

Israel bombs Gaza and Islamic Jihad fires over 100 rockets in retaliation

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File photo shows members of the al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the Gaza Strip-based Palestinian resistance movement of the Islamic Jihad, during a parade in the Israeli-blockaded coastal territory

Gaza City, August 5 (RHC)-- The Islamic Jihad has fired more than 100 rockets toward the occupied territories after the Israeli regime assassinated one of the Palestinian resistance movement's senior commanders during a massacre.

The movement called the retaliatory barrage only an "initial response" to the Israeli bloodbath that killed as many as 12 people, including the commander and five-year-old child, in the city of Rafah which is located in the southern part of the Tel Aviv-blockaded Gaza Strip.

"As an initial response to the killing of senior commander Taysir al-Jabari and his brethren martyrs... the al-Quds Brigade covered Tel Aviv, central cities, and areas surrounding Gaza with more than 100 rockets," the Islamic Jihad's military wing said in a statement on Friday.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said well over 80 people had also been injured in the Israeli attack earlier in the day. Secretary-General of the Islamic Jihad, Ziyad al-Nakhalah said the Israeli enemy must expect a "non-stop" confrontation in the wake of Friday's aggression.

"There will be no truce following this attack," the Islamic Jihad official said, pointing out that all resistance groups must struggle under one flag in this fight.

Hamas, Islamic Jihad's fellow Gaza-based resistance movement, also said the Israeli enemy "committed a new crime" and must "pay its price."

Last May, Gaza's resistance groups fired around 4,000 rockets during Operation Sword of al-Quds after the Israeli regime initiated its last war against the coastal enclave.

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