

Israeli forces wound 98 Gazan protesters



Ramallah, July 19 (RHC)-- Israeli soldiers have shot and critically wounded at least 98 Gazan protesters, including a Palestinian child in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. Israeli troops have killed at least 305 Palestinians since the beginning of the rallies and wounded nearly 18,000 others, according to the Gazan Health Ministry.

In March, a United Nations (UN) fact-finding mission found that Israeli forces committed rights violations during their crackdown against the Palestinian protesters in Gaza that may amount to war crimes. Gaza has been under Israeli siege since June 2007, which has caused a decline in living standards.

Israel has also launched three major wars against the enclave since 2008, killing thousands of Gazans each time and shattering the impoverished territory's already poor infrastructure.

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