland's recognition would carry greater weight if coordinated internationally, aiming to advance a genuine two-state solution.

Stubb strongly condemned Israel's atrocities in Gaza, denouncing the collective punishment and immense suffering inflicted on Palestinian civilians as "unacceptable." His stance reflects mounting international frustration with Israel's relentless campaign of violence and illegal annexation efforts in the occupied West Bank.

German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul underscored this growing diplomatic isolation during a visit to the occupied territories, warning that Israel's unilateral actions risk severing ties with key European allies.

While Wadephul stated that recognition of Palestine should come after negotiations, he stressed that the peace process must begin immediately given Israel's escalating provocations.

In response, Israel's far-right ministers, including Itamar Ben-Gvir, launched inflammatory accusations against Germany, crudely accusing Berlin of "supporting Nazism," highlighting the toxic

and dangerous nature of the current Israeli leadership.

Meanwhile, over 70 Israeli lawmakers, including those in prime minister Netanyahu's coalition, support a resolution to impose sovereignty over the occupied West Bank, entrenching illegal annexation and further undermining prospects for peace.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas welcomed Portugal's decision to initiate recognition of Palestine, urging other nations to take similarly courageous steps.

Amid this international wave of pressure, more than twenty former Belgian diplomats and ambassadors have publicly called on their federal government to take stronger action against Israel in an open letter published in De Standaard.

The diplomats criticized Belgium's apparent loss of its moral course regarding Gaza and Israel and urged measures ranging from summoning the Israeli ambassador regularly to imposing sanctions on settlers and recognizing the Palestinian state.

Political experts say this rare public intervention by former diplomats signals deep frustration. Professor Dave Sinardet of VUB called the letter a "remarkable signal," while Sven Biscop of the Egmont Institute noted it was "remarkably significant" to see so many former senior diplomats speak out.

Sinardet compared the letter's impact to King Philippe's exceptional speech condemning the Gaza crisis as "a disgrace to humanity," underscoring growing calls for a firmer international stance against Israel's policies.

Mass Protests Hit Sweida Against HTS Brutality, Israeli Interference

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- Mass protests have erupted across Syria, particularly in the southwestern province of Sweida, condemning the brutal massacres of Alawite civilians in the country's coastal region and denouncing Israel's ongoing interference in Syria's sovereign affairs.

Hundreds of Syrians, including women and children, gathered in Sweida's main square demanding the immediate withdrawal of Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) militants from their villages following recent sectarian violence orchestrated by these extremist groups.

The demonstrators also called for the opening of a vital humanitarian corridor from neighboring Jordan to alleviate the suffering caused by HTS's imposed blockade on Sweida province.

Protesters vocally rejected the illegitimate HTS regime's attempts to cover up its crimes through so-called local investigations, insisting that "the aggressor cannot investigate its own crimes" and demanding an impartial international inquiry into the massacres and human rights violations.

Similar protests in Dara'a and the

Damascus countryside expressed Syria's steadfast national unity and fierce rejection of all foreign military and political intervention aimed at destabilizing the country.

The rallies condemned the propaganda and disinformation spread by HTS and their foreign backers, demanding transparency on the fate of hundreds of missing residents.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), HTS militants executed a ruthless campaign in March that resulted in the killing of over 1,600 Alawite civilians in coordinated massacres marked by looting and the burning of homes, an act of sectarian terror designed to break Syria's social fabric.

Amid this chaos, the Zionist regime has exploited Syria's challenges to launch repeated airstrikes against Syrian military installations, violating the 1974 ceasefire agreement and further destabilizing the region.

Israel's aggressive land grab and ongoing violations of Syrian sovereignty have been condemned by the United Nations, which has called for respect of international law and Syria's territorial integrity.