Israeli troops and settlers kill four Palestinians in occupied West Bank
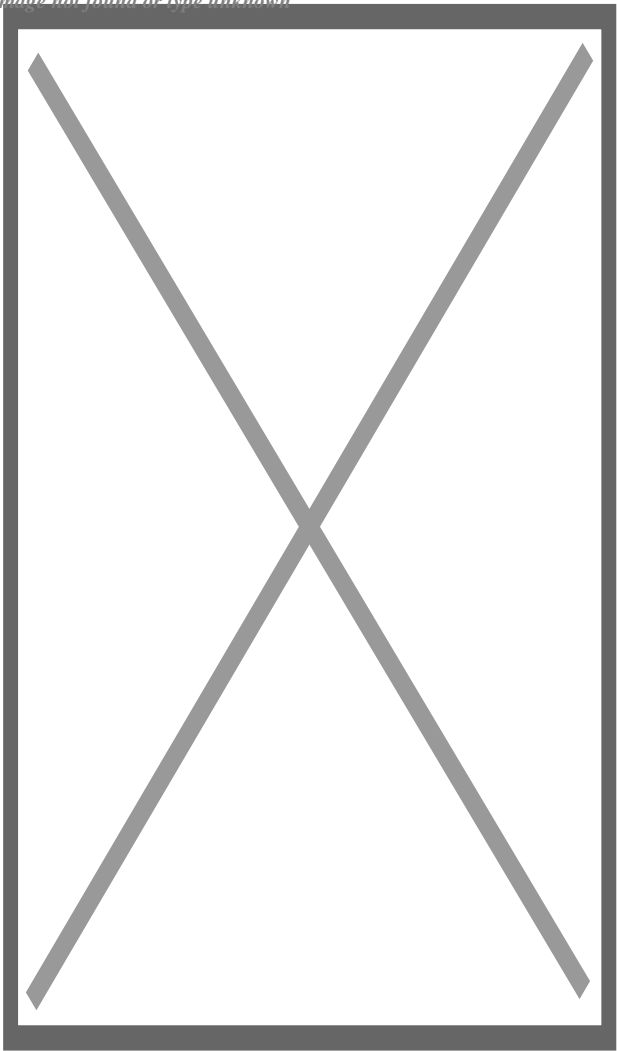

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Ramallah, October 6 (RHC)-- Israeli settlers, backed by the regime's forces, have killed another Palestinian in the occupied West Bank, bringing to four the number of Palestinians killed at the hands of Israelis in just 24 hours.

According to the Palestinian Health Ministry, the 19-year-old Labib Dumaidi succumbed to his injuries in the early hours of Friday as he was shot in the heart by an Israeli settler in Huwara Town, south of Nablus. That came as settlers, backed by Israeli forces, launched a provocative raid on Huwara on Thursday evening, and performed Talmudic rituals near the scene of an alleged shooting attack on a settlers' vehicle in the area.

The raid sparked clashes with Palestinians in which the Israeli troops used live ammunition, tear gas, and sound bombs against the protesters.

Dumaidi lost his life just hours after the Israeli military said that its forces shot dead another Palestinian during clashes that followed an alleged shooting attack that purportedly left one settler injured.

Earlier on Thursday, Hudhayfah Fares and Abd al-Rahman Atta were also killed during clashes with Israeli troops following an attack on a number of settlers' vehicles in Tulkaram.

The armed wing of the Palestinian Hamas resistance movement, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, identified the two as its members. The group noted that the operation came as part of attacks conducted in retaliation for Israeli crimes against Palestinians and their sancties.

Over the past months, Israel has ramped up attacks on Palestinian towns and cities throughout the occupied territories, killing dozens of Palestinians and arresting many others.

More than 200 Palestinians have been killed this year in the occupied Palestinian territories and Gaza. The majority of these fatalities have been recorded in the West Bank.

The United Nations said 2023 is the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since it began keeping track of fatalities almost two decades ago.   Previously, 2022 had been the deadliest year with 150 Palestinians killed, of whom 33 were minors, according to the UN.

The rising number of fatalities last year prompted UN experts to condemn the treatment of Palestinians, including attacks on their homes and destruction of their properties.

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