

Dozens killed in bloody Israeli bombing barrage on Gaza



Gaza City, January 13 (RHC)-- Dozens of Palestinians, mostly children and women, have been killed over the past few hours in the northern and central Gaza Strip, as the Israeli regime continues its deadly bombing campaign in the besieged territory.

Palestine's official news agency Wafa, citing local and medical sources, reported on Saturday that an Israeli airstrike targeted a house in the al-Daraj neighborhood of Gaza City, killing at least 20 Palestinians. Israeli warplanes also bombed homes in the al-Dawa neighborhood, near the Nuseirat refugee camp, killing and wounding dozens more, as several people are still trapped under the rubble.

The occupying regime also shelled Nuseirat, al-Maghazi, and al-Burei refugee camps, as well as the al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, the only remaining hospital in central Gaza.

Israeli warplanes also launched a strike against Qazan al-Najjar and al-Batn al-Samin in the southeastern areas of Khan Yunis. A number of wounded individuals were transferred to Nasser Hospital, following intense Israeli bombardment in the center and south of Khan Yunis.

Communications and internet services were also completely cut off as a result of Israel's ongoing genocidal war against the blockaded territory, which has entered its 99th consecutive day. This is the seventh time that communications and internet services have been completely cut off since the start of Israel's aggression on Gaza in early October.

On Friday night, 13 people, including two children, were killed after an Israeli airstrike hit a house in Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip. Abu Youssef al-Najjar Hospital in Rafah said the bodies of victims, mostly from a displaced family from central Gaza, were taken there.

Palestinians in Rafah called on the United Nations' top court to put an end to Israel's war and to send its delegations to witness Israeli crimes against Palestinians. "I demand the International Court of Justice send delegations to witness with their eyes what Israel is doing and the crimes it is committing against the Palestinian people, including the children and women of the Palestinian people," said Basem Arafa, a relative of the family members who were killed during the regime strikes.

"This entire family, with its children and women, has been wiped off the civil registry," he said, asking whether they pose a threat to the Israeli entity and the United States.

"Do these children, including the little girl who is two and a half years old, holding bread in her hand, pose a threat to Israel? Does the location where they were struck on the Egyptian border pose a threat to the security of Israel?" he added.

The Israeli regime waged the war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's atrocities against Palestinians.

Since the start of the aggression, Israel has killed more than 23,843 Palestinians, mostly women and children. Nearly 60,317 Palestinians have also been wounded, according to Gaza's Health Ministry.

The Tel Aviv regime has also imposed a "complete siege" on the territory, cutting off fuel, electricity, food, and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

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