

GAZA (Dispatches) – Khaled Meshal has told the New York Times that Hamas will play a decisive role in the future of Gaza. The group's survival is in itself a victory, he explained, even if it is significantly weakened. The senior Hamas official said that Hamas has won the war against the Zionist regime and "now has the upper hand." He pointed out that the movement is still strong and has "exhausted" the Israeli army. Moreover, the senior official stressed that Hamas is in no hurry to reach a ceasefire at any cost, and will not give up its basic demands to conclude an agreement that includes ending the Zionist regime's war in Gaza and a full withdrawal of the Israeli army from the besieged enclave. He added that he is confident that Hamas will continue to play a central role in Gaza after the war, and rejected American and Israeli proposals to run the Strip without the movement, which he believes means that Washington now recognizes that Hamas is not going anywhere.

Whoever keeps in order his affairs with Allah, Allah will also put his affairs with men in order. Whoever makes arrangement for his salvation, Allah will arrange his worldly affairs; whoever is a preacher for himself, Allah will also protect him.

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# UN to Demand Israel End 'Unlawful'

## Presence in Palestine Within 12 Months

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) – The United Nations General Assembly will adopt a Palestinian-drafted resolution that demands the Zionist regime end "its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" within 12 months.

The action will further isolate the regime days before world leaders travel to New York for their annual U.N. gathering. Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is due to address the 193-member General Assembly on Sept. 26, the same day as Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The draft resolution aims to welcome a July advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice that said the regime's occupation of Palestinian territories and settlements is illegal and should be withdrawn.

The advisory opinion - by the highest United Nations court also known as the World Court - said this should be done "as rapidly as possible," although the draft General Assembly resolution allows for a 12-month timeline.



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The draft resolution is the first to be formally put forward by the Palestinian Authority since it gained additional rights and privileges this month including a seat among UN members in the assembly hall and the right to propose draft resolutions.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield urged

countries to vote no. Washington - an ally of the Zionist regime - has long opposed unilateral measures that undermine the prospect of a solution.

The ICJ advisory opinion is not binding but carries weight under international law and may weaken support for the Zionist regime. A General Assembly resolution also

is not binding, but carries political weight. There is no veto power in the assembly.

"Each country has a vote, and the world is watching us," Palestinian UN Ambassador Riyad Mansour told the General Assembly on Tuesday. "Please stand on the right side of history. With international law. With freedom. With peace."

The Zionist regime captured the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Al-Quds - areas of historic Palestine which the Palestinians want for a state - in the 1967 Middle East war and has since built settlements in the West Bank and steadily expanded them.

The war in the Gaza Strip began on Oct. 7, 2023. Since then, the Zionist regime's military has leveled swaths of the Palestinian enclave, driving nearly all of its 2.3 million people from their homes, giving rise to deadly hunger and disease and killing more than 41,000 people, according to Palestinian health authorities.

## UNHCR: Reports 'Very Concerning' About Israeli Recruitment of Asylum Seekers



Zionist troops point their guns as they arrest a blindfolded Palestinian man during an operation in the city of Tubas in the north of the occupied West Bank on September 11, 2024.

GENEVA (Dispatches) – The UN refugee agency on Wednesday described reports about the Zionist regime recruiting African asylum seekers for its military operation in the Gaza Strip as "very concerning, if true."

UNHCR's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) spokesperson Rula Amin said the agency is aware of the reports and is looking into it.

"In principle, recruitment of asylum seekers for military or other risky activities in exchange for better status is a practice UNHCR finds very concerning, if true," Amin said in response to Anadolu's question about the reports.

Underlining that asylum-seekers and refugees must be protected from persecution and violence, she said they are entitled to rights in the country of asylum based on their legal status.

"Military conscription of refugees by a host state is inconsistent with host countries primary re-

sponsibility to ensure the security and protection of refugees," she added.

The Zionist regime is luring 30,000 asylum seekers from Africa with the promise of permanent residency if they join the armed forces in its aggression against Palestinians in Gaza, the Haaretz newspaper said Sunday, adding that it could endanger their lives as the majority came to work in agriculture fields.

The occupying regime has killed more than 41,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, in Gaza since last October.

Flouting a UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire, the Zionist regime's onslaught has displaced almost the entire population of the territory amid an ongoing blockade that has led to severe shortages of food, clean water and medicine.

The regime faces accusations of genocide for its actions in Gaza at the International Court of Justice.

## Gazan Doctor Abducted From al-Shifa Hospital Dies in Israeli Custody

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A Palestinian doctor abducted by Zionist troops from Gaza City's al-Shifa Hospital has died in their custody, the Palestinian health ministry said on Wednesday.

Ziad Mohammed al-Dalou, an internal medicine physician, is the third doctor to die in the occupying regime's jails, where widespread torture has killed at least 60 Palestinian prisoners over the past 11 months.

Dalou was detained on 18 March from al-Shifa Hospital, along with dozens of other health workers, when Zionist troops raided the facility in a two-week-long assault.

The deadly raid decimated the hospital, which had been

the largest and most equipped medical facility in the Gaza Strip. After the Zionist troops withdrew, dozens of bodies were found buried in mass graves in the hospital's courtyards.

