

Sweden Calls for Thorough Investigation into Israel's Killing of Palestinians



Stockholm, January 13 (RHC)-- Sweden's Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom has called for a "thorough" investigation into the killings of Palestinians by Israeli forces in the past few months.

"It is vital that there is a thorough, credible investigation into these deaths in order to clarify and bring about possible accountability," Wallstrom said during a parliamentary debate on Tuesday.

The comments come amid the violence in the occupied Palestinian territories in the recent past which have led to the killing of nearly 150 Palestinians. Hundreds more Palestinians have been injured since October last year, when Israeli forces intensified attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The Tel Aviv regime has also increased the number of illegal arbitrary detentions of Palestinians, accusing them of contemplating plans to attack Israeli troops and settler units.

Rights groups said on Monday that at least 14 Palestinians received the so-called administrative sentences and dozens more saw similar sentences renewed. It said more than 7,000 people are currently

behind bars in the Israeli detention centers.

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