

Hamas warns Israel of consequences after new airstrikes



Gaza City, November 3 (RHC)-- A high-ranking official from the Palestinian Hamas resistance movement has warned Israel against escalating tensions in the Gaza Strip, saying Tel Aviv will face the consequences.

Israeli aircraft launched airstrikes on Khan Yunis and other areas in the besieged Gaza Strip on Friday, hours after dozens of Palestinians were injured during clashes with Israeli troops in the coastal enclave. Medical officials and locals said a small cabin was hit in southern Gaza, killing a 27-year-old civilian and wounding two others.

"The consequences of killing innocent people in Gaza and Israel's escalating tensions with the Hamas resistance movement in the coastal enclave will have a blowback effect on the Zionist regime itself," Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said Saturday. "The blood of our nation is very valuable to us and we will not allow anyone to waste it," he added.

The Israeli military claimed that the Friday air raids were launched in response to the firing of 10 rockets into the occupied Palestinian territories from Gaza. Earlier in the day, Israeli forces opened fire on several Palestinian fishermen in the northern part of the strip, shortly after injuring dozens of protesters during a fresh round of the March of Return demonstrations.

A 27-year-old who was seriously wounded in the Friday's airstrikes succumbed to his injuries in hospital on Saturday.

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