Israeli Soldiers Shoot Palestinian Youth in West Bank

Ramallah, January 16 (RHC)-- Israeli soldiers have shot and injured a young Palestinian man during a raid on a number of houses at a refugee camp north of the occupied West Bank. Palestinian security sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said scuffles broke out between dozens of Palestinian youths and Israeli troops after the latter stormed a refugee camp in Jenin, and arrested four young Palestinians.

The Palestinians hurled stones and empty bottles at Israeli forces, who in return, fired tear gas canisters, stun grenades and rubber-coated bullets as well as rounds of live ammunition to disperse the Palestinians. Ahmad Jarbou, 23, was injured by Israeli gunfire.

In recent months, Israeli forces have frequently raided Palestinians' homes in the West Bank, arresting dozens of Palestinian people, who are then transferred to Israeli detention centers, where they are kept without any charges brought up against them. There have been many reports about the deteriorating health of several Palestinian prisoners held inside Israeli jails.

The Palestinian Authority Department of Prisoners Affairs said in a statement on January 5th that Palestinian prisoners kept inside Israeli detention facilities are suffering from serious health problems, yet they are denied proper medical treatment.

Over 7,000 Palestinians are reportedly held in 17 Israeli prisons and detention camps. Among Palestinian prisoners behind Israeli bars, there are 18 women, 250 children, and 1,500 sick detainees, who are mostly in a critical condition. Moreover, 540 Palestinians are held without any trial under administrative detention.

Administrative detention is a sort of imprisonment without trial or charge that allows Israel to incarcerate Palestinians for up to six months. The detention order can be renewed for indefinite periods of time.

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