

International Committee of the Red Cross decries escalating Israeli raids across occupied West Bank

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Ramallah, April 24 (RHC)-- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has drawn attention to the “recent escalation of violence in multiple areas” due to deadly Israeli raids into the occupied West Bank. In its post, the ICRC said that in recent days, two medics from the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) were harmed while trying to respond to calls for help.

“One volunteer suffered a gunshot wound while serving as a paramedic on a PRCS ambulance in Tulkarem. Mohammed Awad Allah Musa was killed while providing medical support on a private ambulance in Nablus,” the organization said. “Ambulances and medical workers are not a target,” it added.

Attacks by Israeli settlers on Palestinian communities ramped up significantly, and a raid by Israeli forces last week that lasted several days on the city of Tulkarem and its Nur Shams refugee camp killed 14 people.

The UN human rights office said on Tuesday it had received reports that some the victims in Nur Shams had been killed in apparent extrajudicial executions. The Hamas media office has also accused Israel of executions during the raids.

In the most recent raids, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man and wounded two people including a child in the occupied West Bank city of Jericho and adjacent refugee camps. The Palestinian Ministry of Health has said Shadi Jalaita, 44, was killed by Israeli forces as they raided Jericho.

The ministry said a child was critically injured in the raid, and a third person was wounded with a live round to the knee.

Israel has intensified raids in the West Bank, which were accelerated after Israel launched hostilities in Gaza in early October. Israeli troops or settlers have killed about 500 Palestinians in the West Bank since October 7th.

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