

Israeli forces wound dozens of Palestinian protesters in naval protest in northern Gaza Strip



Gaza City, November 26 (RHC)-- Israeli troops have wounded dozens of Palestinian demonstrators who were holding a protest rally along the northern coast of the besieged Gaza Strip in a bid to break the nearly 12-year long Israeli-imposed blockade on the impoverished sliver.

According to Palestinian Ma'an News Agency on Monday, at least three protesters sustained wounds by Israeli live ammunition while dozens more suffered from tear-gas inhalation during a protest rally held by hundreds of Gazans along the northern coasts of the besieged enclave. The medical condition of the three wounded remained unknown, the report added.

The demonstration on Monday was the 17th naval protest setting off from the Gaza seaport, with the participation of dozens of Gazans' fishing boats, against the crippling blockade of the enclave.

Israeli navy forces fired live rounds and tear gas canisters at both marchers and boats in an attempt to disperse them.

In August, the Palestinian Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) announced in a report that

Israeli attacks against Palestinian fishermen in the Gaza Strip prevent “fishermen from practicing their fishing work and accessing their livelihood resources.”

Israel imposed a limit of three nautical miles on fishing in the waters off the Gaza shore until August 2014, when Palestinian fishermen were allowed to go out six miles.

Back in July, however, Israel reduced the fishing area to only three nautical miles as part of punitive measures against Gazans over the launch of incendiary balloons from the Palestinian coastal sliver into the occupied territories as part of ongoing protests against the decades-long Israeli occupation.

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