

Israeli strikes kill dozens in Gaza as grisly anniversary passes

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Gaza City, October 8 (RHC)-- Dozens of Palestinians have been killed in Israeli strikes on northern and central Gaza as the besieged territory marks the grisly anniversary of the start of Israel's war. At least 56 Palestinians were killed during strikes overnight on Monday and into Tuesday, the Health Ministry in Gaza said, although the number of deaths reported by sources vary.

The casualties brought the overall death toll since the war was launched following Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7 last year to 41,965. The ministry added that 97,590 others have been injured. At least 30 people, including six children and two women, were killed near the central city of Deir el-Balah

overnight, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital reported, after houses in the Bureij refugee camp were struck.

Medical sources told Al Jazeera that Israel's military had killed 43 Palestinians across the enclave on Tuesday. The figure included seven people killed during an attack on the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza. The Israeli army has placed Jabalia under siege for the last several days, in tandem with stepping up its attacks on northern Gaza to a level not seen in months, according to our team on the ground.

The Israeli army reported that it had killed at least 20 armed Palestinian fighters in northern Gaza. It also reported continuing fighting in central and southern Gaza. The information could not be independently verified.

Al Jazeera's Tareq Abu Azzoum, reporting from Deir el-Balah, called the scenes at Al-Aqsa Hospital "devastating." "Bodies were lined up on the ground with family members expressing a great deal of grief and agony," he said. "Palestinians continued to live in the Bureij camp – despite Israel ordering them to flee because it would be an 'active military zone' – as they had nowhere else to go."

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