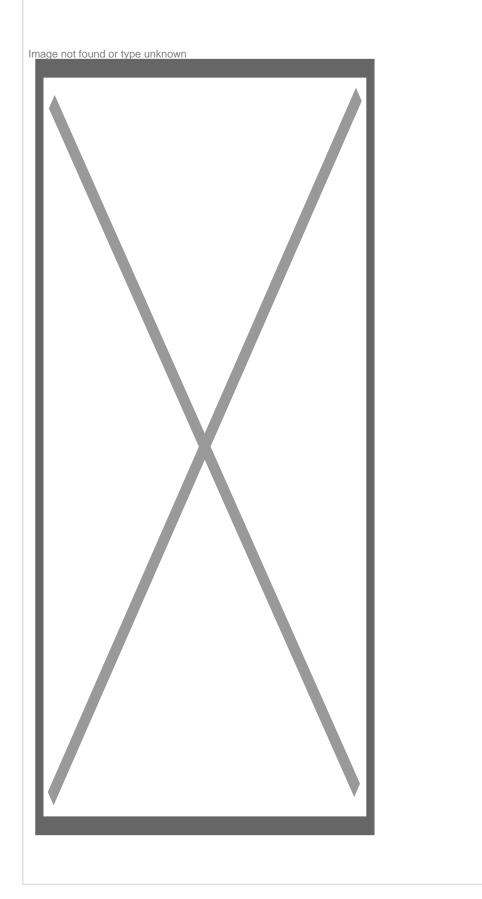
Israel bombs al-Maghazi refugee camp, killing at least 51 men, women and children



Gaza City, November 5 (RHC)-- Israel's military has bombed al-Maghazi refugee camp in central Gaza, killing more than 50 people, Palestinian officials have said. The victims of the air raid on Saturday night

were taken to al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir el-Balah, the Ministry of Health in the Hamas-run enclave said in a statement.

Palestinian news agency Wafa earlier reported that the bombing killed 51 people, mostly women and children. The bombing comes just days after air raids on the Jabalia and Bureij refugee camps that Palestinian officials say killed more than 200 people.

The latest attacks came after the United States on Saturday rejected calls by Arab countries for an immediate ceasefire in the monthlong conflict.

At a news conference with his Jordanian and Egyptian counterparts in Amman, U.S. Secretary of State Blinken said a full ceasefire was not only the table -- only small humanitarian "pauses."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected a temporary cessation in the war unless it involves the release of the more than 240 Israelis and foreigners believed to have been taken captive by the Palestinian armed group.

At least 9,488 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since Israel launched its campaign to eliminate Hamas, according to Palestinian officials.

More than 1,430 people were killed and more than 240 others taken hostage during Hamas's surprise attack on southern Israel on October 7, according to Israeli officials.

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