

Israel kills at least 60 people in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley in extremely violent raid

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The site of an Israeli strike that targeted the village of Shmistar in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, on October 28, 2024. (By AFP)

Beirut, October 29 (RHC)-- At least 60 people, including children, have been killed in Israeli strikes on several areas in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, the Lebanese Health Ministry says. The ministry said at least 58 people were also wounded in the attacks on 12 areas in the Bekaa Valley on Monday.

Of the 60 killed, at least 16 deaths were recorded in al-Alaq, west of Baalbek city, the ministry added. The casualty figures were preliminary and are expected to rise as rescue efforts were still ongoing, according to the ministry.

Baalbek governor Bachir Khodr denounced the attacks on the area as the "most violent" since the start of the Israeli aggression. Israel has been targeting Lebanon since October 2023, when it launched a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

Hezbollah has been responding to the aggression with numerous retaliatory operations, including one with a hypersonic ballistic missile, targeting the occupied Palestinian territories.

Since late September, Israel has escalated its strikes against Hezbollah, killing its leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and a number of its senior figures. At least 2,710 people have been killed by Israeli fire, and 12,592 others wounded since the clashes began last year, the health ministry says.

The Lebanese resistance movement has vowed to keep up its operations against Israel as long as the Israeli regime continues its Gaza war, which has so far killed at least 43,020 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

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