

Israeli forces storm towns in occupied West Bank amid heightened tensions

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Ramallah, September 2 (RHC)-- Israeli military forces have once again stormed cities and towns in the West Bank as part of their stepped-up raids on Palestinian neighborhoods across the occupied territory,

sparking confrontation with local residents.

The official Palestinian news agency WAFA, citing eyewitnesses and local authorities, reported that Israeli troops raided At-Tira village, located 8.3 kilometers (5.2 miles) southwest of Ramallah, as well as the cities of Ramallah and al-Bireh besides the nearby towns of Burqa and Silwad late on Sunday.

The agency reported clashes in Deir Jarir, located northeast of Ramallah, as Israeli soldiers forced their way into the town. Israeli forces also stormed the city of Nablus and the town of Odala, where they clashed with Palestinians and fired live rounds and rubber-coated bullets to disperse the protesting crowd.

The raids come as Israeli forces continue a deadly and destructive siege on the Jenin refugee camp in the north of the occupied West Bank.

Meanwhile, two young Palestinian men were shot dead by Israeli soldiers during a raid on Kafr Dan village, located 8 kilometers (4.9 miles) northwest of Jenin. The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said that it transferred the dead bodies to a nearby hospital.

According to WAFA, Israeli forces shot the two young men after opening fire on their vehicle at the entrance to Kafr Dan, prevented Palestinian paramedics from providing them with first aid and left them bleeding to death.

Earlier in the day, a young Palestinian man was killed by Israeli forces' fire in the city of al-Khalil, according to security sources. The sources said Israeli forces surrounded a house in the southern West Bank city, and targeted it with a barrage of live bullets and a missile, killing a youth inside.

Israeli soldiers also took away the body of the young man whose identity remains unknown.

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