

Dozens of Palestinians killed as Israel launches heavy bombardment in Gaza

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Palestinians surround the bodies of victims following an Israeli bombardment in the Nuseirat refugee camp, in central Gaza Strip, on May 13, 2024. (Photo by AFP)

Gaza City, May 14 (RHC)-- Israeli warplanes have conducted fresh aerial assaults on the Gaza Strip, killing dozens of civilians, including children, in the besieged Palestinian territory.

Citing medical sources, the Palestinian Wafa news agency reported on Tuesday that 14 people lost their lives in overnight Israeli bombing of a three-story house owned by the Karaja family, south of the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza. The report added that children were among those killed in the strike that also injured several more. Other reports updated the death toll to at least 20 people.

Meanwhile, dozens of Palestinians were killed in Israeli air raids on the Jabalia refugee camp and the city of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza. Jabalia residents said Israeli tanks were advancing towards the camp.

Civilians are “running in the streets,” a Jabalia resident told Al Jazeera, adding, “We’ve been displaced from one place to the next ... we don’t know where to go.”

Israeli military tanks have started to go deeper into the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza as part of a ground offensive months after claiming Hamas had been “dismantled” in the area.

In an X post, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres condemned all attacks on UN personnel. “More than 190 UN staff have been killed in Gaza. Humanitarian workers must be protected,” he said.

A staff member of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security was killed and another injured in Gaza’s southernmost city of Rafah on Monday after an Israeli strike hit their vehicle which was displaying the UN flag and insignia.

Guterres’ deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said the UN chief had called for a full investigation into the killing.

Israel waged a genocidal war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian Hamas resistance group carried out a historic operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

The Tel Aviv regime has so far killed at least 35,091 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 78,827 others.

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