

New Israeli airstrike kills 3 more people in Gaza; Palestinian death toll now at 33

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People take cover behind a wall as a building in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip is hit by an

Israeli airstrike on May 12, 2023 (Photo by AFP)

Gaza City, May 13 (RHC)-- A new Israeli airstrike on the besieged Gaza Strip has left at least three Palestinians martyred and 10 others injured. The overall death toll now stands at 33. The Israeli airstrike on Friday hit an apartment in Gaza City's al-Nasr neighborhood. Reports said a senior commander of Al-Quds Brigades was among those martyred in the attack. Al-Quds Brigades is the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Al-Quds Brigades announced the martyrdom of Commander Iyad Al-Abd Al-Hassani (Abu Anas) – a member of the Military Council and leader of the Brigades' operations unit.

Gaza's health ministry said the Israeli aggression has so far martyred 33 people, including six children and three women, and injured 111 others.

Islamic Jihad has vowed to strike targets deep inside Israel in response to the targeting of residential homes in Gaza.

The Israeli regime has been continuously bombarding the strip over the past four days, assassinating several resistance commanders in the besieged Gaza Strip. In response, Palestinian resistance factions have launched retaliatory strikes toward Israeli cities and settlements.

The Israeli military says so far nearly 1,000 rockets have been fired from the strip. On Friday, Palestinian resistance factions fired rockets toward al-Quds for the first time since the ongoing Israeli war on Gaza began on Tuesday.

On Thursday, an Israeli was killed and several others injured by Palestinian rocket fire in the Israeli city of Rehovot.

Egypt, Qatar and the United Nations have been working to broker a ceasefire. Ihasan Attaya, a senior Islamic Jihad official, said the mediators "have been unable to provide us with any guarantees." Islamic Jihad demands that the regime cease its policy of targeted killings, Attaya said.

After more than a year of unrelenting Israeli violence that has killed over 140 Palestinians, the latest escalation has drawn international calls on Israel to stop its crimes.

The regime has grown more violent since Benjamin Netanyahu returned to power late last year as the head of an extremist far-right coalition cabinet. The ongoing violence has been met with international calls for de-escalation, with the European Union pushing for an immediate ceasefire.

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