

Palestinian death toll mounts as West Bank under most intense Israeli military attack in decades



Ramallah, February 15 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have killed 44 people, including an eight-month pregnant woman, in their longest military offensive in the occupied West Bank in 20 years, according to the United

Nations.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) also reports that 40,000 Palestinians have been displaced from four refugee camps as well as areas surrounding the Palestinian cities of Jenin, Tulkarem and Tubas.

On top of the dozens of killings, systematic destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, and forced dislocation of large sections of the West Bank's population, Israeli forces carried out 694 attacks on Palestine's healthcare sector between April and December 2024, the UN said.

In its latest situation report on the West Bank, OCHA notes that Israeli forces killed five Palestinians between February 4 and 10, including a child, while eight other children were among 49 Palestinians injured.

Between February 11 and 13, they killed two more Palestinians in Hebron and Nablus, one of whom died in an exchange of fire and another in "unclear circumstances".

Israeli settlers were also involved in 15 incidents of assault or causing damage to Palestinian property during the latest reporting period, injuring three Palestinians, including one child.

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