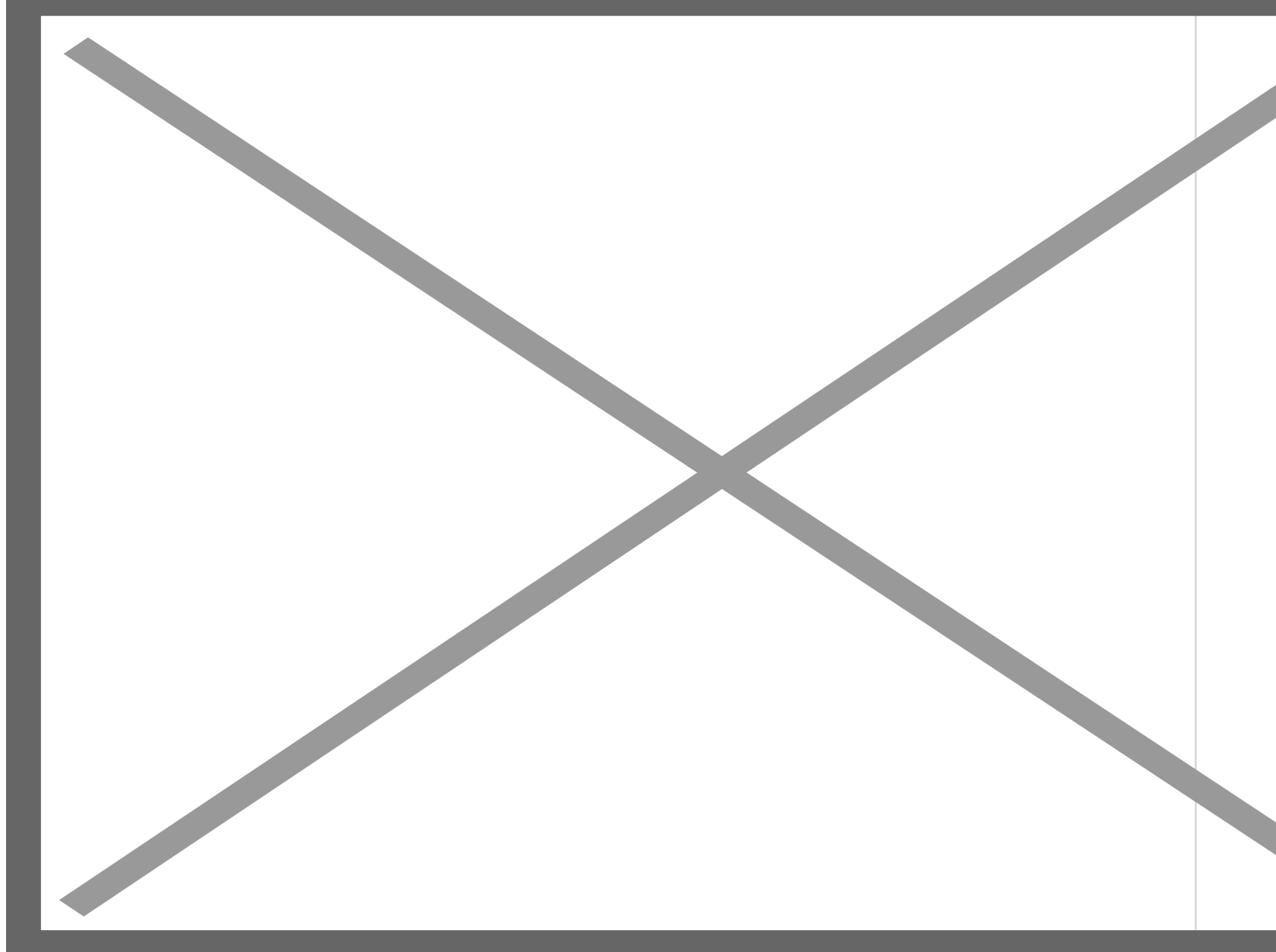


Israel rains down bombs on Gaza, wounding hundreds, killing at least 58

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Israeli showers down bombs on Gaza, killing and wounding civilians?

Gaza City, May 12 (RHC)-- The Israeli military has conducted hundreds of airstrikes on the blockaded Gaza Strip, resulting in scores of fatalities. Palestinian media reported that the Israeli regime continued its bombardment of the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing two Hamas commanders and three children.

Palestinian sources identified the two commanders as Hassan al-Kaogi (Abu Ali) and Wail Issa (Abu Ahmad).

Israel targeted Gaza's police and security headquarters and the Islamic University of Gaza for the third consecutive day, which saw 30 simultaneous attacks on the Gaza Strip.

Three Palestinian children were also killed during an Israeli air raid on Tel al-Hawa neighborhood in Gaza, Shehab News reported. Meanwhile, a pregnant Palestinian woman and her 5-year-old son were also killed during the Israeli airstrike that targeted their house in the Gaza Strip.

The woman, identified as Reem, and her son, Zaid, were reported killed after the strike hit their house in Tel al-Hawa, a neighborhood in the southern part of Gaza. Reem's brother, Ahmed Saad, reported their deaths on social media. She was four months pregnant.

Meanwhile, Gaza's Health Ministry announced on Wednesday afternoon that as many as 48 Palestinians, including 14 children and three women, had lost their lives in Gaza in the latest Israeli strikes, with a total of 296 civilians -- most of them women and children -- wounded since Monday.

In response to the incessant Israeli attacks, Palestinian resistance groups have fired a barrage of rockets at the Israeli-occupied cities. Sources said that the rockets were in direct response to the regime's continued bombardments of civilian targets in the Gaza Strip, as the death toll from the latest flare-up rises on both sides.

The Islamic Jihad resistance movement's military wing, the al-Quds Brigades, announced that 100 rockets had been fired at the cities of Tel Aviv, Ashkelon, Be'er Sheva and Sderot early on Wednesday, Palestine Today reported.

Hamas's military arm also announced that it launched 210 rockets toward the occupied territories early in the morning. The Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement that it was "in the process of firing 110 rockets toward the city of Tel Aviv" and 100 others toward the town of Be'er Sheva, "as reprisal for the restarting of strikes against civilian homes."

The Israeli army announced on Wednesday morning that Palestinian resistance groups in Gaza have launched more than 1,000 rockets toward different cities in the occupied territories since Monday evening.

Israeli authorities have so far confirmed five deaths as a result of the rockets fired from Gaza on several cities, including Tel Aviv. The Israeli army also announced it had intercepted a Hamas drone early Wednesday.

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