

Israel expands shooting orders in West Bank, adding to Palestinian death toll



Israeli soldiers are seen in Tulkarm, the occupied West Bank, February 4, 2025. Israel has expanded shooting orders for its soldiers in the occupied West Bank in a move that has generated a high Palestinian death toll.

Tel Aviv, February 11 (RHC)-- According to Israel's Haaretz newspaper, the so-called central command decided to implement the same shooting policy used during the campaign of genocide in Gaza to kill any unarmed Palestinian in the West Bank.

The Israeli soldiers taking part in the ongoing military assault said commander Avi Blot permitted them to shoot with the intent to kill Palestinians without resorting to arresting them.

“The orders made it easier for soldiers to pull the trigger at the behest of Central Command Commander Avi Blot.” The head of the West Bank Division Yaki Dolf ordered soldiers to shoot at any vehicle “coming from a combat zone” and heading toward a checkpoint.

Over the weekend, two Palestinians were killed in the West Bank when Israeli soldiers opened fire on a car approaching a military checkpoint. Israeli forces earlier shot and killed an eight-month Palestinian pregnant mother and her unborn baby during a raid in the Nur Shams refugee camp.

According to the Israeli daily, soldiers used Palestinian civilians as human shields while searching buildings for explosives, the same tactic used by the military in Gaza.

Since January 21, the Israeli regime has conducted military operations in Jenin, Tulkarem and Tammun in the northern West Bank. The regime has killed more than 30 Palestinians, according to the Health Ministry.

Israeli soldiers had earlier revealed appalling accounts of the notorious “kill zone” in the Netzarim corridor of the besieged Gaza Strip.

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