

Palestinian cars vandalized amid hate crime in occupied East Jerusalem



Jerusalem, December 21 (RHC)-- Scores of extremist Jewish settlers have vandalized private Palestinian vehicles in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem, slashing the tires of more than two dozen parked cars and spraying racist graffiti on a wall.

Local residents said Israeli settlers raided the al-Gharableh area of Beit Hanina neighborhood, located eight kilometers north of central Jerusalem, early on Thursday, puncturing the tires of at least 27 Palestinian-owned vehicles and spray-painting Hebrew slogans on an adjacent wall.

The phrases "Death to Murderers" and "We Will Not Sleep While God's Name Is Being Desecrated" were found graffitied at the scene. Yesh Din, an Israeli human rights group, released CCTV footage and photos showing young men puncturing tires of parked Palestinian cars.

The incident came after only two days after nearly two dozen Palestinian cars had their tires slashed, and the wall of a mosque was graffitied in the Palestinian village of Yasuf.

"I Cannot Fall Asleep While Blood Is Being Spilled" was found sprayed on the wall of the mosque, and a

car was daubed with the Hebrew slogan “Jews, Wake Up!”

Back on October 12, Aisha Muhammad Talal al-Rabi, 47, a mother of eight children, was killed and her husband suffered injuries after Israeli settlers hurled rocks at their vehicle near the Zaatara checkpoint in Nablus.

Local sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Palestinian Information Center that Munder Mousa, a resident of Tulkarm City, and his children were traveling along a road south of Nablus, located approximately 49 kilometers north of Jerusalem, when settlers from Yitzhar settlement, who had laid an ambush, started hurling stones at the car.

Mousa finally managed to drive away with his children. He arrived in Madama village, located 4.78 kilometers south of Nablus, and was given first aid before being transported to Rafidia Hospital in Nablus.

Price tag attacks are acts of vandalism and violence against Palestinians and their property as well as Islamic holy sites by Israeli settlers.

More than half a million Israelis live in over 120 settlements built since Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank in 1967. This is while much of the international community considers the settler units illegal and subject to the Geneva Conventions, which forbid construction on occupied land.

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