

UN spokesperson warns of deeply alarming situation in West Bank

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A Palestinian man looks through a hole in a building during an Israeli raid in Jenin, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, on March 4, 2025. (Photo by Reuters)

United Nations, March 7 (RHC)-- The spokesperson for the United Nations secretary-general has warned of the deteriorating security situation in the West Bank, stating that the status quo remains 'deeply

alarming' in the occupied territory.

“Especially in the northern part of the West Bank, our humanitarian colleagues are warning that the situation remains deeply alarming, with partners telling us that what they see on the ground from displacement to demolished homes to damaged streets due to the continuing operations being conducted by the Israeli security forces,” Stéphane Dujarric told reporters on Thursday.

The UN underscores that international law must be respected at all times, and civilians must be protected, he added. The remarks came on the same day that a young Palestinian man sustained fractures and injuries after being attacked by Israeli occupation forces at the entrance to al-Arroub refugee camp, located adjacent to the town of Shuyukh al-Arrub in the southern West Bank.

The official Palestinian news agency WAFA, citing local sources, reported that Israeli soldiers assaulted the man, beating him with the butts of their rifles, as he attempted to enter the camp and return to his home. The attack resulted in the man sustaining injuries, including fractures to his face and jaw.

The Israeli occupation forces also stormed the camp, forcing shop owners to close their businesses. This took place amid the firing of stun grenades and toxic tear gas canisters towards the homes of local residents.

Elsewhere in Jenin refugee camp, Israeli military forces demolished several houses and set fire to others. Local sources reported that the occupation bulldozers demolished more than four houses in the neighborhoods of al-Faluja and al-Samran, in the center of the camp. Video clips also showed columns of smoke rising from houses in the camp.

Last July, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) declared that Israel's long-standing occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal, demanding the evacuation of all illegal settlements in the West Bank and East al-Quds.

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