

Israel destroys 8-story residential building in missile strike in Beirut

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Rescue workers and people search for victims at the site of an Israeli airstrike that hit central Beirut, Lebanon, on November 23, 2024. (Photo by AP)

Beirut, November 23 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime has targeted with missiles a residential building in the heart of the Lebanese capital of Beirut, leaving at least 11 people dead and 63 others wounded as the occupying entity ramps up its aggression on the Arab country.

Israeli missiles struck an eight-story residential building and “completely” destroyed it in the Basta area of Beirut early on Saturday, Lebanon’s al-Mayadeen television network reported. The surrounding buildings also sustained significant damage, with the explosions heard across a wide area and reverberating throughout Beirut.

Lebanon’s National News Agency (NNA) confirmed the dawn Israeli attack and said “five missiles” struck the residential building in the heart of Beirut.

“Beirut, the capital, woke up to a horrific massacre, as the Israeli enemy’s air force completely destroyed an eight-story residential building with five missiles on al-Mamoun Street in the Basta area,” the news agency reported.

The strikes came a day after the Israeli bombardment of Beirut’s southern suburbs demolished an 11-storey building. The Lebanese Health Ministry said another Israeli aggression in the south of the country killed at least five paramedics in southern Lebanon.

Al-Mayadeen television network also reported that the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah confronted the Israeli occupation forces across the country’s southern areas and border villages, especially in Khiyam.

The resistance group “intensively” targeted with missiles and drones the gatherings of Israeli soldiers in a number of settlements and bases in Haifa, Acre and the occupied Golan Heights.

The resistance media said the movement “targeted the gatherings of the occupation forces on the eastern outskirts of Khiyam 8 times, from the early hours of Friday dawn until the evening, with rocket salvos and suicide drones.”

The media reports said rocket impacts were documented in a factory in Kiryat Ata, north of Haifa. The death toll from the Israeli aggression against Lebanon since October 2023 has surpassed 3,500. More than 15,000 others have also been injured.

Most of them have lost their lives in the past month amid the intensified airstrikes and a ground offensive.

Hezbollah has been putting up firm resistance in the face of the Israeli regime’s aggression against Lebanon.

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