

Israeli airstrikes slaughter another 18 Palestinians in Gaza

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Palestinian mourners recite congregational prayers over the dead bodies of Gazans killed in an Israeli strike, in front of the al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip on November 17, 2024. (Photo by AFP)

Gaza City, November 18 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have killed more than a dozen Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Medics said 18 Palestinians were killed on Monday, including six people who lost their lives in Israeli attacks on tents housing displaced families.

Four people, two of them children, were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a tent encampment in the coastal area of al-Mawasi, designated as a humanitarian zone, while two were killed in temporary shelters in the southern city of Rafah and another in drone fire, health officials said.

Another Israeli attack on a house in Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza killed at least two people and wounded several others, medics said, adding that a strike on a multi-floor residential building a day earlier had left dozens of casualties.

In Gaza City, an Israeli airstrike on a Palestinian house left five people dead and 10 others wounded, medics said. They added that another Israeli attack, also on Monday, killed four Palestinians in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip.

"We remain steadfast, patient, and resilient, and by the will of God, we will never falter. We will stay steadfast and patient," said Mohammed Aboul Hassan, who lost his brother in the attack, speaking at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis to the Reuters' reporter from the British news agency in the UK.

"My brother wasn't the only one; many others have been martyred in this brutal way -- children torn to pieces, civilians shredded ... ripped apart into fragments," he added.

In Beit Lahiya, the director of the Kamal Adwan Hospital said the medical facility was under siege by Israeli forces and the World Health Organization had been unable to deliver supplies of surgical, medicine and food.

Hussam Abu Safiya said the hospital has been operating at a minimal capacity, warning that malnutrition among Palestinian children was on the rise.

"We receive daily distress calls, but we are unable to assist them due to the lack of ambulances, and the situation is catastrophic," he said. "Yesterday, I received a distress call from women and children trapped under the rubble, and due to my inability to help them, they are now among the martyrs."

Since the Israeli forces launched the brutal genocide of Gazans in October 2023, more than 43,800 Palestinians have been killed, according to Gaza's health ministry. Many more of the Palestinians killed remain unaccounted for as they are still buried under the rubble.

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