

WEST BANK (Anadolu) – The Bahamas Foreign Ministry has announced that the cabinet of the Bahamas has decided to formally recognize Palestine as a state. “The Government of the Bahamas believes that recognition of the State of Palestine strongly demonstrates the Bahamas’ commitment to the principles espoused in the Charter of the United Nations and to the right of self-determination of peoples as articulated in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR),” the Bahamas Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The Bahamas supports the legal right of the Palestinian people “to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development,” it added.

Those are the fortunate people who adopt piety as the principle of their lives and are fully attentive to their welfare for the Hereafter. They accept bare earth as the most comfortable bed and water as the most pleasant drink.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

Dozens of Bodies Found in New Mass Grave at Gaza’s al-Shifa Hospital



Civil defense teams in Gaza are pictured after discovering a third mass grave in the vicinity of al-Shifa hospital on 8 May 2024.

GAZA (Dispatches) – A third mass grave has been discovered in the ruins of Gaza’s al-Shifa hospital, the largest medical complex in the Palestinian enclave.

At least 49 bodies have been recovered so far from the mass grave, the government media office in Gaza said on Wednesday. “Government crews are still recovering more bodies until now,” it said. “The exhumation operations have not finished,

and we expect to find dozens of new bodies.”

Footage shared online by local journalists showed bodies being uncovered and examined by civil defense teams amid the wreckage of the medical facility, which has been ravaged by Israeli attacks.

Israeli forces withdrew from al-Shifa in early April, after a two-week siege that left the entire complex destroyed and piles

of bodies in its wake.

Gaza’s government media office said 400 people were killed by Zionist troops in al-Shifa, including “wounded, sick, and displaced people”. It said hundreds of people were still missing.

Seven mass graves have been uncovered across the Gaza Strip during the course of the war: three in al-Shifa, three in southern Gaza’s Nasser hospital and one in Kamal Adwan hospital in

the north.

In total, 520 bodies have been found in these graves, according to Palestinian officials.

“We hold the American administration, the international community, and the Israeli occupation fully responsible for these mass graves and this blatant aggression against humanity,” the media office said on Wednesday.

In mid-April, during the discovery of an earlier mass grave at al-Shifa, an Al Jazeera Arabic reporter at the scene said several bodies were found, including at least one person wearing underwear who appeared to have been “executed recently”.

Days later, at least 200 bodies were retrieved from mass graves in Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis. The government media office said at the time that some bodies had been decapitated.

Rescue teams said some bodies were found with their hands bound behind their backs. Middle East Eye could not independently verify the reported conditions of the bodies. Israel denied it executed Palestinians at the hospital.

Many countries have called for an independent probe into mass graves at Nasser and al-Shifa hospitals.

WHO: South Gaza Hospitals Left With Fuel Stocks for Three Days



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GENEVA (Dispatches) – Hospitals in the southern Gaza Strip have only three days of fuel left, the head of the World Health Organization said Wednesday, due to closed crossings.

Despite international objections, the Zionist regime sent tanks into the overcrowded southern city of Rafah on Tuesday and seized the nearby crossing into Egypt that is the main conduit for aid into the besieged Palestinian territory.

“The closure of the crossing continues to prevent the UN from bringing fuel. Without fuel all humanitarian operations will stop. The closures are also impeding delivery of humanitarian aid into Gaza,” WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on X, formerly Twitter.

“Hospitals in the south of Gaza only have three days of fuel left, which means services may soon come to a halt.”

Tedros said al-Najjar, one of

the three hospitals in Rafah, was no longer functioning due to the ongoing hostilities in the vicinity and the military operation in Rafah.

“At a time when fragile humanitarian operations urgently require expansion, the Rafah aggression is further limiting our ability to reach thousands of people who have been living in dire conditions without adequate food, sanitation, health services and security,” he said.

“This must stop now.”

The Geneva-based WHO is the UN’s health agency.

Israel bombarded Rafah on Wednesday as talks resumed in Cairo aimed at agreeing the terms of a truce in the seven-month war.

Gaza’s bloodiest-ever war began on October 7. Israel’s aggression has killed more than 34,800 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the territory’s health ministry.

Israel Carries Out Largest Demolition of Palestinian Homes in Years

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – Israeli bulldozers, under the protection of police forces, on Wednesday destroyed 47 Palestinian homes in the southern Negev region, in the largest day of demolitions in years.

The demolitions, near Umm Butin village, targeted the houses of members of the same family, Abu Asa, leaving hundreds of them without a home.

