

TEHRAN - Lebanon's Hezbollah has announced a series of drone and rocket attacks into the Israeli-occupied northern Galilee, with one drone strike hitting the Shraga military base north of Acre.

The Lebanese resistance has warned that its much-anticipated retaliation for the Israeli assassination of a top commander last week was yet to come.

In a statement published by Hezbollah, the attacks targeted the headquarters of the Golani Brigade and the Egoz 621 unit, resulting in nearly 20 injuries.

The operation comes "In support of our steadfast Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip... and in response to the Israeli enemy's attack and assassination in the town of Ebba," according to the statement.

Footage circulating on social media shows a fire breaking out at the Shraga military base following a drone strike from Lebanon.



Israeli forces check the site of a Hezbollah explosive drone attack near the northern city of Nahariya/ AFP

Hezbollah said that it had carried out the strikes in retaliation to the Israeli attacks waged against civilians as well as the assassination of three of its members in a southern Lebanese town.

The Israeli occupation has been on a heightened state of security alert amid a widely anticipated retaliation operation by Hezbollah.

This is the second time in as many days that Hezbollah drones have evaded the Israeli military's missile systems and radars and reached sensitive Israeli army targets.

Hezbollah also attacked an Israeli military vehicle on Tuesday in another location.

The Israeli military said a number of hostile drones were identified crossing from Lebanon and claimed that one was intercepted.

It added that several Israelis were injured to the south of the coastal city of Nahariya. Footage has gone viral showing one impact site near a bus stop on a main road outside the city.

Fears are rising among the Israelis of a powerful Hezbollah retaliation following a vow by its Secretary-General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah to avenge the assassination of senior Hezbollah commander Fouad Shokor.

Earlier on Tuesday, four people were reportedly killed by an Israeli strike on a residential home in the Lebanese town of Mayfadoun.

The Lebanese resistance movement has been exchanging fire with the Israeli military fire for the last ten months in solidarity with Gaza.

## Palestinian resistance factions go on the offensive Israeli forces trapped in deadly ambush near Gaza fence

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN - After more than 300 days of the U.S.-backed Israeli genocidal war on the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian resistance movement is waging offensive operations, tens of meters from the Strip's separation fence.

An attempt by the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) to invade the eastern part of Khan Younis saw intense clashes and a deadly ambush against the IOF in the al-Fukhari neighborhood.

The Palestinian resistance is countering an Israeli invasion east of Khan Younis, trapping it in ambushes and continuing clashes in the al-Fukhari neighborhood next to the barrier that separates Gaza from the outside world.

The resistance is also targeting settlements with rockets on the 305th day since the indiscriminate war on Gaza began.

According to reporters in Khan Younis, the resistance is engaged in intense clashes with the IOF in the eastern parts of the city, south of the Gaza Strip.

This follows an attempted ground invasion by the Israeli military, which had withdrawn from the same area a few days ago.

The development highlights the IOF's inability to defeat the Palestinian resistance in the enclave, the stated goal of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for the justification of the Gaza genocide.

The Palestinian resistance is said to have waged special operations, while also launching rocket barrages.

The armed wing of Hamas, the al-Qassam Brigades, stated that they engaged directly with a nine-soldier Israeli foot patrol from point-blank range, resulting in casualties among them.

This occurred east of the al-Fukhari neighborhood, which is only a few dozen meters from the 1948-occupied Palestinian territories where the occupation forces are stationed.

In the same part of the neighborhood, the al-Qassam Brigades detonated an anti-personnel device against an Israeli force entrenched inside a building, resulting in casualties. Clashes continued with the invading forces in the area.

Also, in east of the al-Fukhari, the al-Qassam Brigades targeted an Israeli military bulldozer of the D9 type with a Yassin 105 shell.

Meanwhile, in eastern Rafah, also in the southern sector, the al-Qassam Brigades detonated two anti-personnel and anti-vehicle devices against an engineering unit, causing casualties among Israeli troops.

The war media of the al-Qassam Brigades showed footage documenting the hitting of invading forces in the Tel al-Sultan neighbor-

hood west of Rafah with mortar shells.

The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades struck advancing Israeli soldiers and vehicles in eastern Rafah with a barrage of heavy mortar shells.

The forces of the martyr Omar al-Qasim, the military wing of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers and vehicles around the Rafah crossing with heavy mortar shells.

