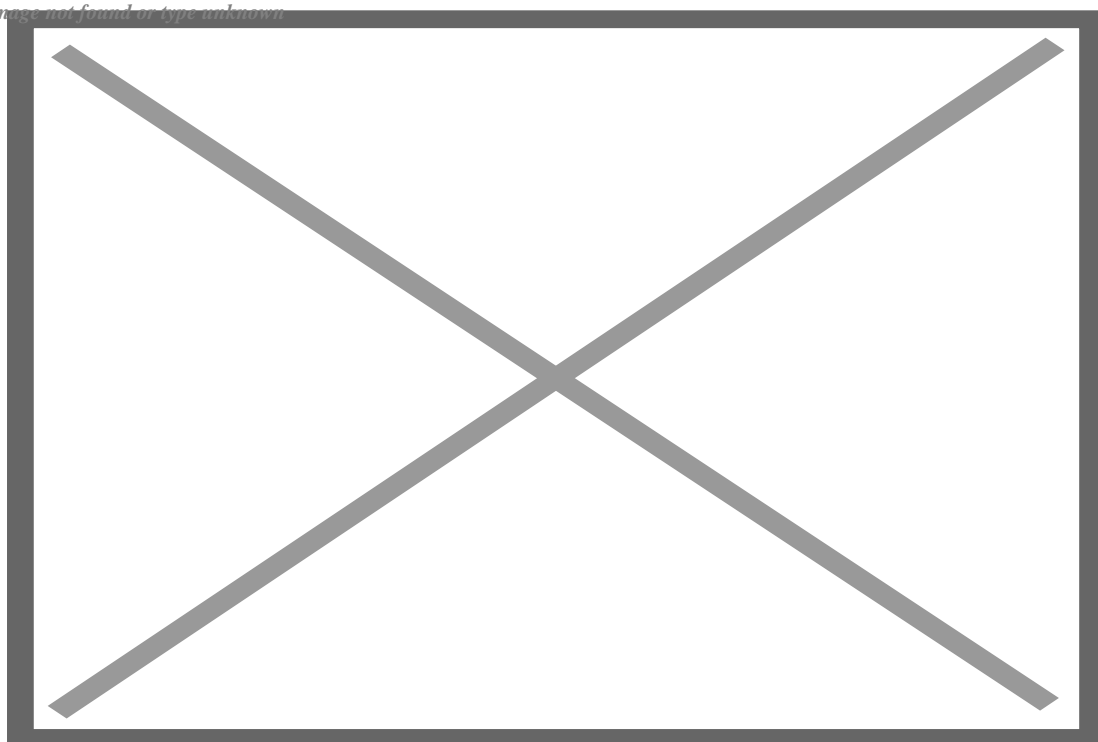


Palestinian Foreign Ministry censures settler terrorism after school attack in West Bank

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Ramallah, September 18 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Foreign Ministry has strongly condemned an attack on a Bedouins school carried out by Israeli occupation forces and local settlers in the occupied West Bank.

In a statement released in Ramallah, the Palestinian Foreign Ministry called the attack an extension of the Israeli "crime of ethnic cleansing" against Palestinians, raising the alarm that the "settler's terrorism" will lead to more assaults on Palestinians.

The statement added that such attacks reflect official Israeli policy supervised by "extremist ministers," including hawkish minister Itamar Ben-Gvir.

Separately, the Palestinian Education Ministry denounced the attack, condemning the Israeli forces and settlers for disrupting education and terrorizing Palestinian children.

It called the attack a “recurring violation that reveals the ugly face of the Israeli occupation and its disregard for children's rights.” Palestinian Wafa news agency, citing local sources, reported that settlers escorted by the regime forces stormed the Arab al-Kaabneh Elementary School in the Arab al-Mleihah area northwest of Jericho early Monday.

Israeli forces arrested teachers as more settlers arrived at the scene. Students and staff were assaulted with crowbars.

Video footage shows people being taken away in handcuffs as settlers sit nearby. Another footage showed the settlers entering the school with bats and crowbars, as people could be heard screaming in fear. A man filming the attack was seen being hit on his back by a settler with a crowbar.

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