According to the Palestinian health ministry, Dalou was detained while performing his duties at the hospital.

"The ministry condemns this heinous crime against Palestinian healthcare workers," the ministry said.

"Targeting healthcare workers while performing their humanitarian duty is a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law."

In April, it was revealed that Adnan al-Bursh, a Palestinian

surgeon and professor of orthopaedic medicine, had been killed by torture while in the Zionist regime's detention.

Bursh, who headed orthopaedic medicine at al-Shifa Hospital, was arrested in December from al-Awda Hospital in northern Gaza after refusing to abandon patients wounded in Israeli bombardments.

Two months later, it was confirmed that another doctor, Iyad al-Rantisi, also died under torture by Israeli guards.

Rantisi, who was the director of the maternity department at Kamal Adwan Hospital, died shortly after he was detained by invading troops in November.

He was arrested while traveling from northern Gaza to the

south with his family, wearing his scrubs, and adhering to the Israeli-designated "safe corridor".

Zionist troops have abducted more than 300 doctors and other health personnel from across the Gaza Strip since October 7 last year.

Like thousands of other Palestinian civilians taken from Gaza, they have been forcibly disappeared and Zionist regime authorities have failed to disclose their whereabouts.

Former Palestinian prisoners report that the troops specifically single out doctors for cruel treatment in detention, where torture and abuse of Palestinian prisoners are widespread and systematic.

## Egypt Says Won't Accept Security Changes on Gaza Border

CAIRO (Dispatches) – Egypt will not accept any changes to the security arrangements that were in place on its border with Gaza before war broke by the Zionist regime on Hamas last October, the Egyptian foreign minister said on Wednesday.

Security on the border, and whether the Zionist regime will maintain a troop presence along a 14-km (9-mile) buffer zone known as the Philadelphi Corridor, have become a focal point of months-long talks aimed at securing a ceasefire and the release of captives in Gaza.

Zionist troops entered the buffer zone in May as they pursued an aggression around Rafah.

Egypt, which is a mediator in ceasefire talks, says the regime must withdraw and that a Palestinian presence needs to be restored at the Rafah crossing between Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and Gaza.

"Egypt reiterates its position, it rejects any

military presence along the opposite side of the border crossing and the aforementioned (Philadelphi) corridor," Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty told reporters during a press conference in Cairo with U.S. counterpart Antony Blinken.

Abdelatty also said that any escalation, including blasts that wounded people in Lebanon on Tuesday, would create hurdles for the completion of a Gaza ceasefire deal.

A day earlier, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi jointly called for putting an end to the Zionist regime's new wave of atrocities in the West Bank, expressing their deep concern over the regime's relentless attacks against Palestinians in the occupied territory.

During a phone call on Tuesday, El-Sisi and King Abdullah also warned of dangerous consequences of the Tel Aviv regime's continued aggression against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, Jordan's offi-

cial Petra news agency reported.

In the early hours of August 28, the Zionist regime's military conducted its biggest operation – dubbed "Camps of Summer" – in the West Bank in over 20 years, deploying hundreds of troops and carrying out airstrikes on Jenin, Tulkarm, and Tubas, which are major centers of Palestinian resistance against the occupying regime.

Since the onset of the current aggression in the West Bank, dozens of Palestinians have been killed by Zionist troops. The total death toll in the occupied West Bank has now reached over 700 since October 7 last year, when Israel launched its ongoing genocidal aggression against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip.

El-Sisi and King Abdullah also emphasized the urgent need for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza as a crucial measure to safeguard regional security and prevent the war from escalating further.

## Air Carriers Suspend Israel Flights Due to Security Concerns

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Air carrier companies Wednesday canceled flights to the Israeli-occupied territories due to security situation in the region.

On Wednesday, German-based airline Lufthansa decided to suspend all connections to and from Tel Aviv.

The decision will affect other airline firms under Lufthansa Group; Eurowings, Swiss, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines.

Another air carrier, Air France, also suspended its Tel Aviv flights, according to Haaretz newspaper.

Previously, American Airlines has canceled its flights to and from the Israeli-occupied territories until April 2025.

On Tuesday, nine people died and hundreds were injured in Beirut and several areas in Lebanon after wireless communication devices, known as pagers, exploded, and the Lebanese government accused Israel of being behind the incident.

After the issue, a UN spokesman, Stephane Dujarric, said deadly pager detonations across

Lebanon are "extremely concerning."

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also on Wednesday warned of a "serious risk of dramatic escalation" in Lebanon after pager blasts.

"I think that what has happened is particularly serious, not only because of the number of victims that it caused, but because of the indications that exist that this was triggered," Guterres told the reporters.

His remarks came a day after at least 12 people, including children, were killed and thousands wounded when Hezbollah members' pagers were detonated across Lebanon.

"Because obviously the logic of making all these devices explode is to do it as a preemptive strike before a major military operation. So as important as the event in itself is the indication that this event confirms that there is a serious risk of a dramatic escalation in Lebanon, and everything must be done to avoid that escalation," Guterres said.