

Hundreds of Israeli settlers storm Al-Aqsa Mosque compound



Illegal Israeli settlers storm Al-Aqsa Mosque (File photo)

East Jerusalem, March 3 (RHC)-- Hundreds of illegal Israeli settlers have stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, provoking Muslims during the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Palestinian Wafa news agency reported on Sunday that more than 500 Israeli settlers forced their way into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on the second day of Ramadan under the protection of Israeli soldiers.

The settlers conducted provocative moves around Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third-holiest site, and performed Jewish rituals largely in the eastern area of the compound.

The Palestinian Ministry of Awqaf (Endowments) has repeatedly condemned the Israeli regime's incursion into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the occupied Old City of al-Quds.

The ministry, which is responsible for managing Islamic religious affairs and Islamic charitable endowments, has recorded hundreds of Israeli settler incursions into the holy site.

The Israeli regime allows the settlers "to storm and defile" the holy sites, it said. During the incursions, the settlers carry out rituals in defiance of the sanctity of the world's third-holiest site for Muslims.

The ministry said the Israeli settlers have also committed violations in other Islamic and Christian sites in the occupied Palestinian land.

The Jewish visits to the mosque are permitted but as part of a decades-old agreement between Jordan – the custodian of Islamic and Christian sites in al-Quds – and Israel in the wake of Israel's occupation of East al-Quds in 1967, non-Muslim worship at the compound is prohibited.

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