Israel continues relentless bombing of Gaza



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Gaza City, May 16 (RHC)--Israel's bombardment of the Gaza Strip

has entered its seventh consecutive day, with air raids in the early hours of Sunday killing at least four Palestinians, wounding dozens more and flattening at least two residential buildings.

In Israel's Tel Aviv, people dashed for bomb shelters as sirens warning of incoming rocket fire blared across the city, and the Israeli military launched its "Iron Dome" air defence system to intercept Hamas rockets.

The escalation comes hours after Israeli missiles hit a refugee camp, killing at least 10 Palestinians, including eight children – and brought down a high-rise building housing the offices of media organisations, including Al Jazeera.

In a televised speech, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged to continue the offensive on Gaza for "as long as necessary" -- while Hamas leader Ismail Haniya said: "The resistance will not give in."

At least 148 Palestinians, including 41 children, have been killed in the Gaza Strip in the past week. Some 950 others have been wounded. In the occupied West Bank, Israeli forces have killed at least 13 Palestinians.

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