

Dr. Hamdi al-Najjar, father of nine children killed in Israeli Gaza strike, dies of wounds

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Khan Yunis, June 1 (RHC)-- A Palestinian doctor has succumbed to the wounds he sustained in Israel's last week airstrike that killed nine of his children in the southern Gaza Strip.

In an X post on Sunday, Director General of Gaza's Health Ministry Muneer al-Boursh announced Dr. Hamdi al-Najjar's death, saying he joined his nine children who were killed before. "An entire family — all gone, except for the grieving mother and her wounded child," he added.

The Israeli aerial assault hit the Najjar family's home in the city of Khan Yunis last Sunday, May 23rd, when the mother, Dr. Alaa al-Najjar was working in the emergency room at the Nasser Hospital.

Hours later, the charred bodies of her nine children, Yahya, Rakan, Raslan, Gebran, Eve, Rival, Sayden, Luqman and Sidra who were aged between just a few months old and 12, arrived at the same hospital.

Footage shared online showed the burnt, dismembered bodies of the children being pulled from the rubble of their home as flames still engulfed what remained of the building.

Only one of the Najjar family's ten children, 11-year-old Adam, survived along with his father, Hamdi. However, now the father has died of his injuries.

Reports said Hamdi had dropped his wife at the Nasser hospital and gone to get food for his children. When he returned, he witnessed a missile strike on the home that failed to detonate and rushed inside to rescue his children, but he was hit by a second Israeli air raid.

In a condolence message to Dr. Alaa al-Najjar, the Palestinian Health Ministry said she will always be remembered as "the steadfast Palestinian woman and the noble doctor who heals the wounds of others while bearing her own pain in silence."

"This horrific crime is not an isolated incident, but part of a systematic targeting of medical personnel and institutions, aimed at breaking the will of those standing steadfast in Gaza," it noted.

Israel waged a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2023, after the Hamas resistance group carried out its historic operation against the usurping entity in retaliation for the regime's intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

So far, the Tel Aviv regime has killed at least 54,381 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 124,054 others, in the besieged territory.

The occupying regime has been deliberately blocking the flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza and using the starvation of civilians as a method of warfare.

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