

Israeli special forces kill three Palestinians in Jenin raid



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People look at the damaged car where three Palestinians were killed during an Israeli operation, near Jenin, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, March 9, 2023 [Raneen Sawafta/Reuters]?

Ramallah, Occupied West Bank, March 10 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have killed three Palestinians in a raid in Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank, less than 48 hours after six others were killed in another raid on the city. The Palestinian Ministry of Health said the three men shot dead on Thursday morning were identified as Ahmad Fashafsheh, 22, Sufian Fakhouri, 26, and Nayef Malaysheh, 25.

A fourth person – 14-year-old Walid Nassar – also died on Thursday from injuries he suffered after he was shot by the Israeli military on Tuesday, according to the health ministry. Fashafsheh, Fakhouri and Malaysheh were shot dead inside a car in the village of Jaba, south of Jenin, in what has been described by Palestinians as an “execution”.

Israeli special forces, including undercover units in civilian clothing, raided Jaba at 6 a.m. (04:00 GMT). Local media outlets reported that an exchange of fire between Palestinian fighters and Israeli forces ensued.

Israeli authorities said in a statement that the operation, which involved border police, the army and the intelligence, was intended “to arrest wanted persons on the basis of several shooting operations” targeting the Israeli army.

“During the operation, shots were fired at the [Israeli] forces from the car of the wanted persons, after which we responded and killed three armed men who were in the car,” the statement said, claiming that weapons were found in the car.

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