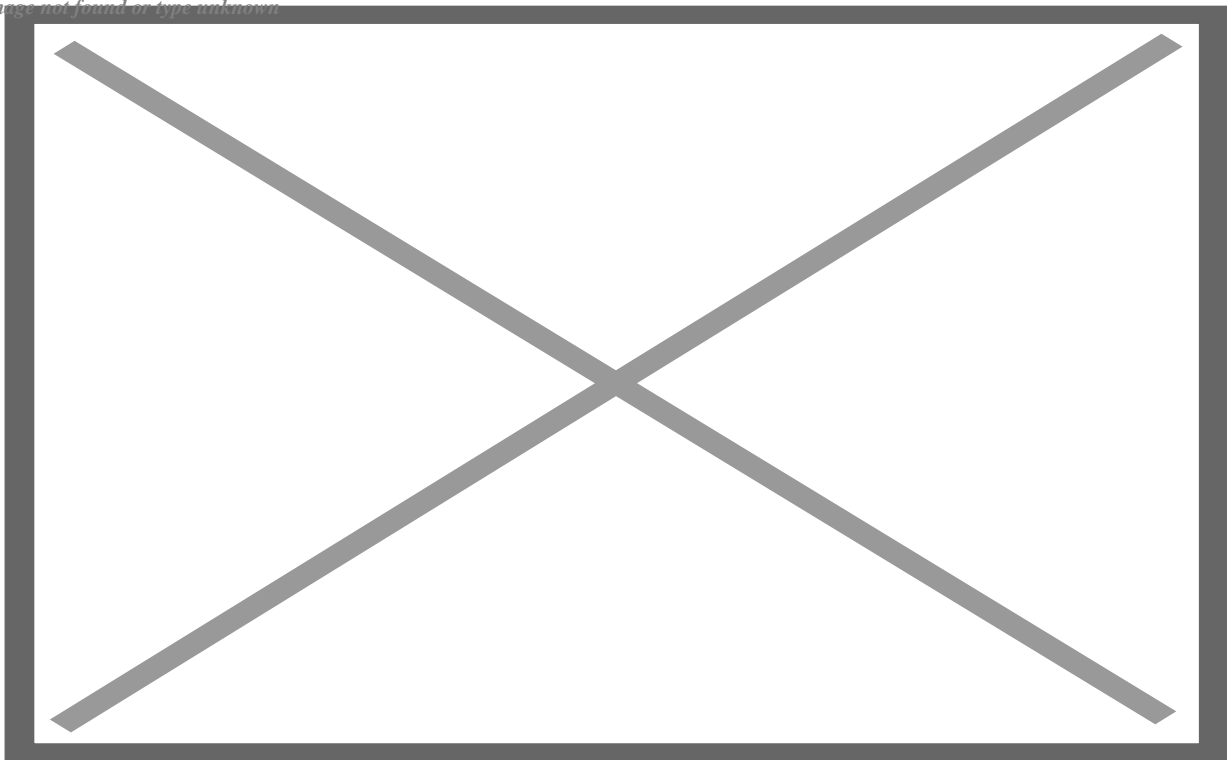


Israeli air raids and settler attacks increasing in the West Bank

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Ramallah, August 27 (RHC)-- Medical sources in Ramallah, the West Bank, affirm that they've received the bodies and body parts of five Palestinians who were killed in the Israeli air strike on the Nur Shams refugee camp.

Hospital spokespersons say: "We know that the Israeli forces have been looking to target Abu Shuja'a, who has been one of the leaders if not the main leader of the Tulkarem and the Nur Shams Battalion in the refugee camp, and he has survived several assassination attempts."

"We also know that one of those killed [Jibril Ghassan Jibril] had been released as part of the captives exchange deal that took place last November."

Eyewitnesses say that all in all, they've been seeing an increase in the use of Israeli air strikes against Palestinian targets in the occupied West Bank. UN figures show more than 50 air strikes, mostly by drones and most of them centered in the areas of Jenin, Tulkarem and some of them in Nablus to the north of the occupied West Bank. These attacks have been happening around residential places and homes, affecting many other Palestinians.

At the same time, local residents been seeing settlers attacking Palestinians in a village near Bethlehem. This comes as Palestinians have been already seeing a lot of settler attacks.

These assaults have been skyrocketing since the war started and Palestinians say the sense of impunity that Israeli settlers feel is allowing them to continue attacking Palestinians and their homes.

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