

# *Palestinians Hold Rallies to Voice Support for Resistance*

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Ramallah, August 30 (RHC)-- Thousands of demonstrators have staged massive rallies across the besieged Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank to celebrate what they see as Israel's defeat in its latest war on Palestinians.

On Friday, members and supporters of the Palestinian resistance group, Islamic Jihad, took to the streets in the besieged Gaza Strip, reaffirming their support for resistance movements.

A large number of supporters of the resistance group, Hamas, also held similar rallies after noon prayers in the West Bank city of Hebron. The protesters chanted anti-Israeli slogans and called on the international community to take action with regard to Israel's acts of violence against Palestinians. Reports say thousands of worshippers at the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem chanted slogans for the freedom of al-Aqsa.

Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip have held numerous marches over the past two months in support of the resistance fighters in the face of the Israeli aggression against Gaza.

Israel launched an aerial military campaign against Gaza in early July and later expanded its operation with a ground invasion. At least 2,140 Palestinians, including around 570 children, were killed in the Israeli onslaught on Gaza. Some 11,000 others were wounded.

Palestinians and Israelis on Tuesday reached an agreement on a permanent ceasefire for the besieged Gaza Strip. Under the deal, Israel has agreed to ease the blockade on Gaza and open border crossings for more aid to pass through to the coastal territory.

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