

At least 100 Palestinians killed in central Gaza as Israel intensifies ground offensive

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Rafah, December 31 (RHC)-- At least 100 Palestinians have been killed and 158 others wounded in Israeli strikes in the central part of the Gaza Strip over the past 24 hours, as the occupying regime intensifies its ground offensive in the besieged territory.

According to a senior health official in central Gaza, hospitals were filled with wounded Palestinians following Israel's heavy bombardment, as fighting continued on Friday and early Saturday in al-Bureij, Nuseirat, and Maghazi refugee camps.

Israeli tanks pushed deeper into districts in central and southern Gaza overnight, with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) posting images of Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis, showing ambulances operating amid smashed streets, carrying injured children.

Thousands of Palestinians have been left with nowhere safe to shelter as Israel expands war into Gaza refugee camps.

The Palestinian Culture Ministry also said that Israeli strikes had struck a medieval bathhouse.

Meanwhile, in a post on Telegram, the Government Media Office in Gaza announced that Israeli airstrikes have killed a journalist who worked for Al-Quds TV. Jabr Abu Hadros and six of his family members were killed after an Israeli strike hit his house in Nuseirat refugee camp on Friday.

The media office said a total of 106 journalists have been killed in Gaza since the start of the war in early October. The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) said last week that the first 10 weeks of the Israel-Gaza war were the deadliest recorded for journalists, with the most journalists killed in a single year in one location.

Since the start of the aggression, the Tel Aviv regime has killed at least 21,500 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 55,600 others.

The Tel Aviv regime has imposed a “complete siege” on the territory, cutting off fuel, electricity, food, and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

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