



Borrell: UN's system paralyzed by vetoes

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European Union's top diplomat said the United Nations' system is paralyzed by vetoes and these vetoes maintain conflicts across the world. "Look at what is happening at the [United Nations]

Security Council; there are no agreements, there are only vetoes. And by the way, I can say that the EU member states have not used the veto right in these last times. But the United Nations' system is paralyzed by vetoes, and these vetoes maintain

conflicts. And these conflicts can kill people and spread insecurity and put ethical questions to all of us," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in a speech at the Schumann Security and Defense Forum 2024 in Brussels. He said that humanity

had returned to a classical high-intensity war with tanks, trenches, planes, explosions, and not only in Ukraine and Gaza. "There are many wars in Africa, a lot of - not wars - but instability in Latin America. We see not a war but war games in the

Indo-Pacific," he said. The United States, Israel's key political and military backer, has repeatedly vetoed the UN Security Council multiple resolutions on ending the nearly eight-month Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip, which has killed more than 36,000 Palestinians - mostly women and children. Since the beginning of the Israel's onslaught on Gaza in October, the US has used its veto five times, four of which to block a cease-fire in Gaza. Turkish President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan also hit out at the United Nations on Wednesday. "The UN cannot even protect its own staff. What are you waiting for to act? The spirit of the United Nations is dead in Gaza," Erdogan told lawmakers from his AKP party. Erdogan's comments came as the UN Security Council met to discuss a deadly Israeli attack on a displacement camp west of Rafah on Tuesday that killed 21 people, according to a civil defense official in Gaza. The Turkish leader also hit out at fellow Muslim-majority countries for failing to take common action over the Israeli strike. "I have some words to say to the Islamic world: what are you waiting for to take a common decision?" Erdogan, who leads a Muslim-majority country of 85 million people, told lawmakers from his AKP party. "Israel is not just a threat to Gaza but to all of humanity," he said. "No state is safe as long as Israel does not follow international law and does not feel bound by international law," Erdogan added, repeating an accusation that Israel is committing "genocide" in Gaza.

Iran's ballistic missile technology at disposal of Yemen

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Iran has reportedly provided Yemen's Ansarallah resistance movement with a technology to manufacture Qadr medium-range ballistic missile. According to the Tasnim News Agency, technical know-how to produce Iran's first homegrown naval ballistic missile is now at the disposal of the Yemeni military forces. The missiles have presented serious challenges to the US and Israel's interests in the region. Yemen's Ansarallah movement has been targeting Israel-bound ships in the Red Sea since November in response to Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip.

Saudi Arabia expels 6 Iranian journalists



The Head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Peyman Jebeli said Saudi Arabia detained and expelled six state media journalists. "They were carrying out their normal and routine task when this happened and they were arrested," Jebeli told reporters. "We are not aware of the reason they were arrested and sent back to the country." The journalists, who had been sent to Saudi Arabia to cover the Hajj pilgrimage, has been detained for six days in the kingdom.

Sanctions removal talks underway: Iran's acting FM

Iran's acting Foreign Minister Ali Baqeri Kani said the Islamic Republic is proceeding with its peaceful nuclear activities under the supervision of the country's top security body, adding that talks on the removal of anti-Iran sanctions are also underway. Baqeri Kani made the remarks on the sidelines of the Iranian administration's weekly cabinet meeting in the capital Tehran on Wednesday as he pointed to late president Ebrahim Raisi's emphasis on keeping active diplomacy, Press TV reported.

"The martyred president's emphasis was on being active in the field of foreign policy with a focus on the policy of neighborliness and interaction with neighbors," the top diplomat said. Stressing that Iran's nuclear activities continue under the supervision of the country's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), Baqeri Kani touched on negotiations to remove anti-Tehran sanctions and said, "The exchange of messages has not stopped and is still underway." Over the past years, Iran

has made great strides in its peaceful nuclear energy program in defiance of illegal sanctions and other hurdles created by the Western governments. The country, as a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), has also been closely cooperating with the International Atomic Energy Agency. The country showed to the world the peaceful nature



of its nuclear program by signing the 2015 nuclear agreement, formally known as the Joint Com-

prehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with six world powers. But, Washington's unilateral withdrawal in May 2018 and its subsequent re-imposition of sanctions against Tehran left the future of the deal in limbo. Asked about a possible trip by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to Tehran, the acting foreign minister said there has been a mutual invitation from both sides and the issue has previously been brought up, but the exact timing of the trip has yet to be specified.