This came as the armed wing of Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), the al-Quds Brigades, announced it had shelled Israeli soldiers and vehicles on the IOF supply line in Netzarim 5 kilometers southwest of Gaza City with mortar rounds.

The al-Quds Brigades war media released footage of an Israeli drone that was shot down and seized while trying to execute reconnaissance missions over Khan Younis.

Earlier, in coordination between various armed wings of the Palestinian resistance factions, the Mujahideen Brigades, the armed wing of the Mujahideen Movement, and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, targeted the Re'im settlement with a rocket barrage.

Additionally, the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and the forces of the martyr Omar al-Qasim hit the IOF supply line in Netzarim with heavy mortar shells.

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## Muzzling the rabid dog: US must choose between de-escalation and provocations

From page 1 ▶ They have struck Ain al-Assad repeatedly over the past years in protest against the US military presence in Iraq and its attacks on resistance fighters.

The latest of such US strikes claimed the lives of four members of Iraq's anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) in an area south of Baghdad nearly a week ago.

Calls for the expulsion of US troops from Iraq began to grow in January 2020 after an American drone strike assassinated Iran's anti-terror icon Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani and PMU deputy commander Abu Mahdi Al-Muhandis outside Baghdad International Airport.

The Iraqi parliament also voted

in favor of expelling foreign forces from the Arab country at that time.

The US has maintained 2,500 troops in Iraq under the pretext of fighting remnants of the ISIL terror group, also known as ISIS and Daesh.

Besides, the US support for Israel's genocidal war in Gaza erupted in October last year has resulted in rising attacks against American troops in Iraq.

There had been a lull in such attacks since late January until they were resumed in recent weeks. This comes amid warnings that the continuation of Israel's onslaught on Gaza and its attacks against Lebanon could push the region toward an all-out war.

The recent assassinations of regional resistance leaders by Israel have added fuel to the fire.

Last Wednesday, Israel assassinated Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran. He had traveled to Iran to attend the swearing-in ceremony of new President Masoud Pezeshkian.

On July 30, Israel also assassinated Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr in the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital, Beirut.

Presently, Israel and its American, European and other West Asian allies are bracing for a reprisal attack from Iran and regional resistance groups in response to the assassinations.

Iran has vowed to avenge the death of Haniyeh and punish Israel.

As a result, amid such tense conditions, any US strikes on Iraqi resistance groups would push the region to the brink.

Meanwhile, the United States has said it is working "around the clock" to avert an all-out war in West Asia.

If the US is in favor of de-escalation, it must muzzle Israel which is acting like a rabid dog.

Besides, if the lives of American troops matter to the administration of President Joe Biden, it should end the US military presence in Iraq as soon as possible.

## Netanyahu is interfering in U.S. elections as no foreign leader has done before

Trump is Netanyahu's man

By Professor Hossein Askari

PORTLAND - Let's cut to the chase, Netanyahu is willing to start a regional, or even world war to get Trump elected in order to stay in power and elevate himself as the premier Zionist of all time. Why is Trump seen as the savior? To many Zionists, including Netanyahu, Trump has done more for Israel than any other president and there is more that he could do in the future, things that no other president on the horizon would ever do.

Yes, Biden is proud to say that he is a Zionist and that over his long career in the Senate, as vice-president and now as president, he has done more for Israel than any other president—in financial, military and political support.

Now consider what Trump could boast. In a short four years he moved the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, something that no U.S. president or indeed any other country has done. Why? The United Nations' 2009 Resolution 63/30 states that "any actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem are illegal and therefore null and void and have no validity whatsoever, and [the General Assembly] calls upon Israel to cease all such illegal and unilateral measures." Ignoring that UN resolution and the rest of the world, Trump recognized Israel's illegal annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. He also unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from an agreement—the Iran nuclear deal or the JCPOA—signed and supported

by his predecessor, Barak Obama, and five other major powers. Why? Netanyahu and some in Israel did not want the agreement. Trump even did not object to the rapid and illegal annexation of more land in the West Bank or the expansion of settlements. Trump and his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, bribed a number of Muslim countries of Africa and the Middle East to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. He knows that rich Arab countries of the Persian Gulf have money, Trump loves money and Persian Gulf Arabs are good at using their money to buy U.S. support. And the cherry on top is that Netanyahu and the Kushners are so close that Netanyahu stays in the Kushners' house when visiting the United States.

