

# *Gaza Body Count Mounts to 2,065 as Israel Intensifies Attacks*

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Gaza City, August 21 (RHC)-- More than 40 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip over the past two days, taking the death toll from Israel's war against the Palestinian enclave to over 2,065.

At least 10 Palestinians, including six members of one family, lost their lives in an overnight attack on their homes in the city of Rafah in southern Gaza.

Six people, including four children were also killed in Gaza City. According to Palestinian medical sources, at least four others have been wounded in the air raids in Beit Lahia and Gaza City.

The Al-Qassam Brigades, the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas' military wing, has said that three of its commanders were killed in an Israeli raid on Rafah's Tal Sultan neighborhood.

The fresh Israeli attacks come as the United Nations Security Council called on Hamas and Tel Aviv to reach a deal on a long-term truce. In a defiant response to calls for an end to the attacks on Gaza, Israel has reportedly deployed more soldiers to the area. And Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has also said that Tel Aviv may extend its military campaign against Gaza.

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