

Israeli forces kill 14 Palestinians during refugee camp siege in northern West Bank

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Ramallah, April 21 RHC)-- The Israeli regime's forces have gunned down at least 14 Palestinians, including 10 fighters, during their ongoing days-long siege on Nour Shams, a refugee camp located in the

northern part of the occupied West Bank.

"So far, our crews have evacuated 14 martyrs from Nour Shams camp to the hospital," the Palestinian Red Crescent said on Saturday. News agencies, meanwhile, reported sighting Israeli drones loitering overhead and armored vehicles roaming throughout the camp.

Earlier, the Palestinian health ministry said it had confirmed that as many as 11 people had been injured by the troops. Seven of those injured had been "wounded by live gunshots," it said, adding that among the wounded was a paramedic shot while trying to get to the wounded.

Medics had been alerted to "a number of killed and injured" inside the camp, but the army was "denying them access to tend to the wounded," the ministry noted.

Minister Muayad Shaaban, head of the Palestinian Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission, said residents were suffering from the "destruction of homes, shops, the electricity grid, the sewerage, the water network, and infrastructure."

The Israeli military began its siege on the camp on Thursday, rolling bulldozers into the area, and deploying military vehicles on all routes leading to the camp. The military began destroying main streets, alleyways, water, and wastewater networks inside the camp.

Reporting on Friday, the official Palestinian Wafa news agency said, "They (Israeli forces) turned some houses into military outposts, deployed snipers and prevented ambulances from entering the camp to evacuate patients."

Also on Friday, the Israeli military killed Muhammad Samer Jaber, commander of the Tulkarm Brigade, a Palestinian resistance group affiliated with Saraya al-Quds, the military wing of the Gaza Strip-based Islamic Jihad movement, and a number of resistance fighters.

The Israeli regime has notably escalated its aggression against Palestinians across the West Bank since October 7, when it began an all-out genocidal war on Gaza.

Around 480 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops or settlers in the West Bank ever since the onset of the war that has claimed the lives of more than 34,000 people so far.

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