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Israeli schools slam anti-LGBTQ lawmaker being put in charge of education
School principals nationwide have announced they will not cooperate with any school curriculum that promotes homophobic or racist material, with outgoing PM even starting a hotline so parents can report such instances
i24NEWS, Ynet|07:46

More than 170 school principals on Saturday addressed incoming prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu asking him to reverse his decision to transfer educational powers to far-right Noam party chairman Avi Maoz.

Maoz is known for his homophobic views. He has already made statements that he will seek the cancellation of the annual Pride March in Jerusalem.

"We cannot let gloomy opinions dictate the agenda," the educators wrote.

Prior to that, nearly 600 teachers and other education professionals also signed a letter saying they will not cooperate with programs that contradict "the humanistic values found in state education law and the values of equality and democracy."

Reacting to this outcry, outgoing Prime Minister Yair Lapid announced on Saturday evening the launch of a hotline for parents to express their disapproval of the future decisions of the far-right politician.

Lapid called on parents to oppose the "extreme and dangerous content" which will be promoted by the future member of the new coalition, when he will have effective control over certain aspects of school programs as well as over the external speakers invited to express their views in public schools as Netanyahu promised him.

The leader of Yesh Atid urged parents to contact local authorities and schools to ensure that "liberal content" is well taught, and not "the dark, homophobic, nationalist and violent doctrine" of Noam. He added that the hotline launched by his party will be used to "collect information on attempts to insert dark content into the education system," as well as to provide legal advice to parents.

Earlier, Lapid sent an official letter to the mayors of the country asking them to oppose the directives of the next education minister. As protest reactions mounted against Maoz's appointment, Likud member Galit Distel Atbaryan told Channel 12 that Noam could do nothing without Netanyahu's approval.

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Breach set off security alert throughout airport, passengers instructed to get on the ground for fear of terrorist attack; Palestinian driver, passenger arrested

Meir Turgeman, Daniel Salami, Roi Rubinstein|03:34

A car thief broke through a checkpoint at Ben Gurion Airport with a stolen vehicle on Sunday after making a wrong turn into one of Israel's most secure facilities, causing hysteria among travelers.

The breach set off a security alert throughout the airport, which acts as Israel's primary gateway, and passengers at the airport's departure Terminal 3 were instructed to get down to the ground for fear of a terrorist attack.

Once the driver was caught by airport security, a preliminary interrogation showed that the vehicle was stolen and the Palestinian driver and another passenger who was with him were attempting to flee with it.

According to the police, the driver rammed through the checkpoint while driving against traffic and was later stopped by airport security following a brief pursuit. Once the car was stopped, the driver exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot before being shot in the foot by officers, causing him minor injuries.

The suspects were arrested and taken for further questioning, with police adding that the two were Palestinians illegally in Israel from the West Bank.

The Israel Airport Authority said that "security guards noticed the vehicle speeding toward the Ben Gurion Airport checkpoint and breaking through it, and acted to stop it by chasing it, shooting at it, and placing roadblocks until the vehicle stopped."

Harel, a passenger who was in the airport's Terminal 3 during the incident, described the event. "They called on everybody to drop to the ground and follow security's instructions. Everyone panicked, we lied on the ground for about half an hour, and we heard rumors that a terrorist had breached the airport, it was bedlam – but everything calmed down eventually."

Another witness named Eyal added: "They told us to hit the deck and we didn't know what was happening, we were anxious for several minutes."

A cab driver working at the airport said that "I was standing next to my cab when suddenly security guards started shouting and herded people into the terminal. It was a mess, I don't remember anything like that happening."

Pini Schiff, a former security director at Ben Gurion Airport, said that while the handling of the incident went according to standard procedure, it might have caused unnecessary panic.

"I always said that the last place a car thief would want to end up in is Ben Gurion because he has no chance of escaping alive or without being arrested," he said.

"This is the third incident of this kind this year, and in none of them did the suspects target the airport. This isn't a terrorist, it's a car thief that was being chased and broke through a checkpoint that was in his way.

According to Schiff, "emergency protocol is activated at the airport as soon as someone breaks into the facility and he has no chance to reach the terminals, asking the passengers to get on the ground is done according to protocol. I think they have overblown the event by asking people to get down.

"It's important to stress that the suspects couldn't have reached the terminal, and since he attempted to run over security guards, shots were fired at the vehicle. The drama wasn't necessary since the suspect didn't target the airport, and was far away from the terminals."

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State news: Iran executed 4 people it says spied for Israel

Network members reportedly stole and destroyed private and public property and kidnapped individuals and interrogated them in attempt to disrupt country's security
Associated Press|02:21

Iranian authorities executed four people Sunday accused of working for Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, the state-run IRNA news agency said. Three others received lengthy prison sentences.

IRNA said the country's powerful Revolutionary Guard announced the arrests of a network of people linked to the Israeli agency. It said the members had previous criminal records and tried to disrupt the country's security.

