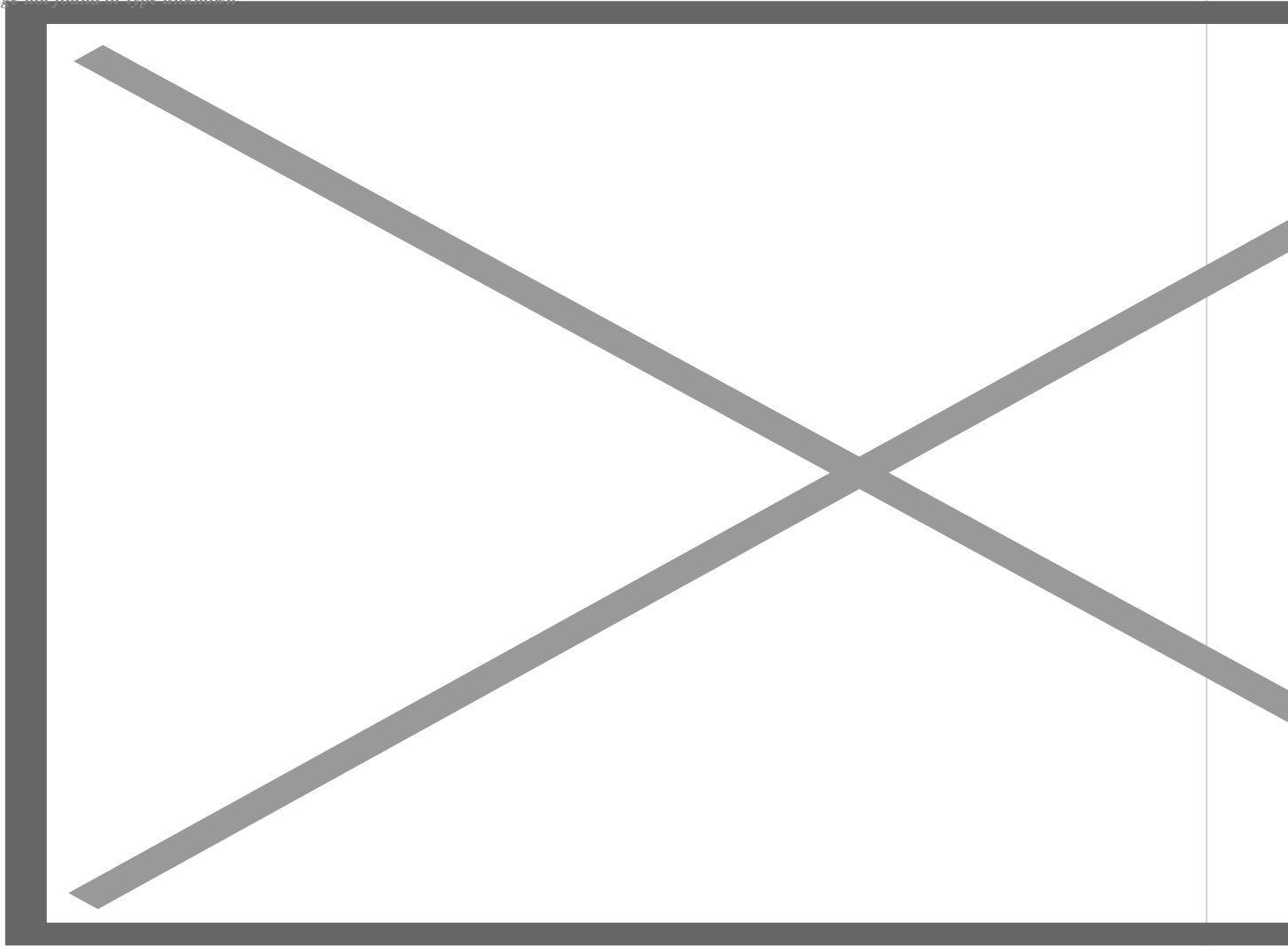


At least 82 Palestinians injured during Israeli raids in West Bank

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Palestinian Red Crescent Society paramedic volunteer was hit in the face with a tear gas canister

Ramallah, June 25 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) says at least 82 Palestinian protesters have sustained injuries as Israeli forces carried out raids in and around the occupied West Bank city of Nablus.

Palestine's Ma'an news agency cited Ahmed Jibril, the director of the PRCS's Emergency and Ambulance Center in Nablus, as saying that the injuries occurred following the Israeli violence in the city and nearby villages on Friday.

Jibril said the Red Crescent's staffers dealt with the injury of a paramedic volunteer in the face with a tear gas canister, in addition to 15 cases of suffocation with tear gas in Beit Dajan.

They also dealt with four cases of gas suffocation and injury as a result of falling down on Jabal Sabih hill in the town of Beita. The PRCS's crews took care of an injury in Burin, in addition to 61 cases of gas inhalation in Qaryut village, south of Nablus.

Over the past several months, heavy clashes have been going on between the Israeli occupation forces and Palestinians on a weekly basis over Tel Aviv's settlement expansion across the Palestinian territories.

Hamas says the resistance will counter Israel's plans to build more settlements in the occupied Palestinian lands in order to preserve the Islamic identity of the occupied city of al-Quds.

About 600,000 Israelis live in over 230 settlements built since the 1967 occupation of the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East al-Quds.

All Israeli settlements are illegal under international law as they are built on occupied land, militarily seized during the 1967 war. The UN Security Council has condemned Israel's settlement activities in several resolutions.

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