

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) -- Israeli officials have signaled that full-scale military onslaught in Gaza could resume within two months, possibly before October's elections, according to Channel 12.

The terrorist regime expects the U.S.-led "Board of Peace" to determine that Hamas violated the ceasefire by refusing to disarm—potentially justifying renewed attacks on the 30 percent of Gaza not directly occupied by Israeli troops. The U.S.-backed ceasefire, reached in October 2025, required Israel to partially withdraw, end attacks, and allow humanitarian aid, the Zionist regime is exploiting the agreement to continue its assault.

The world is like a snake whose touch is soft and its poison is fatal.

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Damascus Bombings Strike Near

Macron Visit as West Embraces Jolani

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- A series of explosions rocked central Damascus on Tuesday, injuring at least 18 people, including four police officers.

The blasts occurred near the Four Seasons hotel, approximately 125 meters from where French President Emmanuel Macron was meeting with civil society groups.

Both devices detonated while security forces attempted to defuse them. Macron, en route to meet Syria's interim president, was unharmed.

The visit marked Macron as the first EU leader to officially engage Syria's new de facto leader Abu Mohammad al-Jolani. This signals a significant shift in Western policy, as Jolani's takfiri history is well-documented.

He served as a deputy to Al-Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq and was later dispatched by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi to establish Daesh's Syrian branch, Jabhat al-Nusra. In 2016, he rebranded his group as Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), which remains widely designated as a terrorist organization.

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agement as a pragmatic step toward stability, the reality under Jolani's rule paints a different picture. Reports indicate widespread violence and sectarian atrocities.

His forces have been accused of brutal revenge attacks, particularly targeting the Alawite community—where over 830 were massacred in

a single weekend—as well as ethnic cleansing campaigns against Kurds, Christians, and Druze. These actions contradict stated Western goals of pluralism and security.

The shift is also seen as a strategic realignment. For decades, the West's stated objective in Syria was to fight terrorism. However, the

embrace of a former Al-Qaeda and Daesh figure exposes the West's long-term objective to dismantle the region's "resistance axis" and topple Bashar al-Assad—the key obstacle to Israeli regional dominance.

The rapid U.S. removal of Jolani's \$10 million bounty and subsequent diplomatic recognition suggest his past is now irrelevant, as he is needed to secure U.S. and Israeli strategic aims.

Macron's visit also revives memories of France's colonial past. Following World War I, France assumed a League of Nations Mandate over Syria in 1920, ruling until 1946. French authorities deliberately fragmented Syria into confessional states, institutionalizing sectarianism that persists today.

In May 1945, French forces bombed Damascus, killing hundreds of civilians. For many Syrians, Macron's presence evokes this painful legacy—a reminder that France's engagement with Syria has seldom been free of imperial overtones. The visit represents not just a diplomatic realignment, but a reopening of historical wounds.

Israel Sends Lebanon List of Army Officers It Opposes Deploying in South

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Israel has submitted a list of senior Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) officers whose deployment in southern Lebanon it opposes, according to reports, in a move that has intensified scrutiny over the terms of the U.S.-brokered disgraceful framework agreement between Lebanon and the Zionist regime.

Israeli broadcaster Kan reported that the list was delivered to Lebanese authorities through U.S. mediators as part of a security mechanism established under the framework agreement reached in Washington on June 26. Israeli officials reportedly alleged that the officers named on the list had been "leaking information to Hezbollah."

The reported Israeli objections have raised concerns in Lebanon over the extent of foreign involvement in decisions related to the country's military structure and deployment. Critics of the agreement say the latest develop-

ment demonstrates the degree of pressure placed on Beirut and highlights the unequal nature of the deal.

The list was reportedly shared through a security annex attached to the agreement, the contents of which were initially kept confidential by Israel and the United States at the request of the Lebanese government, which sought to avoid further public opposition.

The annex reportedly does not establish a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied Lebanese territory. Instead, any withdrawal is linked to what Israel defines as Lebanon's "success on the ground" in disarming Hezbollah.

The reported condition regarding Lebanese army officers has added to criticism that the "shameful" agreement gives Israel influence over Lebanon's internal security decisions while placing extensive obligations on Bei-

rut. The arrangement effectively allows Israel to determine aspects of Lebanon's defense policy despite continuing Israeli terrorism in Lebanese territory.

