

Journalists among nine killed in Israeli attack on UN-run school in Gaza City

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Boys search through debris and rubble next to tent shelters in the yard of the Shuhada (Martyrs)

school, in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip on October 24, 2024. (AFP)

Gaza City, October 28 (RHC)-- At least nine people, including a nine-year old Palestinian girl and three journalists, have been killed in an Israeli air strike on a UN-run school sheltering displaced people in Gaza City.

Hamas said in a statement that “U.S.-backed Zionist warplanes bombed the Asmaa School in Al-Shati’ camp, west of Gaza City” on Sunday. It said three journalists and a 9-year old child were among the victims of the airstrike.

Tragically, 9-year-old Zaina Al-Ghoul was killed today by an Israeli airstrike while waiting to receive a biscuit at Asmaa School in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City. pic.twitter.com/djxswyh9kw

Gaza’s Media Office identified the slain journalists as Saed Radwan from the Al-Aqsa TV, Hamza Abu Salmiya from Sanad News Agency and Haneen Baroud, who works for al-Quds Foundation.

That brings to 180 the total number of journalists killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023.

The Media Office called on the international community and press organisations to intervene “to deter the occupation and pursue it in international courts for its ongoing crimes, and pressure it to stop its ongoing genocide and the killing of Palestinian journalists”.

Shortly after the strike in Gaza, Israeli forces attacked yet another UN-run school in southern Lebanon, killing at least five people. Just a few hours after Israeli forces targeted a school in Gaza, the regime's forces targeted another school affiliated with UNRWA in Burj Al-Shamali in southern Lebanon, murdering at least five.

Earlier this month, the Israeli military acknowledged that its forces had bombed at least 13 schools in Gaza over the past month. Israel claims that the schools were shielding Hamas fighters. The resistance group has repeatedly denied that its fighters operate from civilian facilities such as schools and hospitals.

Schools in the Gaza Strip have been used to shelter nearly two million displaced Palestinians, since Israel launched its campaign of death and destruction in Gaza on October 7, 2023.

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