

# *Death toll rises from Israeli strikes on Gaza*

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Ramallah, May 7 (RHC)-- The Palestinian health ministry says the death toll from Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip rose to 27 as a couple was uncovered from the rubble. The Gaza health ministry announced the news in a statement, saying that the bodies of two people “were found on Monday morning in the northern Gaza Strip.”

It also identified them as Talal Abu al-Jidian, 48, and her wife as Raghda Mohammed Abu al-Jidian, 40, adding that the corpses had been found under the rubble of a building that had been completely destroyed in the fresh wave of Israeli aerial aggression on the impoverished enclave.

The couple had a 12-year-old son, Abdul Rahman al-Jidian, who also lost his life in the Israeli brutal airstrikes and his body was uncovered from the rubble several hours earlier.

Last week and on consecutive days, Israeli warplanes conducted airstrikes against a number of purported Hamas positions in the northern part of the coastal strip in response to the alleged launch of incendiary balloons from the besieged enclave.

The Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli siege since June 2007, causing a decline in living standards as well as unprecedented unemployment and poverty.

Israel has also launched several wars on the Palestinian coastal sliver, the last of which began in early July 2014. The military aggression, which ended on August 26, 2014, killed nearly 2,200 Palestinians. Over 11,100 others were also wounded in the war.

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