Israel and Iran are regional arch-enemies and Iran occasionally announces the detention of people it says are spying for foreign countries, including the United States and Israel. Iran does not recognize Israel and supports anti-Israeli armed groups across the region, such as Hezbollah and Hamas.

Network members stole and destroyed private and public property and kidnapped individuals and interrogated them, according to the report. It said the alleged spies had weapons and received wages from Mossad in the form of cryptocurrency.

IRNA identified the executed prisoners as Hossein Ordoukhanzadeh, Shahin Imani Mahmoudabadi, Milad Ashrafi and Manouchehr Shahbandi. Three other members of the group received sentences of five to 10 years in prison, according to the news agency, but they were not identified.

Iran and Israel have long accused each other of spying. Israel views Iran as its greatest threat and has repeatedly threatened to take military action to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. Iran denies it is seeking such weapons and has vowed a harsh response to any Israeli aggression.

In January, Israel said it had broken up an Iranian spy ring that recruited Israeli women via social media to photograph sensitive sites, gather intelligence and encourage their sons to join Israeli military intelligence.

In July, Iran said it arrested members of an armed group linked to Mossad after they sneaked into Iran from across its western border.

In 2020, Iran executed a man convicted of leaking information to the U.S. and Israel about a prominent Revolutionary Guard general who was later killed by a U.S. drone strike in Iraq.

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Hamas fires at Israeli jets as IDF strikes in Gaza

Islamist group fires two rounds of rockets into Israeli territory overnight; Israeli military says destroyed Hamas rocket production site, terror tunnel in cross-border tit-for-tat

i24NEWS|01:02

The Israeli military on Saturday night hit Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip in response to the terrorist group firing a rocket into southern Israel earlier in the night, with the Islamist outfit firing anti-aircraft missiles at Israeli fighter jets.

A rocket production site was attacked as well as a terrorist tunnel in the south of the Palestinian enclave, according to an IDF Spokesperson's Unit statement. Following the strikes, Hamas fired anti-aircraft missiles at Israeli fighter jets. The IDF then targeted a Hamas military post.

"In addition, a military post was attacked as a response to shooting at our planes," the statement said.

"Tonight's attack continues the trend of harming Hamas' military buildup in the Gaza Strip."

Earlier on Saturday night, a rocket fired at southern Israel by Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip landed in an open field, causing no damage, the Israeli military confirmed. This was the first rocket launch from the Hamas-controlled enclave in over a month.

An Israel Defense Forces (IDF) spokesperson said the Iron Dome air defense system was not activated, as the rocket was expected to land in an unpopulated area. It fell in the Shaar Hanegev Regional Council, not far from the Nahal Oz kibbutz which borders Gaza. Security sources confirmed to i24NEWS that the Islamic Jihad terrorist group (PIJ) is believed to be behind the attack. It comes a few days after two PIJ members were killed in clashes with the Israeli military in the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

This is the first time rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel in a month. Last month, a rocket launched from Gaza toward Eshkol Regional Council was intercepted by Iron Dome. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

Later that night, the military identified three more rocket launches, but all projectiles fell short within Gaza. PIJ took responsibility for the launches and said it came in response to the death of the commander of its Jenin Brigade in a clash with Israeli forces earlier that day.

This is the most significant escalation since Israel and PIJ clashed for three days in early August in a bout Israel dubbed Operation Breaking Dawn, during which PIJ terrorists fired more than 1,000 rockets into Israeli population centers.

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One Gaza rocket response to a killing of Jihad faction commander in Jenin

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For first time in a month, Gaza rocket hits southern Israel
Projectile falls in open field near the Gaza border causing no injuries or damage, in the first such launch since August, military says; fire comes three days after Islamic Jihad Jenin area commander killed by troops
Yoav Zitun, Matan Tzuri|12:29

The IDF said on Sunday, that a rocket was launched from Gaza towards Israel for the first time in a month.

"Following the report regarding sirens sounded in open areas, one rocket was fired from the Gaza Strip toward Israeli territory. No interceptors were launched. Full routine continues on the Israeli home front," the military said.

The projectile landed in open fields near the Gaza border.
According to the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, there is no change to the regular security routine in the area.

The launch from Gaza comes three days after the IDF killed Mohammad Al Saadi in a shootout on the West Bank. He was a member of the Islamic Jihad and a field commander in Jenin.

At the same time, the troops also killed Na'im Zubeidi, a senior member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades — an armed group affiliated with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement.

The last time there was rocket fire from the Gaza Strip towards Israel was a month ago when the Iron Dome missile defense system intercepted a projectile fired towards the Eshkol region of the south. then too, no injuries were reported.

the Islamic Jihad faction took responsibility for the launch claiming it was a response to a killing of their commander in Jenin on the same day.

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Qatar envoy warns Hamas against escalation during World Cup; ending December 18

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Qatar warns Hamas against Gaza escalation during World Cup
Qatari envoy to Gaza Mohammad al-Emadi visits enclave before the tournament kicked off to convey the message ahead after terror factions known to fire rockets at Israel amid uptick in terror attacks
i24NEWS|07:23

Qatar has been pressuring Gazan terrorist factions to hold off any actions that could escalate security tensions with Israel until after the FIFA World Cup, hosted in the Gulf state until December 18, Israeli media said on Friday.