Israeli authorities carried out the demolition under the pretext that the structures did not have the proper building permits, which are very rarely granted to Palestinian Bedouins in the Negev desert, known as the Naqab in

Arabic.

Several Abu Asa family members decided to burn down their own homes prior to the operation rather than watch the Israelis destroy them. One Palestinian, Ahmed Abu Asa, was arrested after he tried to obstruct the bulldozers.

Kayed Abu Latif, a farmer and agricultural studies researcher, said the demolition order was “surprising”.

Abu Latif said Wednesday’s raid was the largest home demolition carried out in a single day in the Negev in years.

Before destroying the houses,

Israeli authorities also confiscated furniture, taking it away in trucks, Abu Latif said.

In one video posted by local media, a Palestinian woman can be seen talking to police after they confiscated personal belongings, including mementos and photo albums, that she had taken out of her home.

The area where the demolitions were taking place was closed off by police in the early hours of Wednesday. A Palestinian member of Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, was prevented from approaching the site.

The High Follow-Up Com-

mittee for Arabs in the Negev, a political body representing the needs of Palestinian citizens of Israel, said in a statement that the demolitions have left women, children and the elderly out in the open under the scorching sun, without shelter or anywhere to go.

“The destruction of the homes of hundreds of citizens is an organized crime and a dangerous indicator of the hostile practices against Palestinians, particularly in the Negev, led by security minister Itamar Ben Gvir,” Jumaa al-Zabarqeh, a member of the committee, told local media.

U.S. Official: Washington Pauses Some Weapons to Israel

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – A U.S. official said on Wednesday Washington had halted a shipment of powerful bombs that Israel could use in a full-scale assault.

The United States, which claims it is seeking to stave off an Israeli invasion of Rafah, said it believes a revised ceasefire proposal may lead to a breakthrough in an impasse in negotiations, with talks resuming in Cairo on Wednesday.

A senior U.S. official said President Joe Biden’s administration paused a shipment of weapons to Israel last week in an apparent response to the expected Rafah onslaught. The White House and Pentagon declined to comment.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Washington had carefully re-

viewed the delivery of weapons that might be used in Rafah, and as a result paused a shipment consisting of 1,800 2,000-lb bombs and 1,700 500-lb bombs.

This would be the first such delay since the Biden administration offered its “ironclad” support to Israel after the Oct. 7 aggression. Washington is Israel’s closest ally and main weapons supplier.

“We are especially focused on the end-use of the 2,000-lb bombs and the impact they could have in dense urban settings as we have seen in other parts of Gaza. We have not made a final determination on how to proceed with this shipment,” the official was quoted as saying. The news agencies said he spoke on condition of anonymity given the issue’s sensitivity.

Reuters reported that four sources said the shipments, which have been delayed for at least two weeks, involved Boeing-made Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs), which place precision guidance systems onto bombs, as well as Small Diameter Bombs.

Quoting unnamed officials, The Wall Street Journal reported earlier on Tuesday that the U.S. had delayed the shipment of some 6,500 JDAMs.

The delay comes at a time when Washington is publicly pressuring Israel to postpone its planned onslaught in Rafah until it has taken steps to avert civilian casualties.

Biden on Monday held a phone call with Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and stressed U.S. opposition to a ground invasion of Rafah, according to the White House.

Powerful Iraqi Resistance Group Says U.S. Troops Must Leave

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraq’s powerful Kataeb Hezbollah has renewed its call for U.S. troops to withdraw from Iraq, months after the resistance group suspended retaliatory attacks against American forces.

Washington and Baghdad have been engaged in talks over the U.S. military occupation in Iraq.

A spokesman for Kataeb Hezbollah said in a statement that the group “did not perceive the American enemy’s seriousness in withdrawing the troops and dismantling its spy bases in Iraq.”

“We also haven’t seen the necessary seriousness from the Iraqi government to remove them,” the spokesman, Abu Ali al-Askari, added in a statement.

During more than three months, as regional tensions soared over the devastating Zionist war in Gaza, U.S. troops were targeted more than 165

times in West Asia, mainly in Iraq and neighboring Syria.

The Islamic Resistance of Iraq, an alliance of groups including Kataeb Hezbollah, had claimed the majority of the attacks.

Three US personnel were killed in the January 28 drone strike in Jordan, near the Syrian border.

Two days later, Kataeb Hezbollah said it was suspending its attacks on U.S. forces.

In February the United States and Iraq resumed talks on the future of the U.S.-led occupation in Iraq, following a request by Iraqi Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani who has been calling for an end to the coalition’s mission.

The United States has some 2,500 troops in Iraq and 900 in Syria as part of a coalition allegedly against the Daesh terrorist group.