

At least 20 settlers injured as ballistic missile fired from Yemen hits Tel Aviv



People gather at the scene of a missile strike launched from Yemen that landed in Jaffa, south of Tel Aviv, Israel, on December 21, 2024 [Stoyan Nenov/Reuters]

Tel Aviv, December 21 (RHC)-- At least 20 Israeli settlers have sustained injuries after a ballistic missile launched from Yemen struck the central part of the Israeli-occupied territories, as Yemeni Armed Forces continue their operations in support of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Ha'aretz newspaper quoted the emergency teams of the Zionist regime as saying that 20 injured in the attack early Saturday had been transferred to the Wolfson Medical Center in the Tel Aviv district city of Holon and the Ichilov hospital.

The missile launch triggered sirens to sound throughout the central sector of the occupied lands at 3:44 a.m. local time (0144 GMT), sending millions rushing to shelters from their beds, according to Israeli media outlets.

The Israeli military said its "attempted interceptions did not succeed." It stated that the details of the incident were being investigated. Videos on social media showed the moment of impact and the failed interceptions.

Footage also showed exploded windows and debris in several surrounding apartments, apparently as a result of the shockwave.

The latest missile attack from Yemen came only two days after Yemeni forces conducted a successful military operation against two "strategic" military sites in Tel Aviv, using ballistic missiles.

Spokesman for Yemeni Armed Forces, Brigadier General Yahya Saree, said in a statement on Thursday that the country's missile units carried out a targeted military operation, striking two Israeli sensitive military sites in Tel Aviv with two Palestine-2 hypersonic ballistic missiles.

Shortly afterwards, Israeli warplanes carried out intense airstrikes against the Haziz and Dhahban power stations near the Yemeni capital Sana'a, as well as the Hudaydah port and Ras Isa oil terminal along the Arab country's western coast.

Fourteen fighter jets, alongside refuelers and spy planes, flew some 2,000 kilometers and dropped over 60 munitions on targets inside Yemen, the Israeli army said at the time.

Yemenis have declared their open support for Palestine's struggle against the Israeli occupation since the regime launched a devastating war on Gaza on October 7, 2023, after the territory's resistance movements carried out Operation Al-Aqsa Flood against the occupying entity.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have said they will not stop their attacks until Israel's ground and aerial offensives in Gaza end.

So far, Israel has killed at least 45,206 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 107,512 others in Gaza.

In October, the U.S. military unleashed B-2 stealth bombers to bomb Yemen in support of Israel. Since then, attacks against Yemen have continued in a bid to halt the retaliatory attacks by Sana'a.

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