The report comes amid an uptick in terrorist attacks against Israelis in the West Bank, a development that often sparks downpour of rockets on southern Israel. This time, however, the escalation is yet to occur.

The Qatari envoy to Gaza Mohammad al-Emadi visited the enclave before the tournament kicked off to convey the message to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the two factions in Gaza.

Qatar is a major sponsor of Hamas, a terrorist group committed to Israel's destruction. While the World Cup host doesn't have diplomatic ties with Israel, it opened its doors to Israelis for the event.

Unlike its Gulf neighbors the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, which recently signed historic agreements with Israel, Qatar has conditioned normalizing relations on the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Doha also maintains close relations with Tehran, which firmly objects to Gulf ties with Jerusalem.

Qatar was the first Gulf state to establish diplomatic relations with Israel back in 1996, with Israel even opening a trade office there. But the office was closed by local authorities in 2000 and relations between the two nations formally ended in 2009 over an Israeli military operation in Gaza.

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Footage shows the officer confronting with the attacker who was able to free himself and attempted to snatch his automatic weapon, but was shot dead

Ynet|Yesterday | 09:40

A Border Police officer was stabbed by a Palestinian on Friday in the West Bank town of Hawara, the assailant was shot dead by the forces.

The officer who was slightly wounded was evacuated to receive medical treatment.

Footage from the scene shows the officer trying to apprehend the Palestinian who approached him, while other Palestinians trying to interfere.

The officer was able to isolate the attacker, but the suspect was able to free himself and attempted to snatch his automatic weapon, the officer's weapon fell to the ground, but he was able to pull his handgun and shot and killed the attacker.

The officer then retrieved his weapon and called for reinforcement. Earlier on Thursday overnight, shots were fired at an Israeli bus in the West Bank, the bullets hit the bus, and besides the driver, there were eight other passengers, but there were no casualties in the incident.

12.01.22

Israeli President Herzog to visit Abu Dhabi, Bahrain for Global Space Congress

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Heightened security ahead of Herzog's Bahrain visit

Calls from Bahrain's pro-Iran opposition to boycott and disrupt the visit are raising concerns amongst security officials in both states, with shadows of January's missile launch during Herzog's visit to Abu Dhabi looming

Itamar Eichner|12.01.22 | 15:31

President Isaac Herzog is set to take off on Sunday for an official visit to Bahrain at the invitation of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, awakening concerns amongst Israeli security officials.

This visit will mark the first of an Israeli President at an Arab kingdom in the Persian Gulf.

Following meetings held over the past two days, the Shin Bet decided to significantly heighten Herzog's security, due to calls from Bahrain's pro-Iran opposition to boycott and disrupt the visit. Security officials in Bahrain have instructed similar security reinforcements.

The main concern amongst Israeli officials is that Iran and its agents will attempt to disrupt the visit, as they did when the Houthis launched a missile at the UAE Herzog visited Abu Dhabi in January of this year.

Authorities in Bahrain have prohibited the pro-Iran opposition from protesting on the day of the president's arrival, but specified nothing regarding the day before the visit.

The Israeli President is set to stay at the Sakhir Palace, and will be welcomed by a ceremony, at the King's demand. He will be welcomed to the palace with Israeli flags and a military orchestra that will play the Israeli national anthem "Hatikvah".

During his visit, Herzog will meet with Bahraini senior officials and members of the local Jewish community.

On Monday, Herzog will fly back to the UAE, where he will take part in a the Global Space Congress in Abu Dhabi. He will also meet with President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, for the fourth time since the beginning of his presidency. This trip indicates the warm ties between the Israeli President and Middle Eastern leaders. The leaders are expected to discuss the countries' relations, peace prospects, and expansion of cooperation.

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Gantz warns world to action; Iran can produce nuclear bomb within two weeks

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Smotrich over West Bank settlements & judicial reforms in rotation with immigration

12.01.22 – Th- - - News Placed in December 01 spot – Thursday
Maoz signed coalition as deputy minister, vows to cancel abominable parades

11.29.22 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday
Ben-Gvir squabbles with IDF ethics & policy; Herzog wants no politics in IDF

11.29.22 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday
Netanyahu to ask Herzog for 2-week extension for details and appointments

11.28.22 – Mo- - - News – Monday
Ben-Gvir protests punishment of soldiers; reexamine troop reactions to anarchists

11.28.22 – Mo- - - News – Monday
Zionist party progress toward coalition, voice opposition to women in IDF combat

11.29.22 – Tu- - - News Placed in November 29 spot – Tuesday
Lapid urges world leaders to prevent UN court rule on Israel-PA matters

11.29.22 – Tu- - - News Placed in November 30 spot – Wednesday
Female soldier seriously wounded in West Bank car ramming; terrorist killed

11.28.22 – Mo- - - News – Monday
Maoz, against reform, is Minister of Education, Jewish identity & Immigration