

Red Crescent Says Israel Shot More Than 2,600 Palestinians in October



Ramallah, November 2 (RHC)-- At least 2,617 Palestinians were shot and wounded by Israeli forces using live and rubber bullets during the month of October, Red Crescent officials say.

On Sunday, the Palestinian news agency Ma'an released a report quoting a Red Crescent spokesperson as saying that at least 760 Palestinians were shot with live rounds across the occupied Palestinian territory, while another 1,857 were hit with rubber-coated steel bullets. At least 5,645 Palestinians sustained injuries, including burns from tear gas canisters and excessive tear gas inhalation.

The report shows that 72 Palestinians were also killed in Palestinian territories by Israeli soldiers in October.

Tensions have been running high over the past several weeks between the Israeli regime and Palestinians in the occupied territories. The latest wave of tensions was triggered by Israel's imposition in August of restrictions on the entry of Palestinian worshippers into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in East Jerusalem.

The number of Israelis killed in the same period has been put at 10, while 130 others have allegedly been injured. The unrest seemed unabated at the start of November with new clashes leaving two more Palestinians injured by live rounds in a refugee camp on Sunday, according to medics in the besieged Gaza Strip.

A Palestinian was also shot dead by Israeli forces in the village of Beit Einun in the in the occupied West Bank in what is being called as the first death this month by Palestinian media. Israeli forces shot and injured two Palestinians with live rounds in the village of Sair near the West Bank city of Hebron.

The ongoing Israeli aggression on Palestinians in the West Bank has been the deadliest since an uprising 10 years ago.

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