

# *Israeli airstrikes kill two dozen Gazans amid failed truce talks*

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Gaza City, September 3 (RHC)-- Israel continues to commit more massacres against Palestinians in Gaza, as its genocidal war on the besieged strip continues unabated. Palestinian media reports said dozens of people were killed and injured in Israeli air and artillery strikes that hit residential buildings, tents sheltering displaced people and streets across Gaza on Tuesday.

Gaza's Civil Defense spokesperson, Mahmoud Basal, said an artillery shelling killed one person and wounded many others in the Zeitoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City. He added that the bodies of four women from the al-Arja family were also recovered after an Israeli strike on the al-Tannour neighborhood, east of Rafah city.

A Palestinian man was also killed in an Israeli attack near al-Fardows school in Mawasi in Gaza's southern city of Rafah. Another man and his three-year-old son were also killed in an Israeli strike that targeted a tent sheltering displaced people in Gaza's southern city of Khan Yunis in the early hours of Tuesday.

This comes as the death toll from the Israeli attack on a bread queue in northern Jabalia has risen to eight people. A number of people were also injured in the attack that took place on Monday evening. Also on Monday evening, a bombing in southern al-Mawasi killed two children, and another raid on al-Karama area in northern Gaza City claimed the lives of at least four people.

#### Polio outbreak and deepening humanitarian crisis

Israel's relentless assaults on Gaza, including its health care and public health infrastructure, and the complete blockade imposed on the strip have also taken a heavy toll on the under-resourced health system in the territory.

On Monday, the aid group Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), also known as Doctors Without Borders, stressed that Israel's destruction of Gaza's infrastructure was behind the polio outbreak in Gaza.

The aid group Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) says Israel's strikes were behind the polio outbreak in Gaza, calling for an immediate ceasefire in the besieged strip. According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, children in central Gaza continue to receive polio vaccines on Tuesday.

The campaign in central Gaza will continue until Wednesday evening, while children in southern and northern Gaza will get their doses starting from Thursday and Monday, respectively.

Some 158,992 children have so far received their doses as part of the campaign that aims to vaccinate 640,000 children under 10.

The campaign began after Israeli agreed to limited pauses in fighting to allow health workers to vaccinate the children against polio, after the first confirmed case in Gaza in 25 years was recorded. These so-called "humanitarian pauses" are not a ceasefire deal in Gaza that mediators, including Qatar and Egypt, have been trying to secure in the past few weeks.

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