

Al-Shifa evacuees describe terror of Israeli attack on besieged hospital



Rafah, March 22 (RHC)-- Israel is continuing its relentless assault on the Gaza Strip, with deaths reported earlier today in residential areas of Gaza City, Rafah and Khan Younis.

Meanwhile, the deadly raid on Al-Shifa Hospital is in its fifth day. Israeli soldiers have killed at least 140 people at Al-Shifa. Journalists and medical staff have been blindfolded and forced to strip naked. At least 13 patients have died in recent days due to a lack of medical treatment. Israeli forces ordered thousands of patients, staff and displaced people sheltering at the hospital to evacuate as they threaten to blow up the entire facility.

Families who were already displaced and are once again on the move described their brutal eviction from Al-Shifa. One resident, Umm Essam al-Sakan, said: "We were surprised that at 2 a.m. there was shelling. The children were terrified. What more can I tell you? We stayed until the morning. We were not allowed to go down or up. They were calling with the loudspeakers from downstairs for men to prepare themselves, that the emergency team should prepare itself. The court outside with the bulldozers, the tanks, they turned things upside down. I don't know what more to tell you. The children were terrified. They turned things upside down in Al-Shifa, in the area of Al-Shifa. They didn't care about a child or a pregnant woman or youth or anything."

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