

400 killed and injured as Israel bombs Jabaliya refugee camp in Gaza

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This image grab taken from AFPTV shows Palestinians looking for survivors in a crater

**following a strike on a refugee camp in Jabalia on the northern Gaza Strip, on October 31, 2023.
(Photo by AFP)**

Gaza City, October 31 (RHC)-- At least 400 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed and injured after Israeli airstrikes hit the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, amid the regime's ongoing bombing campaign against the besieged territory.

Gaza's health ministry announced the death toll on Tuesday. The Palestinian interior ministry also said the strikes had left 400 dead or wounded in total. Iyad al-Bazum, interior ministry spokesperson, also noted that US-made bombs have targeted residential homes causing a "massacre," adding that an entire residential complex had been destroyed in the attack.

"These buildings house hundreds of citizens. The occupation's air force destroyed this district with six US-made bombs. It is the latest massacre caused by Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip," he said, calling on the international community "to act immediately to stop Israel before it is too late."

Palestinian officials say the Israeli regime has dropped more than 18,000 tons of explosives on Gaza. Video footage from the camp showed buildings completely leveled to the ground, and panicked Palestinian residents could be seen carrying wounded children away from the scene or searching for survivors.

On October 7, the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas launched its biggest operation against Israel in years in a surprise offensive, dubbed Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, in response to the occupying regime's intensified crimes against the Palestinian people.

The ongoing Israeli massacre has killed 8,610 Palestinians and left more than 23,000 wounded, according to the figure provided on Tuesday by the Ministry of Health in its daily report on the situation in the occupied territories. The figure excludes the casualties from the Israeli attack on Jabaliya.

Beside its relentless bombardment, Tel Aviv has also blocked water, food, and electricity to Gaza, plunging the besieged territory into a humanitarian crisis.

On Friday, the UN General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution, calling for the implementation of an immediate "humanitarian truce" in Gaza.

The vote at the General Assembly came after the United Nations Security Council failed four times to take action due to the US recurrently casting its veto against relevant resolutions.

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