

Pro-Palestinian protesters shut down highways, bridges in US cities



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Pro-Palestinian demonstrators blocked roadways in Illinois, California, New York and the Pacific Northwest on Monday, temporarily shutting down travel into some of the nation's most heavily used airports, onto the Golden Gate and Brooklyn bridges and on a busy West Coast highway.

In Chicago, protesters linked arms and blocked lanes of Interstate 190 leading into O'Hare International Airport around 7 a.m. in a demonstration they said was part of a global "economic blockade to free Palestine," according to Rifqa Falaneh, one of the organizers, AP reported.

Traffic in the San Francisco Bay Area was snarled for hours as demonstrators shut down all vehicle, pedestrian and bike traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge and chained themselves to 55-gallon drums filled with cement across Interstate 880 in Oakland. Protesters marching into Brooklyn blocked Manhattan-bound traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge. In Eugene, Oregon, protesters blocked Interstate 5, shutting down traffic on the major highway for about 45 minutes.

Protesters say they chose O'Hare in part because it is one of the largest airports. Among other things, they've called for an immediate cease-fire in the war between Israel and Hamas. Anti-war protesters have demonstrated in Chicago near daily since the beginning of Israel's onslaught on Gaza on October 7.

The Israeli offensive has killed more than 33,700 Palestinians, according to the Gaza health ministry. Near Seattle, the Washington State Department of Transportation said a demonstration closed the main road to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Social media posts showed people holding a banner and waving Palestinian flags while standing on the highway, which reopened about three hours later.

About 20 protesters were arrested at the Golden Gate Bridge demonstration and traffic resumed shortly after noon, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Oregon State Police said 52 protesters were arrested for disorderly conduct following the Interstate 5 protest in Eugene, Oregon, about 110 miles (177 kilometers) south of Portland. Six vehicles were towed from the scene.

Raisi: Action against Iran to receive stronger response



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi (R) meets with Deputy Chief of Lebanon's Higher Islamic Shia Council Sheikh Ali al-Khatib (L) in Tehran, Iran, on April 16, 2024. president.ir

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International Desk

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi on Tuesday warned that any action against the Islamic Republic's interests will be met with a stronger response amid Israeli threats of retaliation against a recent Iran's attack on the occupied territories.

On Saturday, Iran launched its first-ever direct attack against Israel with a large number of missiles and drones in response to the regime's April 1 strike on Iran's consulate in Syria's capital, Damascus. Israel's attack claimed the lives of seven members of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), including two generals.

Raisi said that the Opera-

tion True Promise, which was carried out by the IRGC, was aimed at punishing the aggressor. He made the remarks in a phone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Raisi said that the attack on Iran's consulate was a clear violation of international law, including the Vienna Convention, and a serious threat to international peace. He also said that the destructive role of the United States and some western countries as well as the failure of the United Nations and the Security Council in dealing with the Israel's attack on Iran's consulate, prompted the Islamic Republic to exercise its right to self-defense.

The Iranian president also

held a meeting with visiting Deputy Chief of Lebanon's Higher Islamic Shia Council Sheikh Ali al-Khatib.

During the meeting, Raisi described the Israel's attack on Iran's consulate as a sign of the regime's desperation caused by its failure in the Gaza Strip.

The Iranian president also on Monday discussed the Iran's attack with Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. Raisi warned that any slightest action against Iran's interests will be met with an "extensive and painful response."

Raisi further underlined the need for taking acts of deterrence, especially by Muslim countries, against Israel as it keeps committing crimes in Gaza. The indiscriminate

support of some Western countries for Israel is fueling tensions in the region, he asserted.

Sheikh Tamim, for his part, referred to Qatar's condemnation of Israel's deadly attack that violated international agreements and conventions, as well as diplomatic norms.

As the globe is witnessing the highest level of convergence in support of the Palestinian cause, the Zionist regime is escalating tensions in a bid to divert the world's public opinion from its Gaza crimes, he added.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian also discussed Iran's retaliatory attack with a number of his counterparts.

In a phone conversation

with his Indonesian counterpart Retno Marsudi, he said the Israeli regime is the main source of tension in the region.

Amir-Abdollahian said Iran's operation of April 13 was within the framework of the legitimate right to self-defense and international law. The top Iranian diplomat said Tehran has never been for escalation in the region, and the Islamic Republic will always remain the pillar of regional stability.

Amir-Abdollahian thanked Jakarta's position in condemning the Israeli regime's April 1 attack.

Marsudi, for her part, said Indonesia was ready to cooperate further with Iran regarding the Palestinian issue.

Israel must stop settler attacks on Palestinians: UN



The UN human rights office called on Israeli security forces to immediately end their active participation in and support for attacks by Jewish settlers on Palestinians in the occupied West Bank. The statement Tuesday follows a wave of settler attacks on Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank triggered by the death of a 14-year-old Israeli boy, AP reported.

The Palestinian Health Ministry says seven Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces or settlers since the attacks began Friday, and another 75 have

been wounded. Israeli authorities have urged people not to resort to vigilante attacks as tensions soar. But rights groups have long accused Israeli forces of routinely ignoring settler attacks or even taking part in them. Israel's opposition leader Yair Lapid on Monday said that under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, "Jewish terrorist violence" against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank was "out of control." Violence in the West Bank has soared since the start of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7.

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INVITATION TO RENEWAL OF ONE STEP INTERNATIONAL TENDER
First Announcement
AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY

Agricultural Support Services Company, hereinafter will be referred as ASSC, affiliated to Ministry of Agriculture-Jihad of I.R of Iran, is considering the purchase of the below item of technical, through renewal of one step international tender.

	Name	PACKING	Quantity/ KG
1	Deltamethrin Tech Min 98.5 pct.	50 kg drums	1800

All of the qualified and interested companies are invited to receive tender documents from **Saturday** dated **20/4/2024** until **Wednesday** dated **24/4/2024** (5 working days) from our purchasing committee (located at the 9th floor, no. 1, fourth alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

The bidders are requested to submit their letters of introduction, along with remittance bill of IRI. Rials 1,200,000 to ASSC's account no. 4001039704005791 with SHEBA no. IR250100004001039704005791 at the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran through payment order of SATNA or PAYA with the 30-character identification code of 358039782263500650000000000000.

The bidders are requested to submit their sealed and stamped envelopes containing offers latest on **Sunday** dated **26/5/2024** until **10:00 AM** to our security office located on the 8th floor. Meanwhile the meeting for the opening of the envelopes will be held on **Sunday** dated **26/5/2024** at **02:00 PM** with the presence of bidder's representatives at our purchasing committee (9th floor, no. 1, Fourth Alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

We would like to emphasize that the value of the bid bond amount must be only submitted by the bidders in bank guarantee as follows:

The value of the bid bond: € 4860 is equivalent to Iranian Rials **1501603920**.

- The bid bond value should be in Euro or in equal value of any other foreign currencies, except US dollars, based on the exchange rate of Telegraphic Transfer of the basic and essential commodities on CBI's ETS website, www.fxmarketrate.cbi.ir, on **7/4/2024**.
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