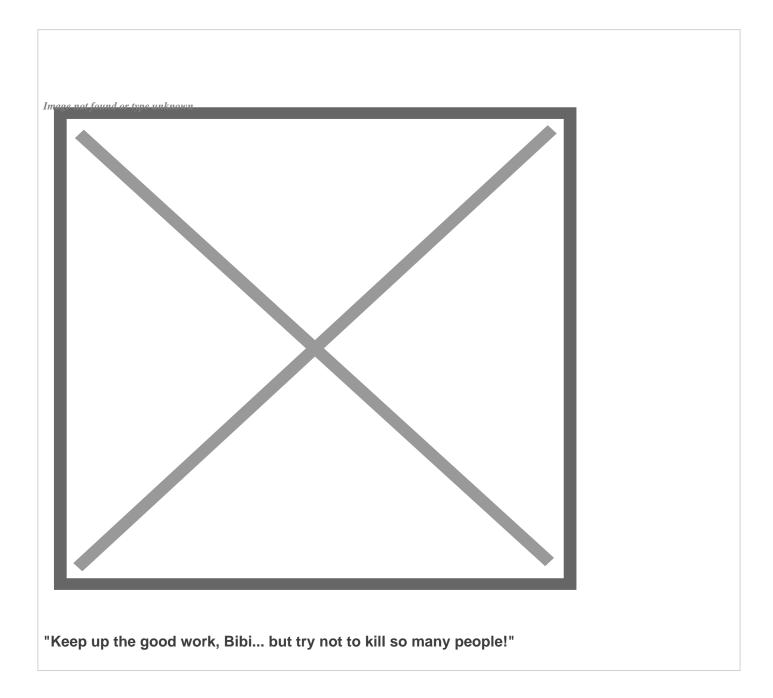
## U.S. secretary of state is powerless as he visits occupied Palestinian territories, still supporting Israeli genocide



Beirut, June 10 (RHC)-- U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is touring the Middle East region again, but is powerless to negotiate a ceasefire due to his total support for the genocide Tel Aviv rains down on Gaza.

The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas says Blinken will not be capable of pressuring the Palestinian resistance into accepting a pro-Israeli so-called ceasefire proposal that is being advanced by Washington.

"If the U.S. secretary of state travels to the region and thinks that his presence amounts to [piling up] pressure on us, he is delusional," Osama Hamdan, senior Hamas representative in Lebanon, told the country's al-Manar television network on Monday.

Blinken is visiting Egypt, the occupied Palestinian territories, Jordan, and Qatar to push through the proposal, which US President Joe Biden came up with on May 31st.

Under the plan, the Israeli regime would withdraw from population centers in the Gaza Strip -- which the regime has brought under a genocidal war -- and Hamas would free the captives it seized.

At least 37,084 Palestinians have been killed in the war that was launched after Al-Aqsa Storm, a retaliatory operation, during which Gaza's resistance groups seized the captives.

Hamas has vowed not to release the captives unless Israel completely ends its aggression, withdraws its troops, and there is a proper exchange deal.

On Sunday, the U,S, announced that it had requested a United Nations Security Council vote on a draft resolution backing its proposal.

Hamdan, however, said: "If the United States was serious about the issue of ceasefire, it would stop or at least decrease its military support for Israel."

The U.S. has provided the Israeli regime with thousands of tons of military hardware since the onset of the war.

"The power of the resistance is greater than the enemy's power of occupation," Hamdan said, adding: "The upcoming days will prove the extent of the resistance's power."

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