

Israeli settlers attack students and teachers at West Bank elementary school

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Ramallah, September 17 (RHF)-- A group of Israeli settlers, under the protection of the occupation forces, have raided an area in the southern occupied West Bank, injuring at least one Palestinian woman.

Citing local sources, the Palestinian Wafa news agency reported that the woman from the Abu Malsh family sustained injuries and bruises during the settler attack in the Jourat al-Jamal area of the city of

Yatta on Monday night. She was transferred to the hospital, where her condition was described as moderate, it noted.

In the southern West Bank village of al-Karmil, Israeli soldiers seized a number of vehicles and detained Mohammed al-Harini as he was trying to stop the settlers from confiscating his land, according to the report.

The regime forces, the report added, also detained Hatem Makhamreh and seized his agricultural tractor after assaulting him and his son, Ali, near al-Karmil.

Earlier in the day, Israeli settlers, some masked and armed with batons, attacked students and teachers at an elementary school near the city of Jericho in the central West Bank.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry condemned the raid as an extension of the Israeli “crime of ethnic cleansing,” warning that “settler terrorism” will lead to more assaults against Palestinians. In a statement, the ministry said such attacks reflect the official policy adopted by the Tel Aviv regime and supervised by “extremist ministers.”

Violence by Israeli forces and settlers has surged in the occupied West Bank since the start of the genocidal Gaza onslaught that has killed at least 41,226 Palestinians in almost one year.

Palestinians say such offensives are aimed at cementing Israel’s seemingly open-ended military rule over the occupied territory.

More than 700 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since October 7, 2023.

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