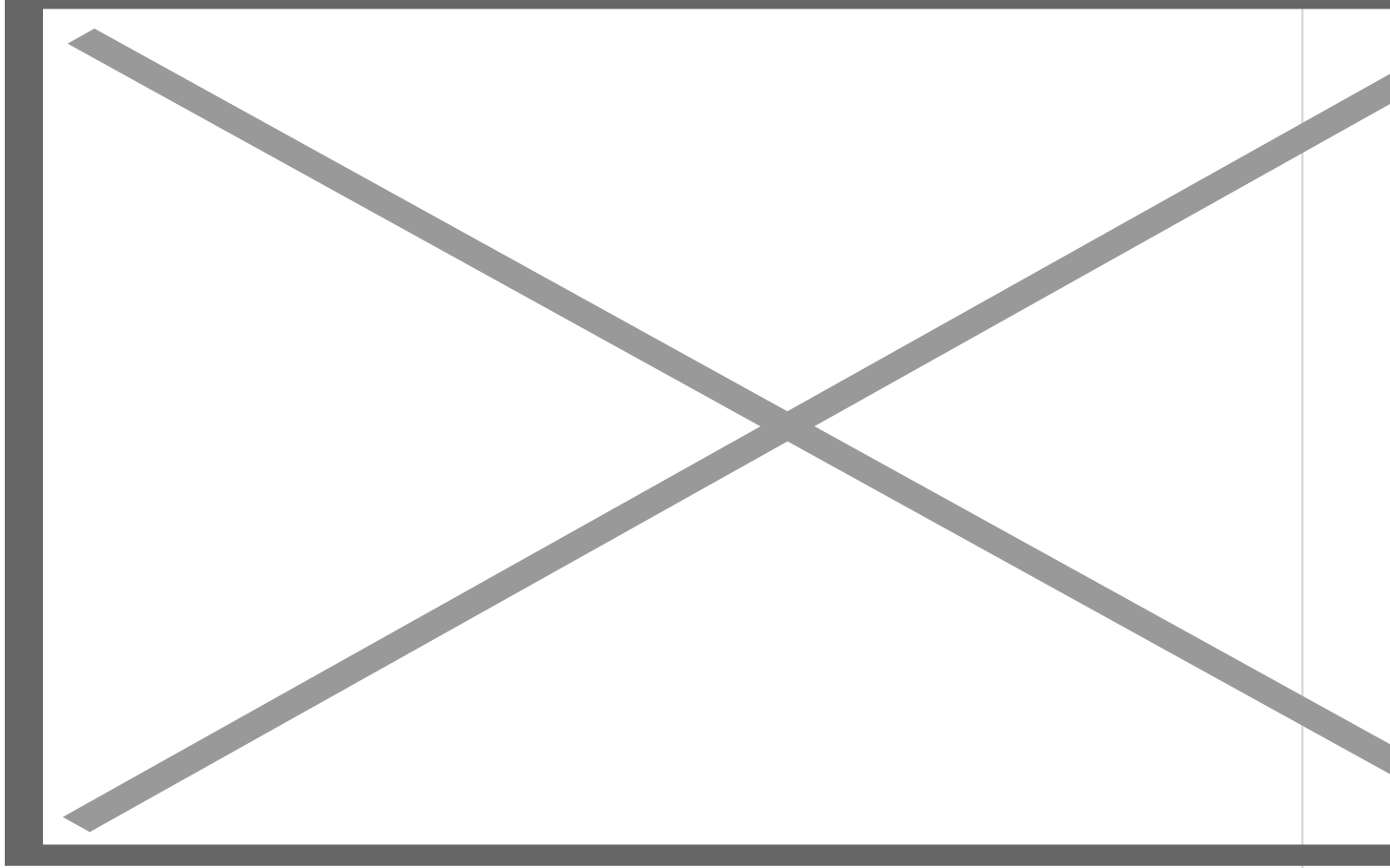


Israeli forces put Palestinian camp and town under lockdown after shooting

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Ramallah, October 10 (RHC)-- The Israeli military has placed a Palestinian refugee camp and a nearby town in the central part of the Tel Aviv-occupied West Bank under lockdown as part of a hunt for the suspect of an earlier shooting incident that killed an Israeli soldier.

The forces raided the Shuafat refugee camp and the town of Anata on Sunday, blocking the entrances leading to both. "Confrontations erupted between the Israeli occupation forces and angry local residents in the aftermath of the Israeli raid...during which the forces fired teargas canisters and stun grenades at the Palestinians," the official Palestinian Wafa news agency reported.

Anata's Mayor Taha Numan said the forces raided and searched several homes in the town. According to Wafa's report, the forces arrested a Palestinian as well as his wife and son after storming their home there.

A day earlier, a suspected Palestinian resident of the holy occupied city of al-Quds reportedly turned up at a checkpoint near the camp, gunning down the Israeli trooper and wounding three others, one of whom is in critical condition.

The Gaza Strip-based Palestinian resistance movement of Hamas has hailed the operation as a "reaction to the Israeli occupation's crimes against the Palestinian people and its desecration of the al-Aqsa Mosque." The mosque's compound that is located in al-Quds' Old City is considered by Muslims to be their third-holiest site.

A day earlier, Israeli forces had fatally shot two Palestinian teenagers during a raid on the northern West Bank city of Jenin. The Palestinian Authority's health ministry has identified the victims as Ahmad Daraghmeh, 16, and Mahmud as-Sous, 18. The Islamic Jihad, Hamas' fellow resistance group in Gaza, has praised the teenagers as "its martyrs."

So far this year, at least 100 Palestinians have been shot dead by the Israeli military, in what the United Nations has described as "mounting violence" in the occupied Palestinian territory.

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