

Israeli airstrike in southern Lebanon kills four, including two journalists

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Beirut, November 22 (RHC)-- An Israeli airstrike in southern Lebanon has left four people dead, including two Lebanese journalists, amid intensified border clashes following the regime's onslaught on the Gaza

Strip.

Lebanon's al-Mayadeen news channel reported on Tuesday that the Israeli regime has "deliberately" targeted two of its TV crew near the town of Tira Harfa, about a mile from the southern border. Al-Mayadeen identified the victims as Farah Omar, a correspondent, and Rabie al-Memari, a camera operator, who were reporting on the violence along the border with Israel.

Ghassan bin Jido, director of the Beirut-based TV channel said in a live broadcast "It was direct targeting. It was not a coincidence," adding that they join "the martyrs of Gaza."

Jido also noted that Hussein Akel, a civilian from the village who was with the journalists was also killed in the strike, adding that he was a "contributor" to the channel.

The Lebanese information minister called the strike on the journalists "outrageous."

Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati also blamed Israel, saying the strike was an Israeli attempt to silence the media.

Lebanon's resistance movement Hezbollah's media relations department also vowed that the attack against journalists and other citizens "will not go unpunished."

Earlier in the day, the official National News Agency (NNA) also reported that an elderly woman was killed and her granddaughter wounded by an Israeli attack on south Lebanon's Kfar Kila. "Enemy aircraft raided inhabited houses in Kfar Kila, leading to the death of citizen Laiqa Sarhan, 80, and the wounding of her granddaughter," the NNA said.

The latest development comes as fighting in southern Lebanon following the Israeli bombardment of Gaza has intensified, leaving at least 92 dead, mostly Hezbollah fighters, but also at least ten civilians.

Israel waged the war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm into the occupied territories in response to the occupying regime's intensified crimes against the Palestinian people.

According to the Gaza-based health ministry, at least 13,300 Palestinians have been killed in the strikes, most of them women and children, and injured around 31,000 others.

Nearly 60 journalists have also been killed since October 7, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, most of them in Gaza. Since the beginning of the Israeli war on Gaza, Hezbollah has targeted some Israeli positions near the Lebanese border in retaliatory strikes

Hezbollah has also warned it could expand its attacks if the Israeli regime intensifies its brutal campaign against people in the Gaza Strip.

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