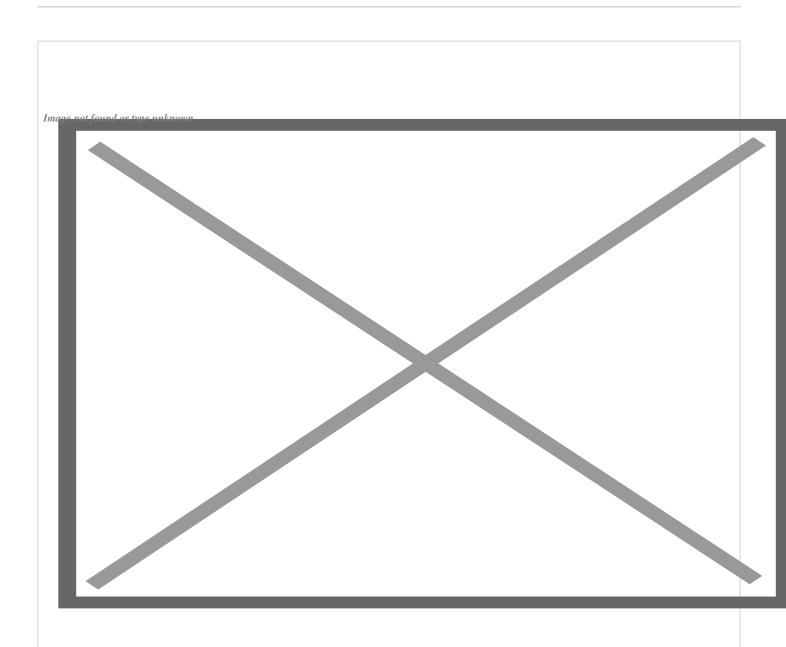
Heavy Israeli strikes hit Gaza's southern city of Rafah, killing more than 100



Rafah, February 12 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime has conducted extensive air raids and artillery strikes on the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah early Monday morning, killing and injuring hundreds of civilians, mostly women and children.

According to Palestinian media, the regime's brutal attacks on people's homes and mosques in Rafah have so far killed more than 100 civilians while leaving at least 230 others wounded. Dozens of people are also trapped under the rubble.

The strikes reportedly hit 14 houses and three mosques in different parts of Rafah.

A Palestinian Health Ministry official said Gaza's hospitals cannot handle the large number of casualties caused as a result of the Israeli attacks.

The new strikes came after Palestinian media reported that at least 11 Israeli soldiers had been killed in an ambush by Palestinian resistance fighters near the city of Khan Yunis, also in the southern part of Gaza.

The strikes also came at a time that more than one million people, above five times Rafah's usual population, have fled to the city amid Israel's brutal onslaught on the coastal territory.

The regime's aggression against Gaza has so far claimed the lives of over 28,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, leaving more than 67,600 others wounded.

Israel's genocidal war started after Gaza's resistance movements carried out an historic operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

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