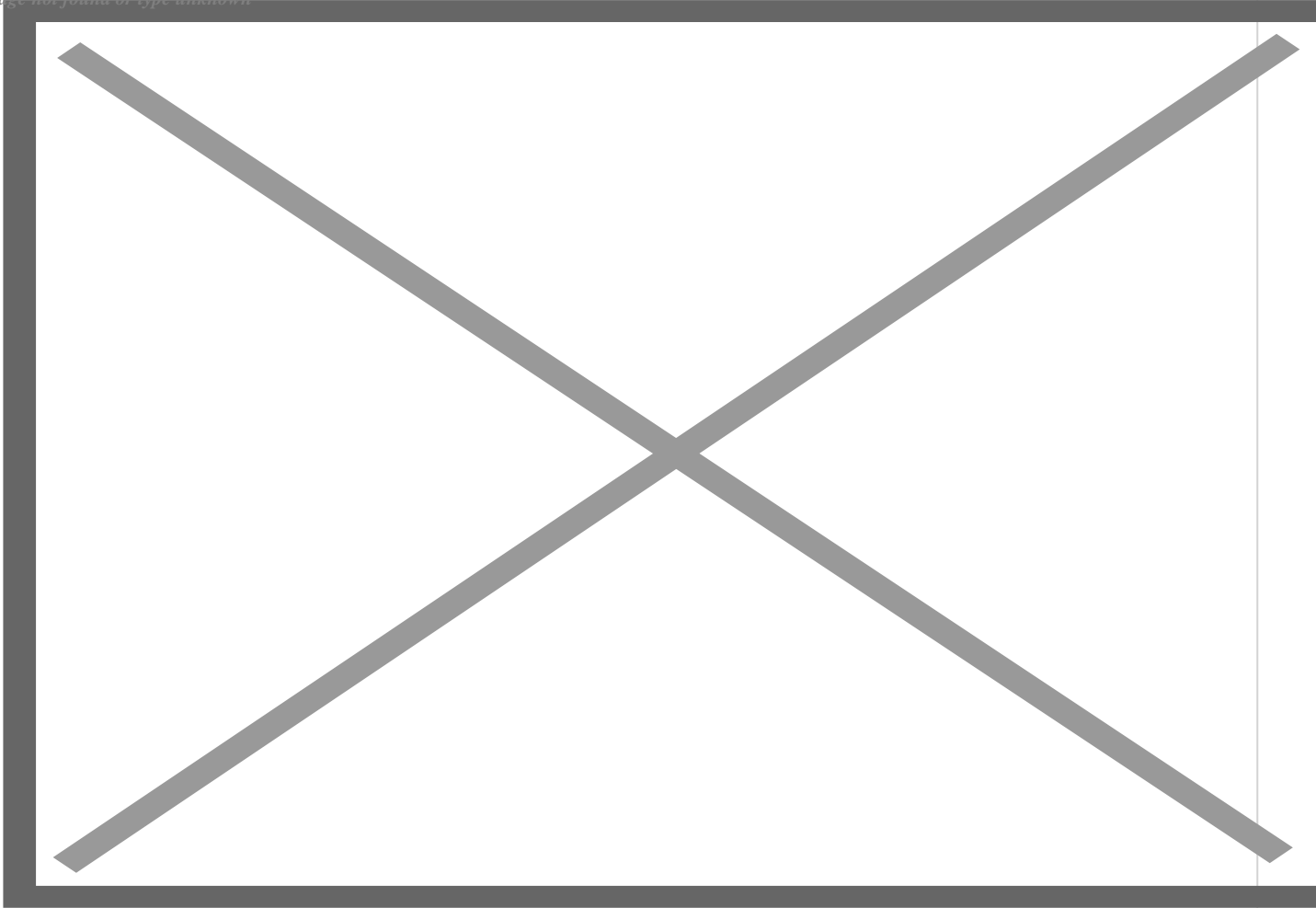


Palestinian teenager killed by Israeli forces at protest

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The Palestinian teenager was at a weekly protest against illegal Israeli settlements at al-Mughayyir village near Ramallah. (Photo: Press TV)

Ramallah, December 5 (RHC)-- A Palestinian teenager has been killed in clashes with the Israeli army on the sidelines of a protest in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said.

Thirteen-year-old Ali Ayman Nasr Abou Aliya "succumbed to his wounds after he was shot with live rounds in the stomach" during clashes on Friday north of Ramallah, the ministry said in a statement. He had been taken in critical condition for treatment at a hospital in Ramallah where he later died, the

ministry said.

An Israeli military spokeswoman said soldiers had used what she described as “riot dispersal means” to confront dozens of Palestinians who were hurling rocks at soldiers. “The reports of the use of live fire during the riot are not true and claims about a number of rioters injured and one killed are known,” the spokeswoman said.

The Palestinian teenager was involved in a weekly protest against illegal Israeli settlements at al-Mughayyir village near Ramallah, said Marzouq Abu Naeem, a member of the village council.

The Palestinian foreign ministry said in a statement on the killing: “This ugly crime is a war crime and a crime against humanity.” Four other people were wounded by Israeli army fire, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said.

The Palestinian village of Mughayyir is located near several Israeli settlements and has been the site of clashes between Palestinians and Israeli settlers in the past. It is also near the Ras al-Teen area, where Israel has threatened to demolish a school, a move condemned in early November by the European Union, which co-funded its construction.

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