

NGO says Israeli forces' attacks have disabled 10,000 people

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Ramallah, June 30 (RHC)-- The Palestinian NGO Network Rehabilitation Sector says an estimated 10,000 people have developed various disabilities due to Israeli attacks on Gaza, Wafa news agency reported.

Tens of thousands of disabled individuals have fled since the start of the war. The Israeli destruction of infrastructure, roads, and rehabilitation centres has restricted movement and access to services for disabled people, diminishing their ability to evacuate safely, the statement said.

The group said that failure to accommodate disabled-friendly shelters, along with overcrowding, poses another challenge in accessing already scarce services. Disabled people are especially vulnerable to malnutrition and chronic illnesses, significantly increasing their risk of mortality, it said.

At least four civilians have been killed in an Israeli air strike targeting the Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, Wafa reported. According to a Wafa correspondent, Israeli warplanes bombed a residential house in the camp, killing four people and injuring several others.

Those wounded were transported to Al-Aqsa and al-Awda hospitals for urgent medical treatment. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said it provided first aid to one injured and transferred them to a nearby hospital.

An overnight Israeli military operation in al-Mawasi resulted in a number of casualties and displacement of at least 5,000 people. “We were sitting peacefully in our tent and all of a sudden the area was carpet bombed by the Israeli warplanes. The air strikes closed in on our neighbourhood,” a survivor recalled to Al Jazeera.

“I heard neighbors crying. Israeli tanks were also shelling the area. We all ran for our lives, leaving everything behind. All of a sudden the Israeli tanks invaded the area, coupled with helicopter and drone attacks. I saw bodies in pieces and flesh all over the place.

“I carried my children and ran for our lives. We do not know where to go, just walking with the crowds. Many were killed and injured. This was supposed to be a safe zone, but nowhere is safe at all.”

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