

Israel Attacked United Nations Sites Seven Times During 2014 Gaza War



United Nations, April 30 (RHC)-- Israel has been found guilty of carrying out seven attacks on United Nations' sites, which were being used as civilian shelters during the 2014 onslaught on the Gaza Strip, a UN inquiry concludes.

"I deplore the fact that at least 44 Palestinians were killed as a result of Israeli actions and at least 227 injured at United Nations premises being used as emergency shelters," said UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in a report released at the United Nations. UN premises should be inviolable and dependable as safe locations, especially in the time of war, he added.

Ban noted that this was the second time during his tenure as secretary general that he has been obliged to open inquiry into incidents relating to UN premises and personnel in Gaza. The UN secretary general also condemned the attacks "as a matter of the utmost gravity" adding that, "those who looked to them for protection and who sought and were granted shelter there had their hopes and trust denied." "Once again I must stress my profound and continuing concern for the civilian population of the Gaza Strip."

During another incident on July 24, 2014, Israel opened fire on a UN school in Beit Hanoun and killed 15 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

The inquiry was compiled via the analysis of weapons, medical reports, photographs and video footage, and the testimonies of both by UN organizations' staff.

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