The shocking report comes as Israel continues demolition and detonation operations in southern Lebanon and maintains control over Lebanese areas. The agreement fails to provide clear guarantees for an Israeli withdrawal while requiring Lebanon to undertake major security measures.

The United States and Israel have sought to use the Lebanese Armed Forces as a central tool in implementing the disarmament of Hezbollah. However, Hezbollah and other political actors have stressed that the group's armed presence is essential to confronting Israeli military threats and violations.

Lebanese military officials have pre-

viously condemned Israeli atrocities. In April, LAF Commander General Rudolph Haykal said that Israel was Lebanon's "first enemy," highlighting the terrorist regime's continued violations of Lebanese sovereignty and threats to the security of Lebanese citizens.

The latest report has deepened anger among the Lebanese toward the agreement which has turned out to be a humiliating concession reached under intense U.S. pressure.

According to the latest revelation, Lebanon is being asked to accept restrictions on its own military decisions while Israel retains the ability to set conditions and continue operations along the Lebanese border.

Lebanese Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri and Hezbollah have both rejected the deal's provisions, stating that Israeli forces must withdraw from Lebanese territory.

Bab el-Mandab to Close to Saudi Vessels if Blockade Not Lifted Yemen Issues Ultimatum to UN, Riyadh Over Maritime Restrictions

SANA'A (Dispatches) -- Yemen has issued a stark ultimatum to Saudi Arabia and the United Nations, threatening to close the strategic Bab el-Mandab Strait to Saudi shipping if the naval and aerial blockade imposed on the country is not immediately lifted, informed sources have revealed.

According to sources cited by the Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhabar, the Ansarullah movement is actively considering leveraging control of the vital waterway to pressure Riyadh into ending all restrictions on maritime traffic at Yemeni ports.

The sources confirmed that Yemen has given both the UN and Saudi Arabia a deadline to remove all limitations on maritime movement.

"If Saudi Arabia ignores Yemen's warning, the country's armed forces will prevent Saudi vessels from transiting through the Red Sea and the Bab el-Mandab Strait," the sources warned.

The warning comes following the landing of an Iranian Mahan Air aircraft at Sana'a International Airport on Friday -- the first Iranian flight to reach the Yemeni capital in 11 years.

The plane carried more than 200 Yemeni passengers, including sick and wounded individuals stranded abroad, and later departed for Tehran with an official Yemeni delegation to attend the funeral of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei.

Khaled al-Shayef, director of Sana'a International Airport, confirmed new arrangements for the resumption of flights, emphasizing that the services between Sana'a and Tehran are fully legal. He noted that the arrangements include plans for new destinations beyond the current

Tehran route.

Saudi military spokesman Major General Turki al-Malki issued a statement declaring that Riyadh will counter any attempts to target Saudi territory.

In response, Jalal al-Roweishan, Yemen's deputy prime minister for defense and security affairs, vowed to end what he described as Saudi and American "bullying." Al-Roweishan declared that Yemen will break all restrictions imposed on its maritime and air traffic, emphasizing Sana'a's full combat readiness for any emergency.

Abdullah al-Nuaimi, a member of Ansarullah's political bureau, reinforced this position with a stern warning: "Saudi Arabia may decide to enter a new war against Yemen, but it will not be able to stop it, and the situation will spiral out of control."

The current escalation comes against the backdrop of a stalled political process. Yemen has informed the UN that the current "no war, no peace" condition cannot continue indefinitely.

Officials have pressed for implementation of previous understandings, particularly on humanitarian files including the full reopening of the airport and ports, while warning that continued stagnation risks a return to open conflict.

Muhammad al-Farah of Ansarullah's political bureau has stated that Saudi delays on salaries and humanitarian access have ended the viability of prolonged restraint. He warned that any breach of airspace or continuation of the blockade would be met with expanded targeting options, including the closure of Bab el-Mandab to Saudi shipping.

Gaza Hospital Director Faces 'Immediate Risk of Death' in Israeli Detention

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) -- Dr. Hussam Abu Safia, the director of Gaza's Kamal Adwan Hospital who was abducted by Israeli forces in December 2024, is facing an immediate risk of death due to torture and severe negligence in Israeli custody, his lawyer said.

