

Violent clashes erupt between Palestinians and Israeli police at Al-Aqsa mosque

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?Israeli security forces and Palestinian Muslim worshippers clash in Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque compound, on May 21, 2021. © AFP / AHMAD GHARABLI?

Jerusalem, May 21 (RHC)-- Stun grenades, rocks and petrol bombs have reportedly been exchanged by Israeli authorities and Palestinians at Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, where thousands gathered to celebrate the latest truce between Israel and Hamas.

Palestinians flocked to the famous landmark on Friday for prayers and celebrations, chanting and waving flags, while Israeli police stood guard.

In footage posted online by the Palestinian Al Qastal network, hundreds of people – both men and women – can be seen turning and running away from the holy site, as smoke rises close to its walls. At least 20 Palestinians have been injured, Reuters reported citing medics.

The clashes unfolded as some of the Palestinians threw petrol bombs and stones at their opponents, Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld told the media. Israelis responded with stun grenades to disperse the crowds.

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