

UN blasts deadly Israeli violence as settlers storm and desecrate West Bank town



Israeli forces take measures as Jewish settlers stage a provocative march around the old town

in Hebron, West Bank. (Photo by Anadolu)

Geneva, April 27 (RHC)-- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has slammed the ongoing deadly violence committed by Israeli settlers and the regime forces in the occupied West Bank.

“In the West Bank, high levels of settler violence against Palestinians continue, causing death, injuries and loss of property and undermining Palestinian lives and livelihoods in many areas,” the UN human rights office said in a statement on Friday, referring to “concerning” recent incidents.

It added that the Israeli forces “continued the practice of unlawful killings and large-scale operations in northern West Bank.” Over the past week, Israeli forces “killed three Palestinians who were throwing stones, including two children”, the statement said.

According to the OHCHR, the latest casualties have brought to “192 the number of children killed” by Israeli forces in the West Bank since the start of the Israel’s genocidal war on Gaza on October 7, 2023.

Referring to the Israeli aggression in the northern West Bank that entered its third month, the agency said Israeli forces “continuing to prevent Palestinians from returning to their homes in the refugee camps of Jenin and Tulkarm, while carrying out widespread destruction coupled with the creation of pathways and barriers inside the camps and conducting daily raids on Palestinian towns and villages.”

The agency warned that the permanent displacement of Palestinians from key West Bank population centers amounts to “forcible transfer.” On Thursday night, Israeli settlers, accompanied by the regime’s forces, stormed the town of Kifl Haris, northwest of Salfit, in the West Bank.

The troops blocked the movement of Palestinians in the town, as settlers intruded it and desecrated Muslim holy shrines located there. During the raid, settlers roamed the streets of Kifl Haris in a provocative manner, hanging racist slogans on the walls of homes and private properties.

Since a ceasefire in Gaza was announced in January, Israel has intensified its attacks in Jenin and other parts of the West Bank.

Last month, the regime broke the ceasefire, while it proceeded with its large-scale military raids in the West Bank.

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