

Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor says Israel's brutality in Gaza surpasses all recent forms of terrorism



Geneva, April 7 (RHC)-- The Geneva-based Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor has denounced Israel's "horrificing" crimes in Gaza, saying the atrocities "surpass all recent forms of terrorism."

In a report issued in Geneva, the rights group said its field teams had documented thousands of crimes committed by the Israeli forces, constituting overwhelming evidence of mass atrocities.

“These crimes include an unprecedented pattern of violence in recent history, in terms of scale, deliberate targeting, and genocidal intent,” it said, adding that “the crimes’ horrifying scope, methodical execution, and wide-ranging effects ... surpass those of armed groups like ISIS (Daesh).”

The acts committed by the Israeli forces amount to one of the “most extensive and systematic campaigns of extermination in contemporary history,” the rights group said. While the atrocities committed by Daesh have been widely denounced by the international community, the same community is now mostly silent, therefore making world leaders complicit in the Israeli regime's declared genocide that aims to exterminate the Palestinian people from their homeland, Euro-Med Monitor added.

The report also referred to the detonation of a robot rigged with explosives in the heart of the densely populated Shuja'iyya neighborhood in eastern Gaza City on Thursday. The explosion occurred in an area packed with displaced civilians, though there was no military necessity and no combat activity in the vicinity, it highlighted.

“This act embodies the conduct of existing terrorist organizations, even surpassing them in brutality and disregard for human life, and bears no resemblance to the conduct of a state bound by international law, regardless of any attempts to distort or evade it,” the rights group noted.

The explosion killed 21 Palestinians and injured around 100 others, the majority of them women and children. The Israelis have been increasingly using explosive-laden robots in residential neighborhoods during its ground incursions.

At least 150 such detonations have resulted in the deaths of hundreds of civilians, mostly women and children, the report pointed out.

The report also mentioned another Israeli atrocity that was committed on March 23, when Israeli forces detained 15 Palestinian rescue workers from the Palestinian Red Crescent and Civil Defense, along with a United Nations staff member, before executing them and then dumping their bodies into a pit, destroying the ambulances they had been travelling in.

“This incident is another blatant example of intentional Israeli crime mirroring—and exceeding—the brutality of groups like ISIS, as it reveals a clear and deliberate intent to annihilate Palestinians both physically and through psychologically terrorizing residents across the Strip,” it said.

Gaza Health Ministry said that since Israel resumed its war on Gaza about 3 weeks ago, 322 Palestinian children have been killed and 609 injured. In total, at least 1,249 people have been killed in Gaza since Israel resumed large-scale strikes on the war-torn territory after breaking the ceasefire, according to the ministry.

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