

Israeli forces shoot five Palestinian minors in occupied West Bank



Ramallah, December 7 (RHC)-- At least five Palestinian teenage boys have been injured after Israeli military forces carried out raids across the occupied West Bank over the past 24 hours, and engaged in clashes with local residents in a number of villages and towns.

Local sources, requesting not to be named, told Palestine's official Wafa news agency that Israeli military vehicles rolled into the Jenin refugee camp early on Thursday, breaking into several Palestinian homes and violently ransacking them.

The raid promoted violent skirmishes with residents of the camp. Israeli soldiers responded with live bullets to disperse the protesting crowd, injuring three teenagers in the process. The trio were rushed to Khalil Suleiman Hospital in Jenin, where doctors and medical staff described their condition as moderate.

Two Palestinian minors were also shot and injured with Israeli live bullets on Wednesday evening as they were on their way home from school in Jaba' town in the central West Bank. The two injured Palestinian teenagers, aged 14 and 15 years old, were immediately transferred to Ramallah Hospital to receive necessary medical treatment.

According to medical sources, one of the minors was shot and injured in his shoulder, while the other was shot in the leg. Also on Thursday, Israeli forces detained 12 other Palestinians during multiple predawn raids across the West Bank.

The Palestine Prisoners' Society (PPS) said in a statement that Israeli troopers detained six people during separate operations in the northern West Bank towns of al-Mughayyir, Kafr Ni'mah and Saffa.

Two Palestinians were detained after Israeli forces broke into their homes in the city of al-Khalil. Israeli forces carried out two similar raids in Halhul and the al-Arroub refugee camp, detaining three Palestinians. Another Palestinian was reportedly rounded up from Shuwaykah.

More than 7,000 Palestinians are reportedly held at Israeli jails. Hundreds of the inmates have apparently been incarcerated under the practice of administrative detention, a policy under which Palestinian inmates are kept in Israeli detention facilities without trial or charge.

Some Palestinian prisoners have been held in administrative detention for up to eleven years. Palestinian inmates regularly stage hunger strikes in protest at the administrative detention policy and their harsh prison conditions in Israeli jails.

According to reports, at least 13 Palestinian lawmakers are currently imprisoned in Israeli detention facilities. Nine of them are being held without trial under administrative detention.

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