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Israel Advances Plans for 895 New Settler Units Across Occupied West Bank

OCCUPIED AL-QUDS (Dispatches) -- Israeli authorities advanced plans for 895 new settler units across the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian anti-settlement group CWRC said, including 288 in Kedumim, 225 in Beit Hagai and 200 in Talmon.

The plans cover Qalqilya, Salfit, Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron (Al-Khalil) and Gush Etzion. Most countries consider settlements illegal under international law; the ICJ ruled in July 2024 that Israel's occupation is unlawful.

Thought for Today

The world is the place for virtuous people and saints to do good deeds and to be assigned with rewards for the same. Only in this world they could trade with Allah's Favors and Blessings and only while living here they could barter their good deeds with His Blessings and Rewards.

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Palestinian Killed in Israeli Strike on Tent as Baby Frozen to Death



GAZA CITY (Dispatches) -- **A Palestinian was killed and two others wounded in an Israeli drone strike on a tent sheltering displaced civilians in southern Gaza on Sunday, while a nine-month-old baby died of hypothermia.**

The strike targeted the al-Mawasi area of Khan Younis, according to medical sources at Nasser Medical Complex.

In northern Gaza, Israeli drones dropped explosive devices on homes and tents in al-Salatin, west of Beit Lahia, while artillery shelling persisted in the northwestern part of the territory.

Israeli occupation forces also opened heavy fire and conducted intense artillery shelling in eastern Gaza City, simultaneously carrying out demolition operations on remaining buildings and homes.

The attack came as Gaza's Health Ministry reported that Israeli violations since the ceasefire took effect on October 10, 2025 have killed 1,643 Palestinians and wounded 5,964 others.

The cumulative death toll since October 2023 has reached 74,695, with 176,093 wounded. Sixteen bodies and 68 wounded people were brought to hospitals over the preceding 48 hours.

Sunday's violence unfolded against a backdrop of a deepening humanitarian catastrophe driven by Israeli restrictions on shelter materials and winter supplies.

The Health Ministry confirmed this week that a nine-month-old infant, Kinan Ahmed Raqiq, died of hypothermia in his family's displacement tent in Khan Younis—the eleventh cold-related death in Gaza this winter.

His father, Ahmed Raqiq, told AFP he woke to find his son's skin "turned blue" and rushed him to Nasser Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The United Nations has said Israeli restrictions on humanitarian aid and on access to safer areas worsened the deadly impact of recent winter storms, warning that much of the suffering could have been prevented.

More than 150,000 tents purchased by humanitarian partners and member states are waiting outside Gaza for delivery, most stored in Al Arish, Egypt, approximately 50 kilometers from Khan Younis.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimated that as of November 9, more than 46,000 households—about 226,000 people—may have been affected by heavy rain, with over 40,000 shelters damaged, including more than 9,000 destroyed beyond repair.

UNICEF reported that three children and their mother were killed in early November when a sand dune collapsed onto their tent in Deir al-Balah after heavy rainfall.

An estimated 950,000 displaced people live in flood-exposed areas, including 400,000 children in locations at extremely high risk.

Israeli Forces Raid West Bank Towns, Strike Southern Lebanon and Syria

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) -- **Israeli forces kidnapped at least five Palestinians, including a journalist, during overnight and early Sunday raids across the West Bank, according to local sources and the Palestinian Red Crescent.**

In Burqin, west of Jenin, soldiers raided the home of journalist Muhammed Ateeq and detained him.

In Nablus, forces stormed the Balata refugee camp and the eastern part of the city, abducting two brothers—Maher and Salam Abu Amer—and assaulting four Palestinians, who were taken to hospital.

Israeli forces also abducted two brothers ploughing their land in the Masafer Yatta area of Hebron (Al-Khalil) and confiscated their tractor.

In Beit Ummar, north of Hebron (Al-Khalil), Israeli forces imposed a curfew, forced shops to close, fired stun grenades and tear gas, and sealed off all entrances to the town.

