

Red Crescent says Palestinian doctors kidnapped by Israel brutally tortured

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Rafah, February 17 (RHC)-- The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) says two Palestinian doctors, kidnapped a week ago by Israeli occupation forces from a Gaza hospital, had been subjected to torture

and beating before being released.

The organization shared photos of the two doctors on X on Saturday, which it says “show the brutality with which the Israeli occupation forces treated” two doctors whom they arrested a week ago from al-Amal hospital. The photos show that the doctors had been “subjected to torture, beating, and humiliation before being released yesterday,” it said.

The PRCS further said that the regime’s forces kidnapped twelve members of its team on Saturday, including seven people, who were taken by Israeli forces from inside Al-Amal Hospital about a week ago.

The organization urged “the international community to urgently intervene to pressure the Israeli occupation authorities to immediately release our detained teams and provide protection for PRCS teams working in the #Gaza Strip.”

In a shocking report, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor cited testimonies from recently released Palestinians who had been tortured and beaten in the regime's detention centers. It said: “Groups of ten to twenty Israeli civilians at a time were permitted to watch and laughingly film Palestinian detainees in their underwear while Israeli army soldiers subjected them to physical abuse.”

The rights group said the testimonies reveal “a new crime...committed by the Israeli army against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.”

The general manager and the administrative director of Al-Amal Hospital have been missing. The regime’s torture and inhumane treatment of Palestinian detainees amounts to a grave violation of the dignity of these individuals, as well as the commission of war crimes, according to Euro-Med.

At least eight Palestinian men have lost their lives in Israeli custody since the regime launched its war on Gaza in early October, most of them in the days and weeks after their arrest.

Over the past few months, many videos have emerged of Israeli soldiers, torturing and abusing Palestinian detainees. The regime's forces continue raiding hospitals and taking doctors and medics to unknown locations for "investigation," according to their claims.

Israel alleges that “ Hamas uses hospitals and medical centers for its terror activities.” International doctors volunteering in Gaza, however, say they saw no sign of militant activity on the premises.

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