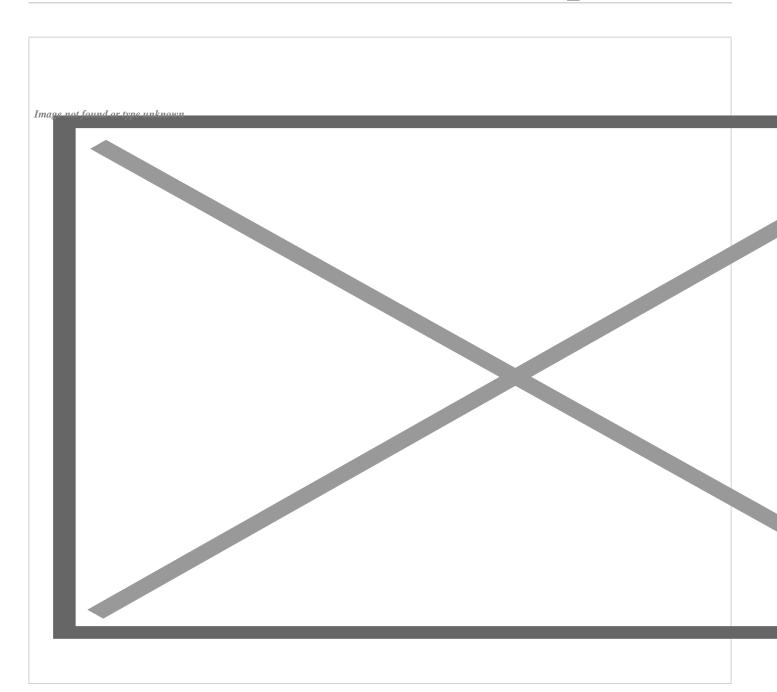
Palestinian health officials blast Israel after undercover assassins kill three inside Jenin Hospital



Ramallah, February 1 (RHC)-- Health officials in the occupied West Bank have denounced Israel for sending in a team of undercover assassins into a Jenin hospital to execute three Palestinian militants in a hospital room on Tuesday.

The Israeli special forces were disguised as medical workers in scrubs and Muslim women wearing headscarves. Palestinian officials say one of the men killed was recovering in the hospital after being paralyzed from an Israeli drone strike in October.

Naji Nazzal is the medical director at Ibn Sina Hospital. He told reporters: "They killed the three youth — Basel and Mohammed Ghazawi and Mohammed Jalamneh — in their room while they were sleeping on their beds in the room. They were killed in cold blood with direct gunshots to the head."

In Washington, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller refused to condemn the Israeli raid on the Jenin hospital. Miller said: "I'm not able to speak to the facts of the operation. You'd have to pass some kind of legal judgment, know all of the facts of the operation. But as a general matter, they do have the right to carry out operations to bring terrorists to justice..."

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