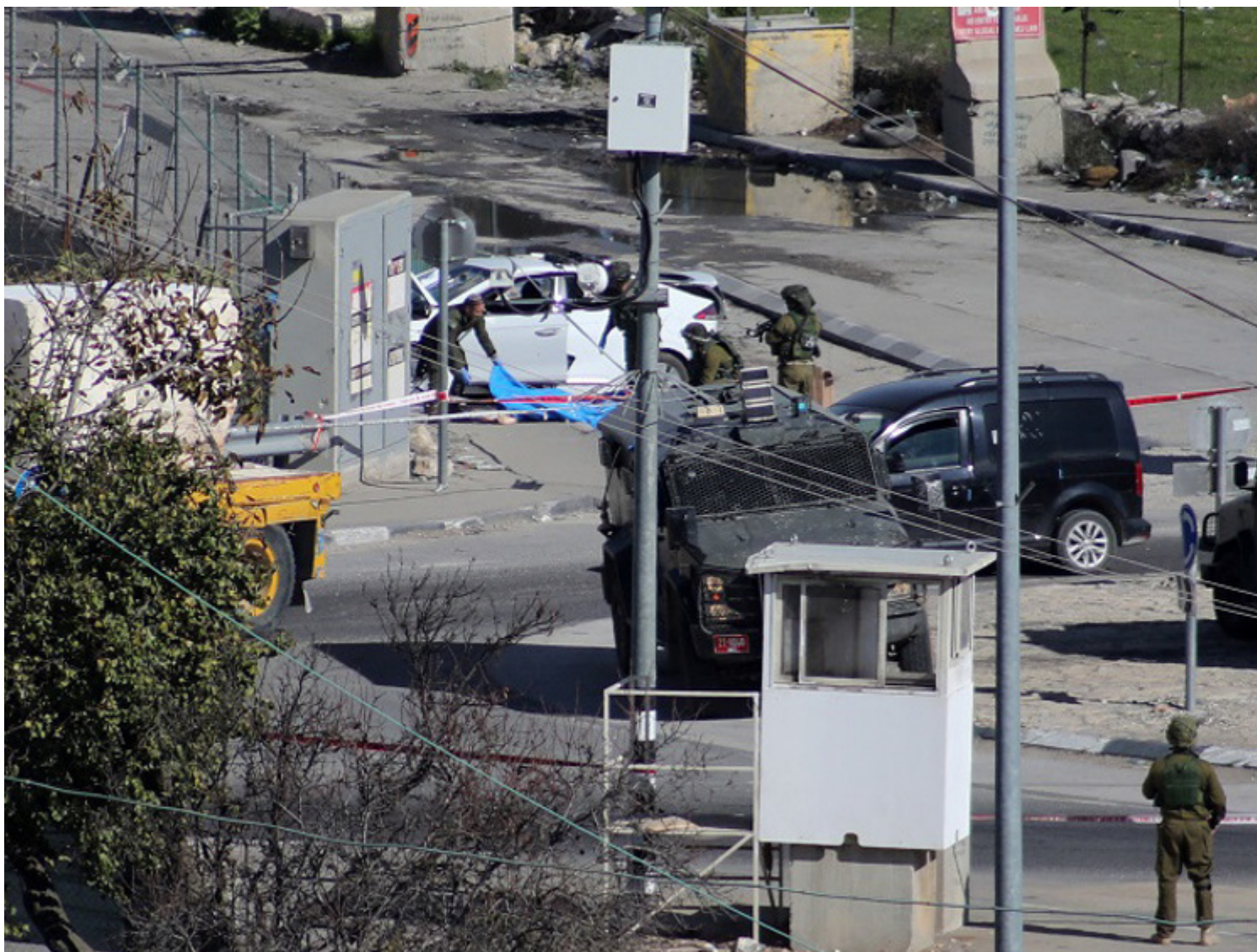


Israeli forces raid several areas across West Bank and arrest residents



Israeli forces cordon off an area after a Palestinian driver was shot by Israeli soldiers at the Beit

Einun junction, north of the West Bank city of al-Khalil on December 20, 2023. (Photo by AFP)

Ramallah, December 21 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have continued their large-scale raids in several areas across the occupied West Bank, triggering violent confrontations with local Palestinian residents, amid the regime's continuous bombardment of the Gaza Strip.

According to a report by Palestine's official Wafa news agency, Israeli troops stormed Palestinian-owned houses in a number of cities, towns, and villages in the West Bank on Wednesday, arresting several people. Clashes erupted following the raids, with the occupying regime's forces firing live ammunition and stun grenades at Palestinian youths. There were no initial reports of injuries.

Israeli forces raided the towns of Ya'bad, Qalqilia, and Azzun, as well as the cities of al-Bireh and Jericho and its adjacent refugee camp Ein el-Sultan.

They also stormed the towns of Beit Ummar, Bani Naim, and al-Dhahiriya, as well as Beit Liqya, Nahalin, and the village of Tuqu.

Israeli forces have recently been conducting overnight raids and killings in the northern occupied West Bank, mainly in the cities of Jenin and Nablus, where new groups of Palestinian resistance fighters have been formed.

Israel has intensified its attacks against Palestinians throughout the West Bank since October 7, when it launched a devastating war on the besieged Gaza Strip.

More than 300 Palestinians have been killed and thousands more injured by Israeli troops in the West Bank over the past two months.

In Gaza, at least 20,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed and more than 52,000 others wounded, while many people are still trapped under the rubble.

The Tel Aviv regime has imposed a "complete siege" on the territory, cutting off fuel, electricity, food, and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

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