Lawyer Nasser Odeh visited Abu Safia at the underground Rakefet interrogation facility in Israel's Nitzan prison on Thursday and found the physician bearing "fresh, severe injuries to his head, around his eyes, and on his ears and neck." According to Physicians for Human Rights Israel, Odeh "initially struggled to recognize him."

During the visit, Abu Safia "experienced difficulty breathing" and appeared "extremely weak." Odeh wrote that the doctor "struggled to sit upright without falling, and on several occasions seemed on the verge of losing consciousness."

Based on the observations, the NGO concluded that Abu Safia's "life is in immediate danger" and has called for his urgent transfer to another facility for an independent medical examination.

Abu Safia conveyed a harrowing message to his attorney during their meeting: "This is the last time you will see me. They brought me here to kill me. I don't see myself surviving. This is the end."

The Palestinian Prisoners' Club confirmed that Abu Safia remains in solitary confinement and is being denied medical care, adding that these measures are aimed at "physically and psychologically exhausting him" and constitute a clear attempt to "eliminate

him inside Israeli prisons"—what the organization described as a "slow killing."

Abu Safia had previously been held at the Sde Teiman facility, the notorious Israeli prison where a Palestinian detainee was brutally raped by soldiers in July 2024. The soldiers responsible were only briefly detained and recently had all charges against them dropped.

In May, former detainees came forward with disturbing testimonies about the torture Abu Safia has faced. One said Israeli jailers stripped him naked and unleashed police dogs to attack him. Another said "the prison cells echoed with the doctor's screams under severe beatings" from prison guards.

Israel has made unfounded claims that Abu Safia, who is being held without charge, was a member of Hamas. His detention was extended by six months in late 2025 under Israel's Unlawful Combatants Law.

Abu Safia was among many doctors in Gaza who refused to halt their medical work after the Israeli military ordered them to flee. He was abducted during a raid on Kamal Adwan Hospital in December 2024, one of many throughout the war. According to Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, people were executed during the raid, including medical staff and displaced civilians sheltering in the hospital.

By July 2025, Abu Safia had lost around 40 kilograms since his detention, his lawyer said. His family has issued an urgent appeal they describe as possibly their "last cry."

Turkey Builds Missile-Capable Space Base in Somalia

ANKARA (Dispatches) -- Turkey is constructing an advanced space base in Somalia that could be used to launch satellites and ballistic missiles over vast swathes of Africa and West Asia, a development that has sparked deep concern within Israel's military establishment.

The base, located in Warsheikh approximately 70 kilometers north of Mogadishu with a view of the Indian Ocean, is being built to serve Turkey's national space program and launch satellites for other nations at a fee. Satellite images show construction is already underway, including a helicopter landing pad, military barracks, and an underground warehouse.

However, according to a report published by Le Monde, the facility will also be capable of deploying ballistic missiles with ranges sufficient to strike targets across much of Africa and West Asia. The Middle East Forum, a pro-Israel think tank, has assessed that the base is

designed to accommodate missile systems with a range of up to 2,000 kilometers.

While such a range would not be sufficient to directly target Israeli occupied territories, the base may allow Turkey to challenge Israel's growing presence in the breakaway region of Somaliland.

Israel became the first UN member to recognize Somaliland's illegal secession in December, and Tel Aviv reportedly plans to build a military base there. Israel has also discussed expelling millions of Palestinians from Gaza to Somaliland as the final stage of its ongoing genocide, which began in 2023.

Israel seeks to expand its presence in the strategic Horn of Africa to challenge Yemen's primacy at the Bab el-Mandab Strait and across the Red Sea. Turkey's new base in Somalia represents a direct counter to these ambitions.

Turkey says Somalia was chosen due to its

proximity to the equator, which reduces fuel consumption and increases the payload capacity of spacecraft launched into orbit. Its Indian Ocean coastline also allows launch debris to fall safely into the water. The first phase of the base is expected to be completed by summer 2027 at a total cost of \$350 million.

Turkey already maintains a significant military presence in Somalia. TURKSOM, Ankara's largest overseas military base, is located in Mogadishu, and Turkey has provided Somalia with F-16 fighter jets, tanks, armored vehicles, and air defense systems. Turkish F-16s carried out airstrikes against Al-Shabab targets in Somalia in April, killing nearly 35 militants.

In February, former Israeli prime minister Naf-tali Bennett described President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as "a sophisticated and dangerous adversary who wants to surround Israel," warning that Israel must not "turn a blind eye again."