In the village of Rummana, west of Jenin, a Palestinian kiosk caught fire after Israeli forces fired grenades. Settlers attacked a home in the town of Beita, south of Nablus, and smashed two vehicles.

A separate report said Israeli forces raided a wedding hall in al-Mughayyir, northeast of Ramallah, abducted the groom and three other Palestinians, searched female guests, and confiscated gold jewelry.

In Jaba, south of Jenin, a 27-year-old Palestinian was shot in the thigh during confrontations after Israeli forces stormed the town.

In Lebanon, Israeli warplanes struck Kfar Tibnit in the Nabatieh district on Sunday, while an Israeli D9 bulldozer and several vehicles advanced towards the outskirts of Kfar Shuba in the Azrael area.

Israeli forces carried out a two-stage demolition in the village of Hadatha in the Bint Jbeil district, and a Merkava tank targeted the same village.

Israeli artillery shelled Mayfadoun, Kfar Tibnit, Rshaf, the outskirts of Haris, Haddatha, Shaqra, Braasheet, Wadi Hujeir, the Khiam plain, Majdal Selm, Zibqine, and Mansouri.

Overnight, Israeli warplanes struck the vicinity of Qantara and a house near the religious seminary in Aita al-Jabal, and conducted two strikes on the outskirts of Qabrikha toward Wadi Hujeir, targeting a house and an olive press.

According to Lebanon's Health Ministry, Israeli attacks have killed 4,390 people and wounded 12,429 since March 2, with the total death toll since October 2023 reaching 8,957 as of November 5.

In Syria, an Israeli military force comprising several tanks crossed through the Abu al-Ghaithar gate towards the outskirts of Wadi al-Raqqad in the western Dara'a countryside on Sunday morning, and one of the tanks opened heavy machine-gun fire on agricultural land and open fields, according to the Syrian news agency SANA.

The incident is part of continued Israeli violations of the 1974 Disengagement Agreement, including repeated military incursions into southern Syria, raids on civilian homes, kidnappings, land clearing operations, and shelling.

On Saturday, an Israeli force also penetrated the village of al-Mushayrifa in the central Quneitra countryside and shelled land east of al-Asbah village in the southern Quneitra countryside.

Taliban Close Kabul University to Host Clerics' Gathering Backing Supreme Leader

KABUL (Dispatches) -- **Afghanistan's Taliban authorities have suspended classes at Kabul University for five days and cleared student dormitories to accommodate a gathering of religious scholars loyal to Supreme Leader Hibatullah Akhundzada, in a move sources describe as an effort to publicly reinforce his authority and pressure senior officials, including Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani, to comply fully with his directives.**

Kabul University announced that undergraduate and postgraduate students would be on holiday from Sunday through Thursday, without specifying a reason in its official notice.

However, multiple sources confirmed that the closure was intended to prepare for a gathering of clerics supportive of Akhundzada, with approximately 4,000 mullahs summoned to Kabul from across the country.

Videos circulating on social media showed dormitories being vacated, with some students transferred to Kabul Polytechnic University and others left to find rented accommodation in the capital.

The event is reportedly being organized under the direction of Higher Education Minister Nida Muhammad Nadim, in coordination with the prime minister's office and the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice.

Sources described the gathering's primary objectives as demonstrating support for Akhundzada's leadership, reaffirming unconditional obedience to his decrees, and increasing pressure on Haqqani and other senior Taliban figures amid reported internal differences over governance.

The agenda is expected to include the introduction and review of a recently published book attributed to Akhundzada, Aqeedah of Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah, along with declarations of allegiance and calls for full implementation of his orders.

One report described the event as a "scientific and research conference" examining the religious, social, economic, political, and cultural implications of Akhundzada's decrees.

The reported gathering underscores persistent tensions between the Kandahar-based circle around Akhundzada and Kabul-based officials who have advocated for more pragmatic governance.

Haqqani, who leads the Haqqani Network, has previously criticized the concentration of power in Kandahar and supported greater engagement with domestic and international actors.