US city adopts resolution calling for boycott, divestment of Israel

The Hamtramck City Council, in the US state of Michigan, unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday to support a pro-Palestinian movement calling for boycotts and divestment in an effort to end support for Israel in its war on Gaza. City Council members described the resolution as a push to "stop the genocide" in Gaza and follows demonstrations by pro-Palestinian supporters in calls for a cease-fire and the move to set up encampments on college campuses. "We are making history with this decision," said Mayor Pro Tem Abu Musa. "... The American government, we are taking our tax money and sending to Israel and (that) money (is being used), killing in-

nocent people, especially kids and women." The all-Muslim Hamtramck City Council passed the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions resolution 4-0. Councilman Mohammed Hassan said his support for the resolution was motivated by his humanity rather his ethnic and religious affiliations. "As a human, I'm supporting this resolution, not as a Muslim, no - as a human," Hassan said. "... As an American administration, we are supporting (Israel) to kill the kids and the innocent people and (not letting) the medicine, food, water to go to a specific area." Passage of the resolution came as pro-Palestinian demonstrations have occurred and encampments

have set up on college campuses across the United States. Encampments have been dismantled and cleared from several campuses. Discord from last month's violent attack on pro-Palestinian students and activists encamped at the University of California, Los Angeles, flared again on Tuesday as academic workers staged a protest strike on campus protesting UCLA's response to the incident. Unionized academic researchers, graduate teaching assistants and post-doctoral scholars at UCLA walked off the job over what they regard as unfair labor practices in the university's handling of pro-Palestinian demonstrations in recent weeks, organizers said.

US bombs snuffing ...

The CNN report underlined that serial numbers on the remnants of the munitions matched those for a manufacturer of GBU-39 parts based in California, pointing to more evidence the bombs were made in the US. Since the start of Israel's genocidal war on Gaza in early October 2023, the United States and its Western allies have been providing untrammelled financial and logistical support to the occupying entity in its ceaseless bombardment campaign against Palestinians in the besieged territory. In yet another brazen act of support for Israel's months-long onslaught, the administration of US President Joe Biden hinted on Tuesday that the regime's deadly strikes

on Rafah did not cross a "red line" and would not lead to a change in Washington's policy towards Tel Aviv. Pentagon deputy press secretary Sabrina Singh said in a presser that Sunday's airstrike, which was the deadliest incident in Rafah since Israel launched an offensive there, did not amount to what the White House has warned against. "It is still our assessment that what is happening in Rafah and what the [Israeli military] are doing, it is limited in scope," Singh told reporters. The White House claims to have warned Israel against a large-scale ground offensive in Rafah without a clear plan to evacuate civilians safely. Haley writes 'finish them' on Israeli shells

Nikki Haley, the failed US Republican presidential nominee, signed Israeli artillery shells with the inscription "Finish Them!" on a visit to the Israeli-occupied territories this week. The former South Carolina governor's graphic display of support came on a trip to the north of the occupied territories, where she was accompanied by Danny Danon, a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations and a noted hawkish member of Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party in the Israeli parliament, Knesset. "America needs to do whatever Israel needs and stop telling them how to fight this war," said Haley, whose missile message also carried the words "America loves Israel".

As a staunch supporter of Israel during her time in Donald Trump's administration, Haley is one of the main recipients of financial aid from pro-Zionist lobbies in America, with some social media activists having considered her inscription on Israeli missiles as an example of "incitement to genocide" and called for her trial in international courts. Israel's barbaric attack on the tent camp in Rafah prompted global condemnations and calls for the implementation of a World Court order to halt Israel's assault on Gaza. The attack came two days after the International Court of Justice ordered Israel to stop its US-backed aggression on Gaza that has killed more than 36,000 people and injured over 81,000 others since it started in October last year.