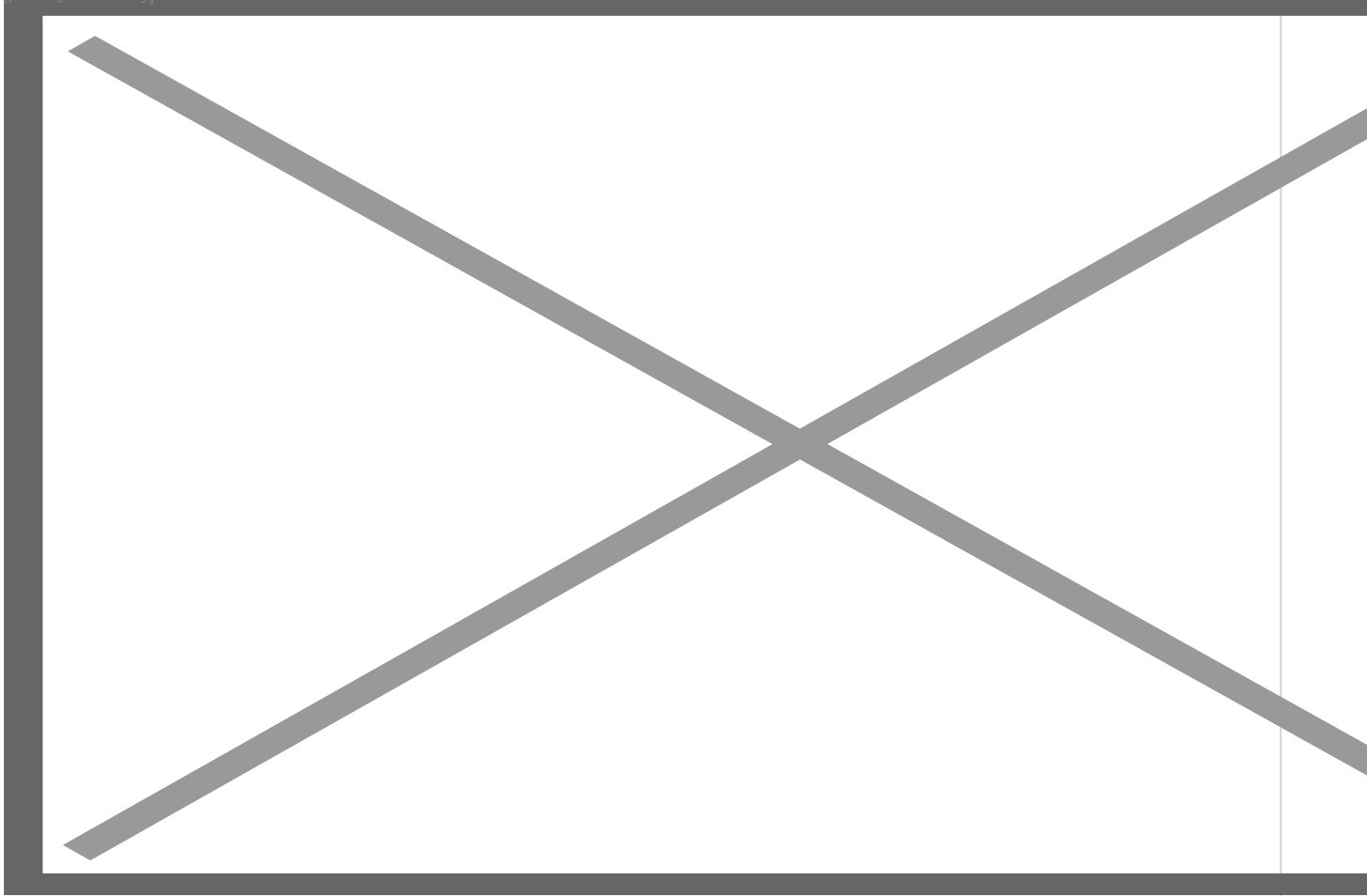


Gazans burn tires near fence for second night to protest Israeli siege

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Palestinian protesters burn tires following a demonstration along the fence between the Gaza Strip and the occupied territories east of Gaza City on August 28, 2021. (Photo by AFP)

Ramallah, August 30 (RHC)-- Hundreds of Palestinians have staged a protest against the Israeli regime's inhumane blockade of the Gaza Strip, burning tires and hurling explosive devices toward the fence between Gaza and the occupied territories for the second night in a row.

The Israeli military, which deployed additional troops along the fence ahead of the Sunday night protests, used live fire, tear gas and stun grenades against Palestinian protesters. According to Gaza's health ministry, eighteen Palestinians were injured by Israeli forces east of the Gaza Strip, including one with live fire.

The ministry's spokesman, Ashraf al-Qedra, said others were hurt from tear gas canisters fired at them. During last night's protests, eleven Palestinians were injured by live fire and other aggressive measures used by Israeli forces.

Gazans have been organizing protests since last week. They are demanding that the border crossings be reopened to facilitate the entry of goods and humanitarian aid. In a statement on Sunday, the resistance committees in Palestine announced that the protests will continue until the Israeli regime lifts its siege.

"The young people will devise new means to force the occupation to yield to the resistance's demands," the committees said, according to the Palestinian Information Center. They asserted that the Israeli regime's repeated attacks on the positions of the resistance in Gaza would not dissuade the Palestinian people from fighting for their freedom and dignity.

The resistance would not allow the occupying regime to continue its aggression against the Palestinian people or change the rules of engagement, they warned.

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