

Israel kills another Palestinian journalist in Gaza

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Gaza City, July 13 (RHC)-- Another Palestinian journalist has lost his life after Israeli warplanes targeted tents housing displaced Palestinians in the southern Gaza Strip, according to the government media office in the war-ravaged coastal enclave.

In a statement, the media office said Palestinian journalist Muhammad Manhal Abu Armana was killed in an Israeli bombing that struck the al-Mawasi refugee camp, west of Khan Younis, on Saturday.

Gaza's Ministry of Health put the death toll at 71 people and said 289 others were injured, including some critically wounded.

The new fatality brings the total number of Palestinian journalists killed in Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip to 160 since last October when resistance fighters launched a large-scale operation against the occupying regime.

Journalists operating in the Palestinian territory face increased dangers as they report on the conflict amidst Israeli ground assaults and airstrikes, disrupted communications, supply shortages, and power outages.

According to data and statistics from the International Committee to Protect Journalists, the Israeli war on Gaza has become "the bloodiest for journalists" since the committee began documenting journalist killings worldwide in 1992.

Last February, the International Center for Journalists announced that the war on Gaza had seen the highest levels of violence against journalists in 30 years. The Washington-based organization called on Israel to stop killing journalists and to investigate incidents of their deaths at the hands of its forces.

Israel launched the war on Gaza on October 7 after Palestinian resistance groups carried out a surprise retaliatory operation into the occupied territories.

Concomitantly with the war, the regime has been enforcing a near-total siege on the coastal territory, which has reduced the flow of foodstuffs, medicine, electricity, and water into the Palestinian territory into a trickle.

So far during the military onslaught, the regime has killed at least 38,443 Gazans, most of them women, children, and adolescents. Another 88,481 Palestinians have sustained injuries as well.

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