

Top General: Armed Forces to Counter Any Violation

TEHRAN -- The commander of the army's ground forces says Iran's armed forces will confront any instance of violation against the country's soil. Brigadier General Kioumars Heydari visited the western borders where he commended Iran's border guards for protecting the country's frontiers with complete awareness, dedication, and alertness, and hailed their "acting decisively in the face of whatever threat." The ground forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) are currently holding a military drill on the western borders.

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Iran Condemns Terrorist Attack in Pakistan


TEHRAN -- Iran on Sunday strongly condemned a deadly bombing that targeted a convoy of vehicles carrying security personnel in Pakistani's southwestern province of Balochistan. Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei expressed sympathy and condolences to the bereaved families, as well as the Pakistani government and people, over the attack, stressing the need for enhanced efforts to prevent and combat terrorism. Five paramilitary soldiers were killed in the attack, which also wounded nearly 40 others, including civilians.

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Hypersonic Missile Hits Haifa Power Plant

SANA'A (Dispatches) -- Yemen's military said on Sunday that it had launched a ballistic missile targeting a key Israeli power facility, marking an escalation in the country's operations amid the Zionist regime's ongoing genocide in Gaza.

Yahya Saree, the military spokesperson, said Yemeni forces used a hypersonic "Palestine-2" missile to strike the Orot Rabin power plant, located south of Haifa. He described the attack as a "successful operation" and part of Yemen's "religious, moral, and humanitarian duty" to support Palestinians.

"We will continue our supportive military operations for the mujahideen in Gaza," Saree declared, adding that Yemen is committed to developing its military capabilities to pressure Israel into halting its genocide in Gaza.

Yemeni forces have intensified their activities in the Red Sea over the past year, targeting U.S., British and Israeli vessels as part of a naval blockade against Israel. They say the operations are in solidarity with Palestinians.

The Zionist regime as well as the U.S. and UK conduct strikes against Yemen in a bid to dissuade the country from targeting the Zionist regime, but Yemeni forces have remained undeterred.

Early Sunday, U.S. and British forces conducted fresh airstrikes targeting Yemen's northwestern city of Sa'ada, mere days following the alliance's aerial bombardment of the western coastal province of Hudaydah.

Yemen's official Saba news agency, citing a local source speaking on condition of anonymity, reported that the Western military alliance carried out three aerial attacks east of the provincial capital city of Sa'ada.

On December 30, the U.S.-British naval coalition launched two airstrikes on Yemen's western coastal province of Hudaydah, target-

ing the Tuhayta district in the southwest of the province.

A member of the Supreme Political Council of Yemen also issued a warning to Saudi Arabia whose forces targeted a border region on Thursday evening, killing a Yemeni civilian and an African refugee.

"Our people have the experience and readiness to confront any escalation of tensions that aim to distract people from the issue of Palestine," Muhammad Ali al-Houthi said.

"We tell Saudi Arabia that the de-escalation was a golden opportunity to review the wrong assessments that previously got you into trouble," he said, referring to years of war between the two sides.

"You thought that Yemen would fall in two weeks, and today every other mistake will fail and the Yemeni people will win," he added.

In March 2015, Saudi Arabia launched a war on Yemen in collaboration with its Arab allies and the support of the U.S. and some Western countries to

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Hezbollah: Capabilities Restored



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BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- The head of Hezbollah's Liaison and Coordination Unit, Wafiq Safa, confirmed in a press conference Sunday that the Lebanese resistance has restored its capabilities and is capable of confronting Israeli attacks.

The conference marked Safa's first public appearance since being targeted in an Israeli assassination attempt that martyred 22 civilians and injured over 100 more. The at-

tack took place in the southern suburb of Beirut, near the site where late Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated.

"Hezbollah's capabilities have been restored, and it has the ability to confront any attack in the manner it deems appropriate," Safa told reporters.

"Hezbollah has not and will not be defeated. It was created with victory imprinted on its

forehead, and its determination is stronger than iron."

Responding to a question on what happens if Israel fails to withdraw after the 60-day ceasefire implementation period -- which is due to finish at the end of this month -- the Hezbollah official said, "the Lebanese army and the monitoring committee were not informed of this matter," as had been reported.

"But after the 60 days have

passed, the matter is up to Hezbollah and the resistance to decide what they will do. As Sheikh Naim Qassem said, this is the responsibility of the state that signed the agreement, and it is the one that will follow up on the ceasefire procedures or violations," he added.

He confirmed what Hezbollah chief Sheikh Qassem said in a speech one day earlier that Hezbollah's patience may run out

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Fighting Between U.S., Turkish Proxies Rages in Syria

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- More than 100 militants have been killed over the last two days in northern Syria in fighting between Turkish-backed groups and U.S.-backed Kurdish forces, a London-based war monitor said Sunday.

Since Friday evening, clashes in several villages around the city of Manbij have left 101 dead, the so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The fatalities included 85 members of pro-Turkish groups and 16 from SDF militants, it added.

In a statement, the SDF claimed it had repelled "all the attacks from Turkey's mercenaries supported by Turkish drones and aviation."

Backed by U.S. forces, the SDF controls vast areas of Syria's northeast and parts of Dayr al-Zawr province in the east following the withdrawal of government forces during the war that began in 2011.

The group, which is regarded a U.S. proxy, took control of much of the current territory, including Raqqa, after Daesh terrorists were evicted from the

area.

Muhammad al-Julani, the head of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) which currently rules Syria, has previously said the SDF would be integrated into the country's future army.

The foreign ministers of Germany and France, visiting Damascus on behalf of the European Union this week, said that Kurds must be involved in the country's transition if Damascus wanted European support.

Both Germany and France have a history of training Kurdish militants and providing them with weapons.

Last month, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said foreign countries should withdraw their support for Kurdish militants in Syria.

In a statement released by his office, Erdogan said there was no longer any reason for outside support for Kurdish militants from the People's Protection Units (YPG), which form the backbone of the U.S.-backed SDF.

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Over 200 Martyred in Israeli War on Gaza Hospitals

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Later on Sunday, an Israeli airstrike hit a police station in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, killing five people, medics said. It wasn't immediately clear if all the dead were policemen.

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tary continues to hit residential buildings, people gathering in the streets, marketplaces, and shelters.

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