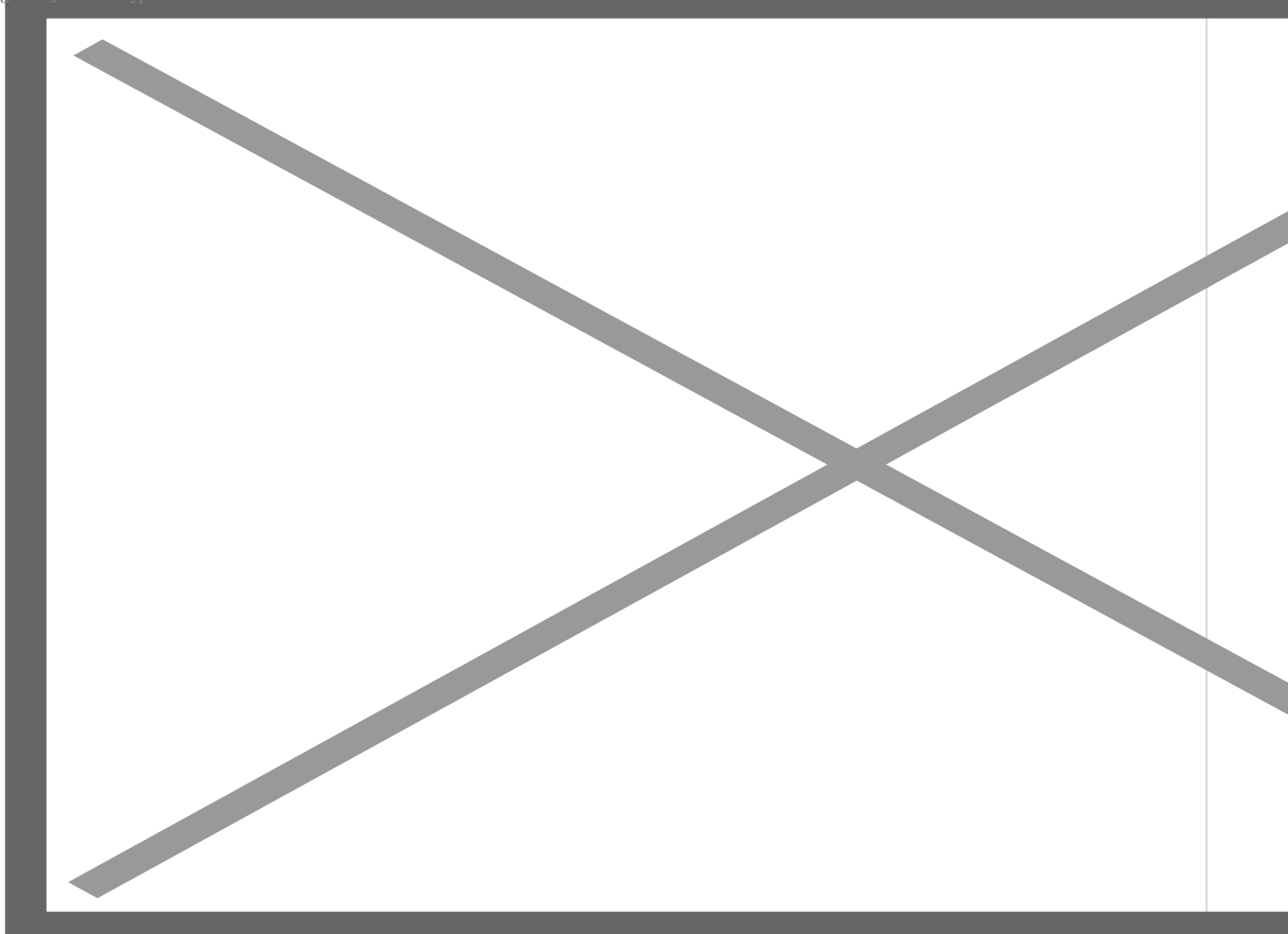


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Ramallah, December 21 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Authority has denounced repeated attacks against Palestinians by Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem al-Quds, calling on the United Nations Security Council to break its silence in the face of such attacks.

The PA called on the UN Security Council to shoulder its political, legal and moral responsibility and mount pressure on the Zionist regime to stop such attacks against Palestinians, Wafa News Agency reported on Sunday.

In its statement, the Palestinian Foreign Ministry took to task both the international community and the United Nations for their passivity in the face of atrocities committed by the occupying regime of Tel Aviv.

Such attacks, the Palestinian ministry said, take place in the context of the Israeli regime's brutal act of aggression against Palestinians, which are backed by the occupying regime and its various organizations, with the aim of speeding up the annexation of Palestinian lands, evicting Palestinians, and replacing the residents with Israeli settlers.

The statement comes days following the death of a Palestinian man who was severely beaten by a group of settlers in the central part of the occupied West Bank.

The man, identified as 37-year-old Abdel-Fattah Obeyyat, was found dead at Har Gilo settlement, located two kilometers (1.24 miles) west of Bethlehem, on Wednesday night.

More than 600,000 Israelis live in over 230 settlements built since the 1967 Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem al-Quds. All Israeli settlements are illegal under international law.

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