

# *Israel Strikes More Than 50 Sites in Gaza*

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Gaza City, July 8 (RHC)-- Violence in Israel and the Occupied Territories is escalating as Israel bombs dozens of targets in the Gaza Strip and threatens a new full-scale assault. Tensions have erupted in the region following the murders of three Israeli teenagers as well as a Palestinian teenager.

Gaza-based journalist Mohammed Omer reports four people were killed earlier today in an Israeli air strike on a micro-bus. On Monday, the Israeli military mobilized 1,500 additional troops along the Gaza border and announced "Operation Protective Edge," which it says aims to stop Palestinian rocket fire into southern Israel.

Reports from Tel Aviv say that the Israeli regime has ordered its military to mobilize 40,000 additional troops for a possible ground incursion into the Gaza Strip. Media reports say the decision was made during a cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

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