

*Endless violence: Israeli settlers attack Palestinian towns to protest Gaza truce deal*

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A Palestinian car in damaged in an attack by settlers in the town of Sinjil, in the occupied West

**Bank, on January 19, 2025. (Photo via X)**

Ramallah, January 20 (RHC)-- Israeli settlers, backed up by the occupation forces, have stormed several Palestinian towns in the West Bank, in a show of anger at a Gaza ceasefire deal that is widely seen as a defeat for the occupying regime.

The settlers attacked Palestinian cars and closed several main roads in Turmus Ayy, 'Atara, Ein Siniya, Ein Ayoub, Qalqilya, and Jaba' on Sunday evening. Other reports said that in Sinjil, two houses were torched along with four vehicles, WAFA news agency said.

Footage released on social media shows Israeli settlers hurling stones and Molotov cocktails in their raids.

The assaults took place hours before Israel released the first group of Palestinian abductees, including 69 women and 21 children, in return for the three freed Israeli captives.

The exchange came as part of the truce agreement between the Palestinian Hamas resistance and Israel aimed at ending the latter's 15-month-long genocidal war on the besieged Gaza Strip.

Far-right Israelis rejected the deal, insisting instead that the bloody onslaught on Gaza must continue.

Prior to the agreement, Israeli minister of military affairs Israel Katz released all 16 settlers who were under administration detention due to their involvement in attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank.

The release of the settlers was meant "to convey a clear message of strengthening and encouraging the settlements," he said.

Referring to Sunday's attacks, the Yesh Din rights group said, "Settler violence against innocent Palestinians without a response" is the message the Tel Aviv regime and Katz send "when they seek to 'strengthen and encourage' the settlements".

Settler violence has escalated significantly since October 7, 2023, when Israel unleashed its brutal offensive against Gaza.

The usurping regime failed to achieve its declared objectives of freeing captives and eliminating Hamas despite killing nearly 47,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, in Gaza.

Israel was forced to agree to the Gaza ceasefire, which took effect on Sunday morning, accepting Hamas' longstanding negotiation terms.

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