

Students occupy NYC campus building in pro-Palestinian protest

UN troubled by treatment of protesters

International Desk

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators at Columbia University barricaded themselves inside a campus building early Tuesday as pro-Palestinian protests spread across the United States.

The occupation of Hamilton Hall at the prestigious university in New York came hours after administrators said they had begun suspending students for failing to comply with an order to disperse.

Masked individuals smashed windows and moved metal tables to block the building's entrances, images shared overnight on social media showed.

"After 206 days of genocide and over 34,000 Palestinian martyrs, Columbia community members took back Hamilton Hall just after midnight," the group said in a statement citing Israel's war in Gaza.

It said the group had renamed the building "Hind's Hall" in honor of a six-year-old Gazan girl killed by Israel during its ongoing offensive on the Palestinian territory.

The demonstrators vowed to remain at the hall until their demands are met, including that Columbia divest all financial holdings linked to Israel.

Arrests in universities

Protests have swept through higher education institutions from coast to coast, with many erecting tent encampments on campus grounds, after around 100 protesters were first arrested at Columbia university on April 18. More than 900 people have been arrested by the US police since the anti-Israel campaign started at the Columbia university.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, police moved in Tuesday morning to clear one encampment, and could be seen in social media



Protesters link arms outside Hamilton Hall barricading students inside the building at the New York Columbia University on April 29, 2024. **REUTERS**

images detaining a few protesters. TV footage showed police at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond on Monday evening pushing and shoving away protesters, with students saying teargas and pepper spray was deployed. Protests against the Gaza war have posed a challenge to university administrators trying to balance free speech rights with complaints that the rallies have veered into anti-Semitism and hate.

Footage of police in riot gear summoned at various colleges to break up rallies has been viewed around the world, recalling the protest

movement that erupted during the Vietnam War. UN human rights chief Volker Turk voiced concern Tuesday at the heavy-handed steps taken to disperse the protests, saying that "freedom of expression and the right to peaceful assembly are fundamental to society."

He added that "incitement to violence or hatred on grounds of identity or viewpoints - whether real or assumed - must be strongly repudiated." Some demonstrations have also arisen outside the US in solidarity with Palestinians, including at the University of British Columbia's Point Grey campus in Vancouver and at McGill University in Montreal.

Similar protests in world

The protests have spread to other countries including France, Germany and Australia. Iranian students also

held demonstrations on Monday in support of the student protests in the US.

Dozens of Lebanese students also gathered at the prestigious American University of Beirut (AUB), some wearing the traditional Arab keffiyeh scarf that has long been a symbol of the Palestinian cause, to protest against Israel's genocide in Gaza.

"We are Palestine's neighbors. If we do not stand with them today, who will?" asked AUB student Zeina, 23, declining to provide her surname.

"Around the world, students my age, from our generation, are the ones raising their voices," she added.

Since October 7, Israel's attacks on the Gaza Strip have killed more than 34,500 Palestinians so far - mostly women and children. The regime attacks have also displaced millions of Palestinians across the besieged territory.



Russia: US hypocritical over ICC, Israel

Russia said on Tuesday that the United States was being hypocritical by opposing the International Criminal Court's (ICC) investigation of Israel but supporting the court's warrant for the arrest of President Vladimir Putin.

White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre said on Monday the United States did not support the ICC's investigation of Israel and did not believe that the court had jurisdiction.

US President Joe Biden said last year that the ICC decision to issue an arrest warrant for Putin was justified. The United States has shared details of alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine with the ICC.

"Washington fully supported, if not stimulated, the issuance of ICC warrants against the Russian leadership," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said in a post on Telegram. But "the American political system does not recognize the legitimacy of this structure in relation to itself and its satellites," Zakharova said, adding that such a position was intellectually "absurd". Israel is not a member of the ICC, while the Palestinian territories were admitted as a member state in 2015.

Israeli officials are worried that the court could issue arrest warrants against the regime's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other top officials for alleged violations of international humanitarian law in Gaza, Israeli media have reported.

After days of conjecture in Israeli media, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said late on Sunday that it has issued warnings to senior political and military officials that they could soon face arrest warrants.

The ministry said it has informed Israeli missions of "rumors" concerning prosecutions.

The ICC has given no indication that warrants are imminent and has made no comment on the claims.

Israeli officials have referred in recent days to an ICC probe launched three years ago into possible war crimes committed by Israel going back to the 2014 Israel-Hamas war. The investigation is also charged with looking at Israel's construction of settlements in occupied territories such as the West Bank.

IAEA chief to visit Iran next week

The head of the UN's atomic watchdog will travel to Iran next week to attend a conference and hold talks with Iranian officials regarding the country's nuclear program, Tehran said on Tuesday. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi will visit

Iran to attend the "the nuclear sciences and technologies of Iran" conference, which will be held from May 6 to May 8 in the central city of Isfahan. During his visit, Grossi will also meet with Iranian officials to discuss the country's nuclear program, Tasnim cited

the spokesman of Iran's atomic agency Behrouz Kamalvandi as saying. "We can confirm that director general Grossi will be in Iran on May 6-7 for meetings with senior Iranian officials," a spokesman of the UN nuclear agency told AFP.

Iran commutes death sentence for billionaire Zanjani



Iran's judiciary said Tuesday it had commuted a death sentence

handed down against a billionaire business tycoon convicted of pocket-

eting \$2.8 billion while circumventing US-led sanctions for the oil ministry.

Following an appeal for clemency, Babak Zanjani, 50, was sentenced instead to 20 years behind bars, judiciary spokesman Asghar Jahangir told reporters.

"With the approval of the head of the judiciary, and the agreement of the Leader, his death sentence was overturned and was commuted to 20 years of imprisonment," Jahangir said.

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Max	0.05	S
Max	1	SiO2
Max	2.5	Al2O3
Max	0.5	CaO
Max	0.9	MgO
Max	2.5	Moisture
Max	3	Size Ave
98%<3mm		
80%<0.45mm		

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Max	3.5	SiO2
Max	0.7	Al2O3
Max	0.9	CaO
Max	2.5	MgO
Ave	250	CCS(kg/p)
Min	90	8-16 mm%
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Max	3.8	A.1%
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