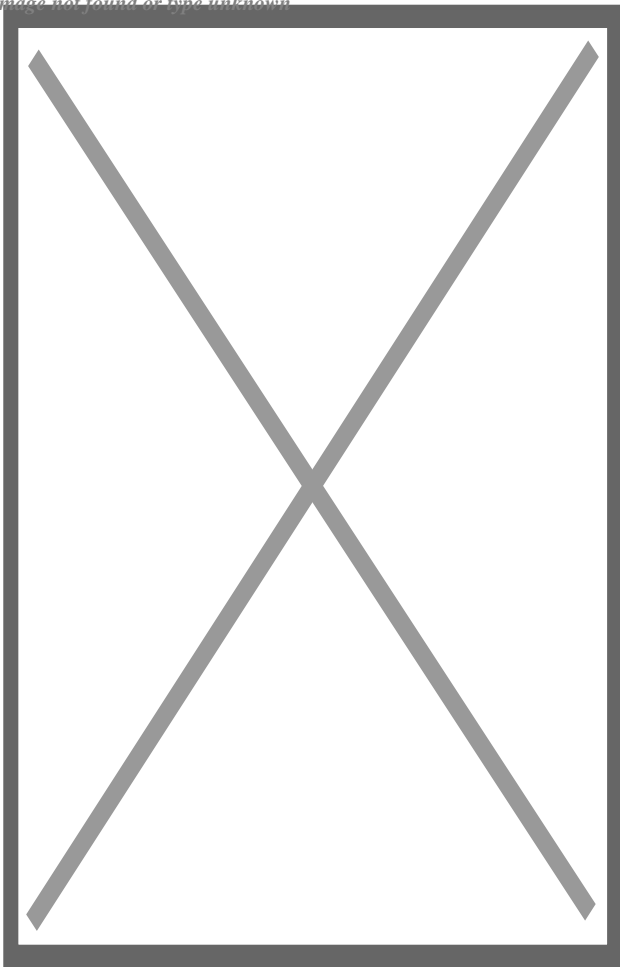


Israeli forces execute Palestinian man with over 20 bullets in West Bank

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Ramallah, February 12 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have killed a Palestinian man execution-style, shooting him more than 20 times in the occupied West Bank after accusing him of trying to carry out a stabbing attack against them.

According to the official Palestinian Wafa news agency, 35-year-old Rami Rashid al-Batha was brutally gunned down by the regime's forces in the town of Battir, west of the city of Bethlehem on Sunday. Israeli troops then withheld the victim's body for some time before handing it over to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

The PRCS later reported that al-Batha was hit by live bullets in various parts of his body, which led to his instant death. The Palestinian Health Ministry, for its part, said after examining al-Batha's body it was found that he had been hit by more than 20 bullets.

Al-Batha was killed near his house, which is located in the al-Sharafa area, at the entrance to the town. The new fatality came less than two weeks after a unit of undercover Israeli special forces assassinated three young Palestinians inside a hospital in the northern part of the West Bank.

Palestinian media outlets reported that members of the Israeli hit squad were dressed as doctors, nurses, and even civilians during the attack, which targeted Ibn Sina Hospital in the west of the city of Jenin.

A group of United Nations special rapporteurs said subsequently that the assassinations may amount to war crime. The regime has ramped up its aggression across the West Bank since early October 2023, when it began its genocidal war against the besieged Gaza Strip. More than 350 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces across the occupied territory since then.

The aggression against Gaza has so far claimed the lives of over 28,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, leaving more than 67,600 others wounded.

Israel's onslaught started after Gaza's resistance movements carried out a historic operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

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