Israel kills nearly a dozen civilians in Lebanon despite ceasefire

The photo shows smoke billowing above an area in Lebanon after an Israeli strike, on December

2, 2024.

Beirut, December 4 (RHC)-- The Israeli military has conducted several air raids on Lebanon, killing at least 11 people in blatant violation of a recent ceasefire agreement with the Hezbollah resistance movement.

Lebanon's Public Health Ministry said on Monday that the Israeli strikes killed five people in Haris and four in Tallousa, both towns situated in Lebanon's southernmost Nabatiyeh governorate, and injured three others.

Earlier in the day, Lebanon's State Security agency said an Israeli rocket killed an officer, identified as Mahdi Khreis, in the district of Nabatiyeh.

Meanwhile, another Lebanese person lost his life in the Israeli bombing of Marjayoun district. An Israeli drone strike also injured a Lebanese soldier in the country's northeast.

The attacks came despite a truce deal, which took effect on November 27 to bring an end to nearly 14 months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah. According to a source with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Israel has breached the ceasefire "approximately 100" times over the past few days.

The occupying regime was forced to accept the truce with Hezbollah after suffering heavy losses on the battleground and failing to achieve its goals in its aggression on Lebanon.

Israeli raids killed almost 4,000 people in Lebanon, displaced over a million people, and caused more than $8.5 billion in damage to the country, according to the World Bank.

Hezbollah opened a support front for Palestinians in Gaza only a day after Israel unleashed its war against the besieged territory in October 2023, launching numerous retaliatory attacks against Israeli targets in the occupied lands.

Hezbollah said in a statement on Monday that it in response to Israel' s "repeated violations" of the ceasefire, it had carried out a "defensive warning" strike, targeting the Rwaisat Al-Alam site, an Israeli military position in the occupied Lebanese hills of Kfarchouba.

The resistance group further said Israel had broken the truce by "firing on civilians, conducting airstrikes in different areas of Lebanon ... , and the continued violation of Lebanese airspace."

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