

Palestine urges international community to stop Israel's killings



Mourners carry the body of Ghofran Warasnah, killed by Israeli forces, during her funeral at Al-Aroub refugee camp north the West Bank city of al-Khalil (Hebron) on June 1, 2022. (Photo by AFP)

Ramallah, June 2 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called on the international community to immediately interfere to stop the Israeli regime's extra-judicial killings of Palestinian people, denouncing them as "war crimes."

The ministry statement came on Thursday, after the Israeli military shot and killed Ghufraan Haroun Hamed Warasneh, a journalist and former prisoner in an Israeli jail.

The 31-year-old woman was killed on Wednesday over an alleged stabbing attempt against an Israeli soldier close to al-Arroub refugee camp, in the southern part of the West Bank.

The Israeli military alleged in a statement that the woman approached an Israeli soldier with a knife in her hand and tried to stab the trooper, making the Israeli troops at the scene to open fire.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said the Israeli forces prevented its medical staff from attending to Warasneh for 20 minutes after shooting her. She was transferred to the hospital but died shortly afterward.

The ministry statement said that in the face of "this horrible crime, which will be added to the criminal record of the occupation, we demand that the international community immediately interfere to stop the extra-judicial killings that target Palestinians on streets and at checkpoints."

The statement further called on International Criminal Court (ICC) "to investigate these repeated crimes, since they amount to war crimes."

Similarly, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh condemned Israel's killing of a Palestinian youth in Jenin's town of Yabad during an army raid and held Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett responsible for the killings.

On Wednesday, Israeli forces raided a Palestinian town near the city of Jenin in the north of the occupied West Bank, killing 24-year-old Balal Kabha and injuring six others.

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