Security measures have been heightened around Kabul University and the Loya Jirga venue, though the Taliban have not issued an official statement confirming the meeting, its attendees, or its agenda.

Iraq Launches Intelligence Raids on Resistance Bases After Zaidi's U.S. Visit

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- **Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi has ordered a secret intelligence operation to inspect Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) bases and weapons around Baghdad and dismissed nine senior officials in Babil province, in an escalating crackdown on resistance factions that critics denounce as a capitulation to Washington's demand to dismantle the very forces that have borne the brunt of the fight against takfiri terrorism.**

The intelligence service launched the operation on Saturday to identify PMF-affiliated facilities and weapons in several areas surrounding the capital, according to security sources cited by DID Press Agency.

The same day, al-Zaidi chaired an emergency security meeting and ordered the dismissal of nine security and administrative officials, including Babil's police chief and the PMF commander in the province, over allegations oil-smuggling investigation centered on Jurf al-Sakher, a Kataib Hezbollah stronghold.

The timing is not coincidental. Al-Zaidi visited Washington in early November and met President Donald Trump at the White House, a visit the Iraqi state news agency documented with photographs of the two leaders together.

According to diplomatic sources cited by AFP, Washington granted tacit approval for al-Zaidi's government lineup only after he "promised to move forward with his disarmament plans" and provided guarantees that armed groups would not attack American interests. The crackdown now unfolding is the price of that approval.

Kataib Hezbollah has refused to surrender its weapons and has warned al-Zaidi that he bears "full responsibility for any attack on Islamic Resistance headquarters or PMF bases".

The faction's security official, Abu Mujahid al-Assaf, accused unnamed security agencies of gathering intelligence and sharing it with the United States, which then passes it to Israel for potential strikes in Iraq.

The PMF and its constituent factions remain the most organized and battle-hardened force in Iraq, the same force that broke the back of Daesh's territorial caliphate and continues to confront takfiri remnants in the desert and mountains.

Analysts cited by Al Jazeera acknowledged that the oil-smuggling framing is a tactic. Akeel Abbas of the Atlantic Council said al-Zaidi "cleverly decided to frame it as anticorruption" in order to "cut off the financial lifeline to this particular group that has been so resistant" to disarmament.

Ethiopia's Water Minister Accuses Egypt of Unilateral Nile Development

CAIRO/ADDIS ABABA (Dispatches) -- **Ethiopia's water minister renewed accusations that Egypt built the Aswan High Dam and other water projects without adequately considering upstream interests.**

Ethiopia's Minister of Water and Energy Habtamu Itefa said in remarks published by the state-run Ethiopian News Agency on Saturday that Egypt had "undertaken several water development projects without adequately considering Ethiopia's interests, including the construction of the Aswan High Dam and other water-transfer schemes".

He said that Ethiopia contributes over 86 percent of the Nile's water and that upstream countries have the right to utilize their resources for development.

Itefa also said that Egypt's political rhetoric over the Nile is partly intended to divert public attention from domestic challenges and create the impression that the government is protecting national interests.

He called on Cairo to engage Ethiopia and all Nile Basin countries in "meaningful negotiations and cooperation based on mutual understanding, compromise and the recognition of the legitimate development interests of all Nile Basin countries".

The Ethiopian minister's remarks were published on Saturday, the same day Egypt's Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty had affirmed during talks with Emirati counterpart Abdullah bin Zayed and U.S. Senior Advisor Massad Boulos "the parameters of Egypt's water security, the necessity of adhering to the rules of international law, and the rejection of unilateral measures on the Nile".

The talks were held on the sidelines of the Sir Bani Yas Forum in the UAE, which runs from November 13 to 15.

The exchange marks a continuation of the long-running dispute over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), which Ethiopia inaugurated in September 2025.

Egypt and Sudan demand a legally binding agreement on the filling and operation of the dam, fearing its impact on their water security, while Ethiopia maintains the project is for electricity generation and does not harm downstream states.