Israeli Soldiers Shoot Palestinian Teenager in West Bank

Ramallah, December 4 (RHC)-- Israeli soldiers have shot and wounded a Palestinian teenager during clashes near the occupied West Bank city of Nablus. Palestinian security sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said scuffles broke out between Palestinian youths and Israeli forces after the the troops stormed Askar refugee camp on the outskirts of Nablus, located approximately 49 kilometers north of Jerusalem, on Wednesday morning.

The Israeli storm troopers fired gunshots to disperse the crowd and a 14-year-old Palestinian teenager, identified as Ahmad Mazin, was shot in the foot. Israeli forces also raided downtown Nablus and the city's eastern neighborhood of al-Makhfiyya, where clashes also erupted. There were no immediate reports on possible casualties.

The Ahrar Center for Detainees Studies and Human Rights announced on Monday that nine Palestinians were killed and 650 arrested during the month of November. It noted that six journalists, 17 women and 42 children, were among those detained last month mostly in the occupied West Bank, the besieged Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.

The figures were announced a few days after Israeli authorities threatened to arrest Palestinian activists who post anti-Israeli remarks on Facebook.

According to latest reports, there are over 7,000 Palestinians in 17 Israeli prisons and detention camps. Among Palestinian prisoners behind Israeli bars, there are 18 women, 250 children, 1,500 sick detainees, who are mostly in a critical condition, and 540 Palestinians held under administrative detention without any trial.

Administrative detention is a sort of imprisonment without trial or charges that allows Israel to incarcerate Palestinians for up to six months.

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