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## WORLD HEADLINES

### Not knowing timing of retaliation part of 'punishment' for Israel: Nasrallah

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Nasrallah also chastised the US for its "hypocrisy" in supporting Israel in its massacres against Palestinian and Lebanese civilians.

He also said Israel has been doing everything in its power to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

### Abbas: Hamas leader's killing aims to prolong Gaza war

The killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was intended to prolong the Gaza conflict, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told Russia's state news agency, adding that he will discuss the regional crisis with President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

RIA, citing a diplomatic source, said Abbas will come on a long-expected visit to Moscow on Aug. 12-14.

In an interview published by state news agency RIA on Tuesday, Abbas said he considers Haniyeh's assassination "a cowardly act and a dangerous development in Israeli politics".

### Harris picks Tim Walz as running mate

Kamala Harris, the de facto Democratic nominee for US president, has named Tim Walz, the governor of Minnesota, as her running mate ahead of the November election.

The decision ends intense speculation over which candidate Harris would pick to go up against Donald Trump, the Republican nominee and former president, and his choice for vice-president, Ohio senator JD Vance, the Guardian reported.

Walz first ran for office in 2006 in a Republican-leaning congressional district, up-

setting the incumbent. He kept the seat until he won the Minnesota governorship in 2018, then again in 2022.

### Bangladesh's president dissolves Parliament

Bangladesh's president dissolved Parliament Tuesday, clearing the way for new elections to replace the longtime prime minister who resigned and left the country after weeks of demonstrations against her rule that descended into violence, AP reported.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin also ordered the release of opposition leader Khaleda Zia from house arrest. Zia, a longtime rival of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was convicted on corruption charges by Hasina's government in 2018.

On Tuesday, some senior positions in the military were reshuffled. The student protesters said they would not allow any military-backed government.

### NGO: Gazans live in fear of another wave of forcible displacement

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has sent an update about the humanitarian situation in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip, where aid teams and a significant number of displaced people are concentrated.

"People are living in a constant state of unpredictability, not knowing what is going to come next, be it more displacements, more relocations, or a regional escalation," Hassan Morajea, regional access advisor for the Norwegian Refugee Council, said from Gaza's Deir el-Balah, Al Jazeera reported.

NRC estimates that recent relocation orders have reduced the size of Israel's unilaterally designated "humanitarian zones" in Gaza from 20 percent to 14.5 percent, displacing more than 200,000 people from Khan Younis and Deir el-Balah between July 22 and 28.

At least five people were killed and 16 wounded on Sunday in an Israeli drone attack on tents at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir el-Balah, with a separate attack on a house nearby in the same area killing three.

## Finding light on great solidarity in a divided world

By ZHANG Yuan

SHANGHAI - Geopolitical competition and value competition stand on the road to peace in today's world, and it is difficult to avoid it both internationally and domestically.

In a polarized world, there is almost no market for seeking and making friends by putting aside stereotypes and hatred over maintaining "absolute security" under the pretext of the threat of war. The political ideology behind the security alliance planned by the hegemonic country and its allied countries is to pursue unilateral exclusive security. The result of such alliances and security agreements is often the substitution of one kind of violence for another. Ending one war with another war will not lead to a real long-term peace and prosperity.

In Western academic circles, whether it is the narration of world history or the refinement of international relations theory, the two concepts of the Near East and the Middle East in the original geographical sense are unfriendly and positioned as a place where it is in disarray and a cruel reality. Unfortunately, the Gaza crisis since October 7, 2023,

seems to have once again confirmed the above stereotype.

However, division and turmoil should not be the main theme of the Near East and the Middle East. In a world full of uncertainty, people need impartial forces with international credibility to bring about an end to divisions, to restore the path of national unity, to shape international justice based on equity, and to achieve and maintain lasting peace.

The new round of Palestinian-Israeli conflict that started on October 7, 2023, has lasted for nearly ten months. On July 23, 2024, through China's mediation, 14 Palestinian factions signed "The Beijing Declaration on ending division and strengthening unity", which emphasized the internal unity of Palestine. The "Beijing Declaration" signifies a consensus among Palestinian factions to end division and work together towards greater unity and reconciliation.

China's efforts to promote unity in order to bring about a comprehensive and thorough end to the conflict in Gaza have attracted world's attention.

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