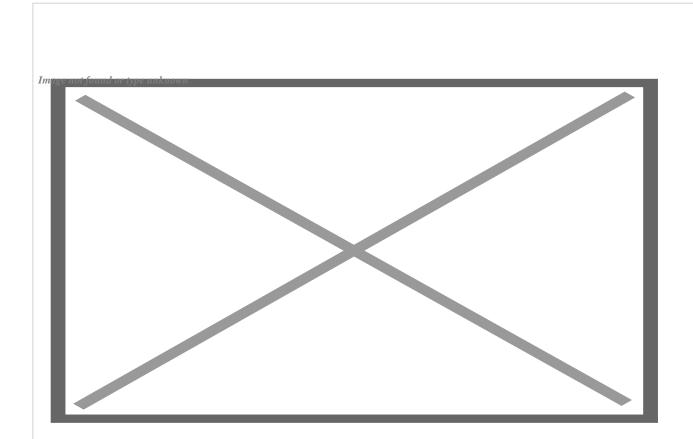
## Outraged over Gaza genocide, Iraqi protesters burn Israel, U.S. and UK flags



Iraqi protesters burn an Israeli flag in support of Palestinians in Gaza and Lebanon, after Friday prayers in Najaf, Iraq. (File photo)

Baghdad, November 15 (RHC)-- Iraqi protesters have burned U.S., UK, and Israel flags during massive rallies after Friday prayers to denounce the ongoing Israeli aggression against Gaza and Lebanon. Iraqis took to the streets of Baghdad to protest against Israel and its Western allies over the Israeli campaign of death and destruction in West Asia.

The protesters burned flags of the US, the UK and Israel during the demonstration. The footage showed the flags being torn apart and set on fire by demonstrators in Baghdad's Sadr City and the southern holy city of Najaf. They also waved Palestinian and Lebanese flags and chanted anti-Israel slogans such as "No, no for Israel. Yes, yes for Islam."

Attending the rally in the Iraqi capital, Hakim al-Zamili, a member of the Iraqi Parliament, strongly denounced the Israeli crimes against women and children. "We have decided to speak against the Zionist and American crimes of killing children, women, and elderly people," he said. He censured the Arab governments' inaction on the regime's continuous massacres and the targeting of civilians in the region.

"This ongoing killing which is taking place with silence from Arab, Islamic, and international communities towards these crimes that kill children, women, and elderly people."

Iraqis held a massive demonstration in solidarity with people in Lebanon and Palestine, condemning Israeli atrocities against the oppressed nations.

Similar protests were also held in Kufa, Kut, Khan Bani Saad in Diyala Governorate and Samawah, which is located midway between Baghdad and Basra. The participants at the rallies slammed the US-led Western governments for being complicit in Israel's criminal acts including genocide and war crimes.

The demonstrators also pledged to stand with Iraq's prominent Shia cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani who recently called on benefactors across the world to show solidarity with the Lebanese people and rush to their assistance with all available means.

The protesters also showed their support and solidarity with regional resistance groups which continued their operations against the Israeli regime and its Western allies over the past months. The Islamic Resistance has been engaged in hundreds of operations since last October when the Israeli regime began bringing the Gaza Strip under a genocidal war and ramped up its deadly aggression towards Lebanon.

The Iraqi resistance fighters have also stepped up their attacks on the United States military bases in Iraq and Syria as a means of protesting Washington's full-fledged political, military, intelligence, and diplomatic support for the regime amid the atrocities.

The brutal military onslaught has so far claimed the lives of more than 43,700 Palestinians, mostly women, children, and adolescents, and wounded another 103,258 people, while the aggression against Lebanon has killed about 3,400 people.

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