

Six Israeli soldiers killed and injured as Jenin fights back onslaught

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An Israeli soldier gestures during a raid on the Jenin camp for Palestinian refugees in the Occupied West Bank on January 27, 2025. (Photo by AFP)

Ramallah, February 1 (RHC)-- An Israeli soldier has been killed and five were wounded as Palestinians fight back a major Israeli onslaught on Jenin which began right after a ceasefire halted 15 months of Israeli war on Gaza.

The Israeli military announced in a statement that sergeant Liam Hazi, 20, of the Kfir Brigade's Haruv reconnaissance unit, from Rosh Haayin city, was killed on Thursday. Confirming that one of the injured is in serious condition, the occupation military said that its troopers exchanged fire with at least two armed Palestinian men after entering a building in the Jenin camp. The two gunmen apparently managed to flee the scene.

The Israeli soldier's death comes amid a major aggression by regime forces in the northern West Bank launched last week. On Thursday, two Palestinians were killed and several others, including three women, injured by Israeli gunfire during clashes in the Jenin refugee camp.

Local sources said armored Israeli military vehicles rolled into the camp on Thursday evening, and exchanged fire with Palestinian resistance fighters.

The Palestinian news agency WAFA, citing the Ministry of Health, reported that the two individuals were shot dead by Israeli forces.

Palestinian security sources identified the deceased Palestinians as Yazan Hatem al-Hassan and Amir Abu Hassan. Their bodies have been withheld by Israeli authorities.

Tensions have been running high across the West Bank due to Israel's war on Gaza, during which at least 47,460 people were killed and 111,580 others injured since October 7, 2023. A ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement took effect in Gaza on January 19, suspending Israel's genocidal war on the coastal territory.

Over the same period, at least 893 Palestinians were killed and more than 6,700 injured by Israeli forces in West Bank, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

At least 19 Palestinians have been killed in Jenin since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect in Gaza. Dozens of injuries, detentions and forced evictions of families have taken place during the period as well.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has reported that the Israeli military is obstructing its efforts to reach the wounded and retrieve the bodies of the deceased.

According to the PRCS, dozens of military checkpoints and barriers have been set up across the West Bank, causing significant delays for civilians, with wait times stretching between six to eight hours

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