

Thousands of Palestinians protest against Trump's Deal of the Century



Ramallah, January 30 (RHC)-- Thousands of Palestinians have taken to the streets in several parts of the occupied West Bank to protest U.S. President Donald Trump's so-called "peace deal." At the same time, Israeli forces shut down the Old City of Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa compound.

Demonstrators chanted "Down with the Deal of the Century" and "Palestine is not for sale," as they raised Palestinian flags.

Forty-one protesters were wounded in violent clashes with Israeli police in several towns in the West Bank and villages of the Jordan Valley. According to the Red Crescent, rubber-coated bullets and suffocation had caused injuries from inhaling tear gas.

In the Jordan Valley, Palestinians protested against Israel's intentions to annex the area, which is one of the critical points included in the so-called "peace deal."

In the meantime, Israeli police arrested two Palestinians inside Al-Aqsa Mosque compound -- claiming that they were carrying knives -- and then shut down the gates to the compound and the Old City gates,

preventing people from entering or exiting the city.

Palestinians in East Jerusalem called for more demonstrations at the Damascus Gate, one of the main entryways that lead into the Old City. In Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian government, protests also erupted in several parts of the city.

Earlier this week, Donald Trump disclosed new details of his long-delayed plan to solve the Israel-Palestine conflict. The almost 200-page document contained maps showing how Israel and a future Palestinian state could look if Palestinians agreed to sign up to the plan.

The proposal was endorsed at the White House by Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while Palestinian leaders totally rejected it.

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