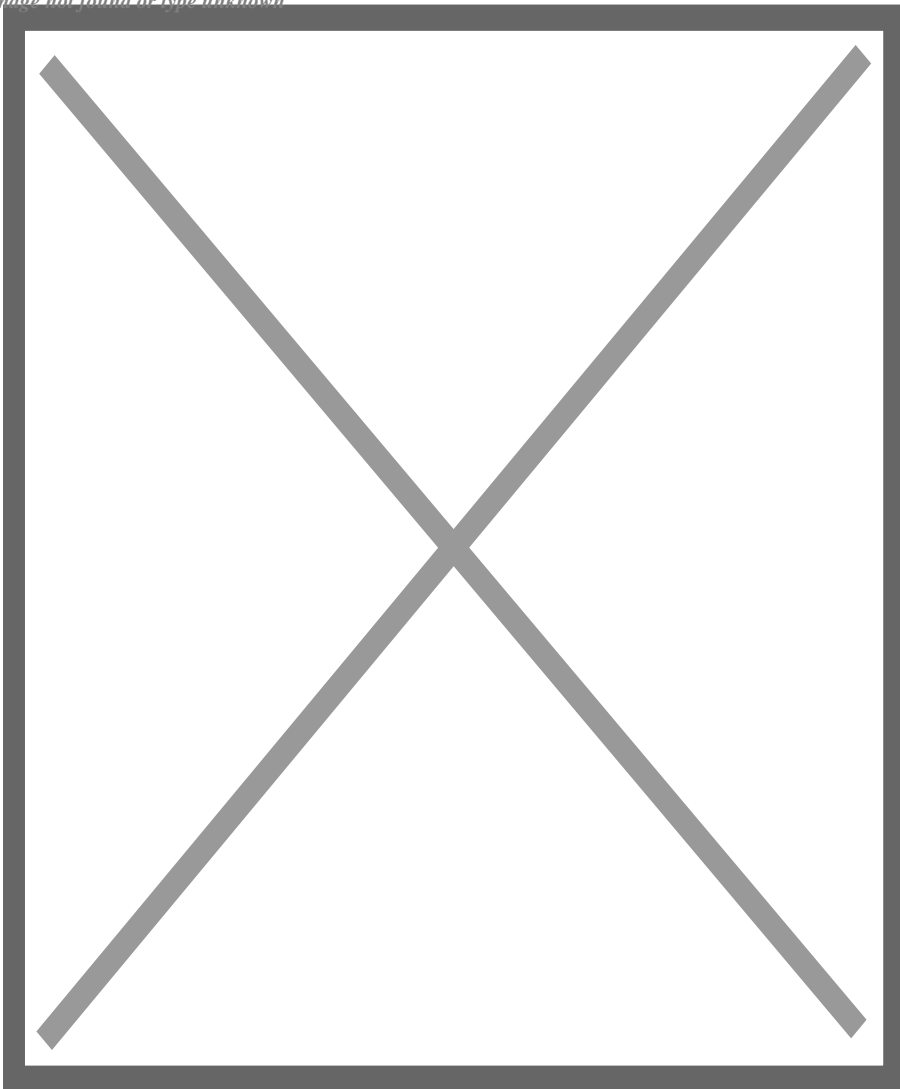


Fourth Palestinian shot dead by Israeli troops in West Bank in 24 hours

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This photo by Palestinian Safa news agency shows Habib Mohammad Ikmail who was shot dead

by Israeli forces on Jan. 12, 2023.

Ramallah, January 13 (RHC)-- A young Palestinian man has died of wounds sustained when Israeli forces stormed the northern part of the West Bank, and his death comes hours after another Palestinian youth was shot and killed during a separate incursion into the occupied territory.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health said that Habib Mohammad Ikmail, 25, succumbed to a head wound from a bullet during an Israeli military raid into the city of Qabatiya, located six kilometers (3.7 miles) south of Jenin, on Thursday.

Ikmail was pronounced dead at a hospital in Jenin. A second Palestinian shot in the chest remains in critical condition at the medical center. Footage posted on social media showed Aslan wounded and lying on the ground, surrounded by soldiers. He was later taken by Palestinians and his death was declared at a nearby medical center, according to Palestinian media.

The deaths bring the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli fire so far in 2023 to eight, including three children.

Israeli forces launch raids on various cities of the West Bank almost on a daily basis under the pretext of detaining what it calls "wanted" Palestinians. The raids usually lead to violent confrontations with residents.

Over the past months, Israel has ramped up attacks on Palestinian towns and cities throughout the occupied territories. As a result of these attacks, dozens of Palestinians have lost their lives and many others have been arrested.

According to the United Nations, the number of Palestinians killed by Israel in the West Bank in 2022 was the highest in 16 years.

Reacting to fresh Israeli crimes, the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas said in a Wednesday statement Palestinian people will continue to defend themselves and the al-Aqsa Mosque until the end of the occupation and liberation of holy sites.

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