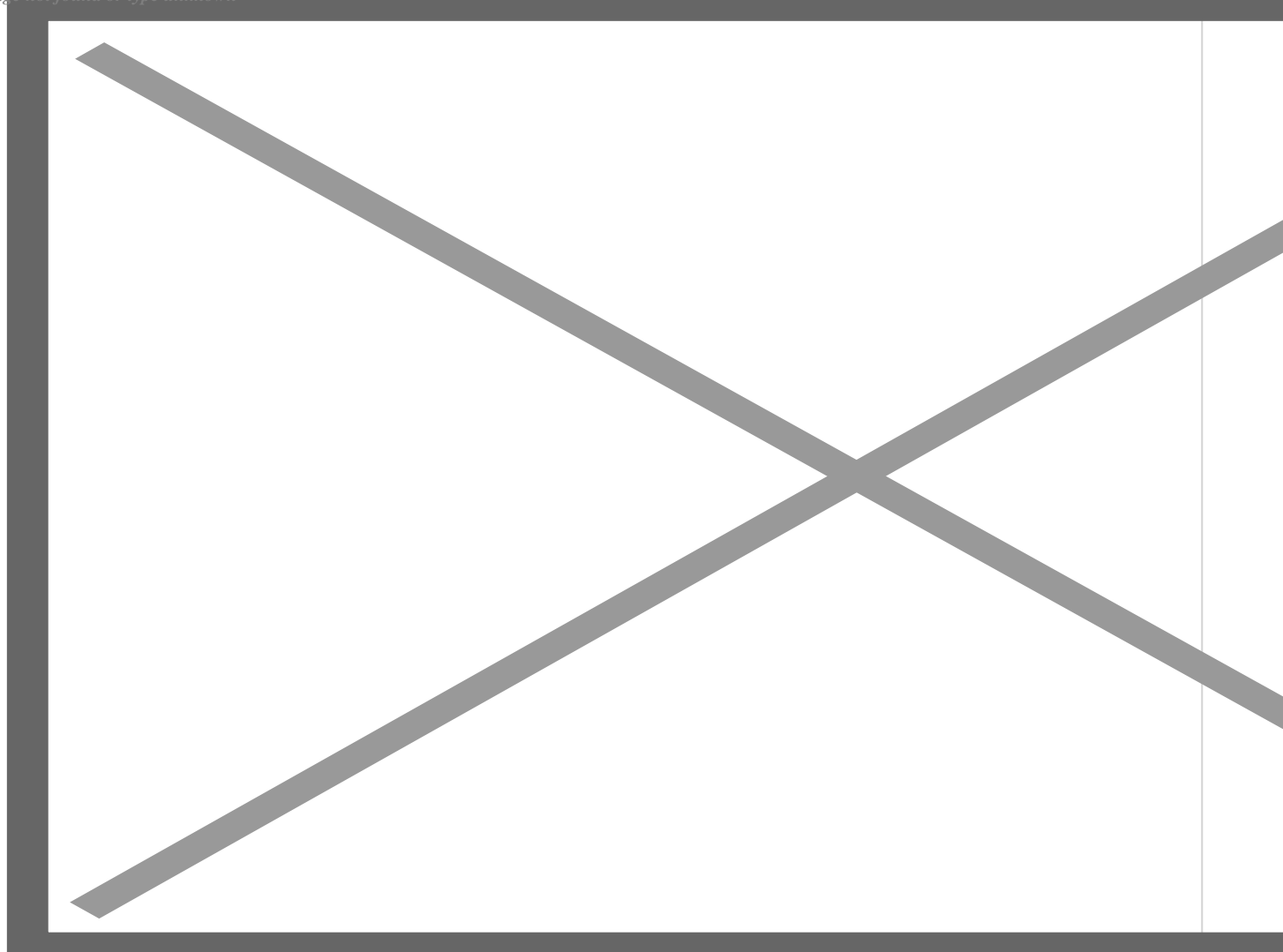


Qassam Brigades warns Israel will pay in blood for its aggression

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Israeli rescuers and security forces work at the site of an attack near the village of al-Fundug, in

the West Bank, on January 6, 2025. (Photo by AFP)

Gaza City, January 7 (RHC)-- The al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas, has warned that the Israeli regime will pay a price “in blood” for its continued aggression against Palestine.

“The enemy (Israel) must know that if it continues its aggression against Gaza and the West Bank, it will pay the price with the blood of its soldiers and settlers,” Abu Obaida, the spokesman for the Al-Qassam said in a statement on Monday. He commended the shooting operation that killed three Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank earlier on Monday, saying the resistance fighters in Gaza are “brave heroes” who continue to demonstrate their commitment at the heart of the ongoing Operation al-Aqsa Flood.

At least three Israeli settlers were killed and six more injured in a retaliatory shooting operation near al-Funduq village, located east of Qalqilya, in the northern part of the West Bank.

The Gaza-based Hamas resistance movement also praised the “heroic” shooting operation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Abu Obaida further said Israel’s efforts to deter the resistance fighters in the West Bank from supporting the Gaza Strip are “destined to fail.”

He emphasized that the occupation “will never enjoy peace and security until our people do.”

Israel approves West Bank operations after shooting

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a situation assessment about the Funduq shooting in the presence of top military and security officials, his office said in a short statement. It added that Netanyahu “approved the operations to apprehend” the Palestinian fighters and “bring them to justice”.

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He also agreed to a series of “additional offensive and defensive actions in Judea and Samaria,” the statement said.

Since Israel unleashed a war on the besieged Gaza Strip in early October 2023, casualties have been rising in the West Bank as a result of intensified near-daily Israeli raids into villages and cities in the occupied territories.

At least 838 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank by Israeli forces or extremist Jewish settlers since the war began. More than 6,700 Palestinians have been wounded as well, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.

Israel's war on the Gaza Strip has killed at least 45,854 Palestinians, most of them women and children.

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