

Challenges for Palestinian children

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Palestinian boy Mohamed Shehadeh. image / Resumen Latinoamericano

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The recent murder of Palestinian boy Mohamed Shehadeh, after being shot by Israeli soldiers, runs the risk of being quickly forgotten, as the use of force by Zionist regime troops is not followed up by the corporate press.

The 14-year-old teenager was shot by the occupiers in a village in the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem, without Israel going beyond simply announcing a formal investigation into the incident.

Seven months ago, Mohamed al Alaami, an 11-year-old Palestinian boy, had died after being shot by Israeli forces while traveling in a car with his family near the West Bank town of Beit Ummar.

Children in Gaza are also victims of Israeli attacks, as was the case in the last of its offensives, in 2021.

On that occasion, 66 perished, a number among the 130 civilians massacred, most of them while they were in buildings.

If we go back in time, during the bombing of Gaza in 2014, an Israeli military drone killed four children who were recreating on a beach.

According to several publications, Israel killed more than two thousand Palestinian children from September 2000 to 2020 in the territories under occupation and blockade.

These are only those killed because 140 representatives of the new generations of Palestinians are also languishing in Israeli prisons, victims in many cases of repeated arbitrary arrests.

The children make up a long list of about 4,400 Palestinians of all ages imprisoned in Israeli jails, including women.

According to Palestinian press sources, the children live in insecurity even in their homes, exposed to the occupiers' searches, and are therefore overcome with fear and sadness.

It should be noted that Israel usually arrests, detains and tries the children in the military judicial system, an unusual practice in the world.

It doesn't seem to matter that Palestinian children have the right to be at ease in their homes and schools, without having to see military troops in combat gear at their bedroom door.

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