

Palestinian Red Crescent Society says Israeli forces targeted two hospitals in Khan Yunis amid heavy gunfire



Khan Yunis, March 24 (RHC)-- The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) says two hospitals in the southern city of Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip are under heavy attack by Israeli forces, as the occupying regime continues its genocidal war on the besieged enclave.

PRCS made the remarks in a statement on Sunday, saying Israeli troops have raided the Nasser and al-Amal Hospitals and the regime's military vehicles are encircling both medical complexes amid very intense shelling and heavy gunfire. It went on to say that Israeli military vehicles are currently surrounding al-Amal Hospital and conducting extensive excavation work around it, stressing that PRCS teams "are in extreme danger at the moment and are completely immobilized."

The humanitarian organization further noted that one of the displaced people sheltering in al-Amal hospital has been injured in the head, adding that smoke bombs were fired at the facility to force the staff, wounded and displaced people out of the building.

Videos show crowds of people leaving the hospital as explosions heard in the background. Israeli troops closed the gates of the hospital with barriers and everyone in the hospital was told to leave naked, PRCS added.

Earlier in the day, Amir Abu Aisha, a member of the emergency operations room of the PRCS, was killed by Israeli gunfire while working inside al-Amal Hospital, according to medical sources. PRCS said its crews were unable to bury the body of their colleague in the hospital's backyard due to heavy gunfire.

Eyewitnesses also said Israeli forces stormed various areas of Khan Yunis, causing deaths and injuries, as the regime's military vehicles suddenly entered near the Nasser Medical Complex. Thousands of displaced people took refuge in the facility escaping the Israeli military operations.

On February 15, Israeli forces raided the hospital in a military operation that lasted 10 days, during which they killed dozens of displaced people, medical staff, and patients inside the hospital, and arrested hundreds more, according to Gaza's Health Ministry.

UN staff members say the Israeli military operation has turned Nasser Hospital in Gaza into a "place of death."

The latest development comes as the Israeli military continues to carry out air strikes and artillery shelling in and around the al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City for the seventh day in a row. Israelis have admitted to executing 140 people inside al-Shifa, including paramedics, patients and wounded whilst the siege is still ongoing after seven days with mass arrests.

Israel waged the war on the Gaza Strip on October 7 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm into the occupied territories in response to the occupying regime's intensified crimes against the Palestinian people.

Since the start of the aggression, the Tel Aviv regime has killed at least 32,226 Palestinians, most of them women and children, and injured another 74,518 individuals.

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

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