

# *Israeli settlers fire on Palestinian residents in West Bank town*

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Ramallah, August 16 (RHC)-- Israeli settlers, supported by the regime's forces, have killed a young Palestinian man in a violent attack on a town near the occupied West Bank city of Qalqilya.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said armed settlers fired on Thursday live ammunition at the town's residents, killing 23-year-old Rashid Mahmoud Sedda. Another young Palestinian was also critically injured.

The new casualties came after more than 100 settlers attacked the town, shooting civilians and setting fire to four houses and six cars.

The Hamas resistance movement strongly condemned the aggression against Palestinian civilians. It described the attack as a new failed attempt by Israeli forces and settlers that will not deter Palestinians from pursuing the path to freedom.

Since Israel unleashed a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip in early October 2023, casualties have been rising in the West Bank as a result of intensified near-daily raids by the regime troops into Palestinian towns.

At least 624 Palestinians have been killed in the occupied West Bank by Israeli forces since the beginning of Israel's Gaza onslaught.

More than 40,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children, have also been killed in Israeli attacks across the besieged Gaza in the past more than 10 months.

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