Israel kills 30 Palestinians in Deir al-Balah in 24 hours

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Rafah, February 5 (RHC)_- Thirty Palestinians have been killed in Israeli airstrikes on areas the regime claimed to be "safe" in the city of Deir al-Balah, the central Gaza Strip, local Palestinian authorities say. The media office of Gaza's government said in a statement on Monday the airstrikes hit the city over the course of 24 hours.

It said the Israeli military directly hit the "safe" homes of citizens. The regime also bombed a mosque. "We hold the Israeli occupation fully responsible for this heinous massacre," the statement said.

The media office also said the international community and the US administration of President Joe Biden shoulder the responsibility of the continued campaign against the Palestinians in Gaza, which, it said, goes against international law.

There appears to be no shelter for the Palestinians to take refuge in across the besieged Gaza Strip amid Israel's relentless hostilities.

The United Nations says it is impossible to create a "safe zone" for civilians inside Gaza. Israel's initial focal point of strikes was northern Gaza. But with time, the attacks also slanted toward the south.

The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor has said roughly 110,000 Palestinians have been reported killed, missing, or injured in Gaza since October 7. Around 90 percent of the population in Gaza has been displaced, the monitor says.

Meanwhile, Amnesty International said in a report on Monday that Israel has unleashed unlawful lethal force against the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, displaying "a chilling disregard for Palestinian lives."

Palestinians in the West Bank were already experiencing deadly Israeli raids on a regular basis even before that October day. Israel killed more than 500 Palestinians in the West Bank in 2023.

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