UNRWA says Israel's raids in Jenin have displaced 2,000 families



A woman walks past a puddle of water in the Jenin camp for Palestinian refugees in the occupied West Bank on January 18, 2025. (Photo> AFP)

Ramallah, January 23 (RHC)-- The UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) says Israel's deadly raids on the refugee camp of Jenin in the occupied West Bank have displaced at least 2,000 families since mid-December.

UNRWA director Roland Friedrich said that the regime's multiple raids and large-scale incursions against the camp over the past year has left the place "nearly inhabitant."

The Israeli regime unleashed a brutal wave of violence against Palestinians in the occupied city of Jenin on Tuesday— only two days after a ceasefire took hold in Gaza to bring relative calm to the Palestinian enclave.

Friedrich said right now, the agency cannot provide "full services to the camp" due to escalating violence by the regime's forces and illegal settlers against Palestinians.

According to Palestinian health services, at least 10 people were killed and 35 wounded in the raid on Tuesday.

Friedrich said that the recent raid on the camp "threatens to undermine the fragile ceasefire reached just days ago in Gaza."

More Palestinians have to leave the camp now as the Israeli military has issued a forced displacement order. It called on the Palestinians to leave their homes in the camp to the area of Wadi Burqin on the western outskirts of the city, according to Jenin Mayor Muhammad Jarar.

Jarar said that Israeli forces prevent the movement of city officials in Jenin, so he has contacted several international institutions to secure the emergency needs of those forcibly evacuated.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said in a post on X that it is "deeply concerned" about the wellbeing of civilians in the camp.

Jenin's local private hospital, Al-Amal, was also surrounded by Israeli forces and had come under fire, according to residents and witnesses. Palestinian Authority security officers and medics were among the injured, they said.

Witnesses say it is as if the regime's forces came to Jenin straight from Gaza "with large vehicles, aggressive gunfire and drones."

Nearly half a million illegal settlers and roughly 2.7 million Palestinians live in the occupied West Bank.

Francesca Albanese, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories, warned that if the violence "is not forced to stop, Israel's genocide of Palestinians will not be confined to Gaza. Mark my words."

Israel's genocidal war in the Gaza Strip killed more than 47,000 people, including women and children.

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