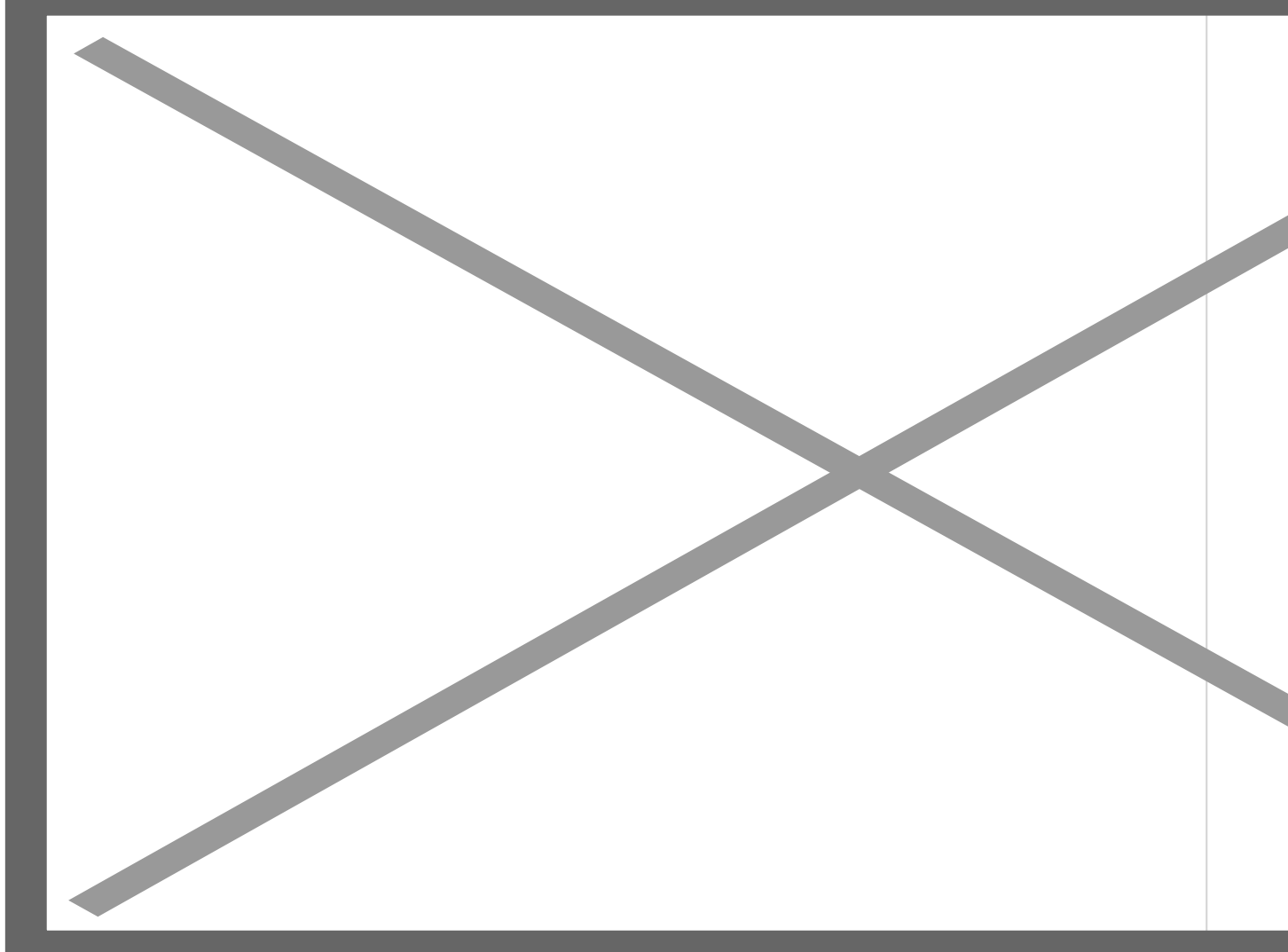


Israel continues ravaging West Bank, displaces 26,000 Palestinians

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Smoke rises over buildings in Jenin refugee camp during Israeli aggression on the occupied

West Bank city on February 2, 2025. (Photo by AFP)

Ramallah, February 8 (RHC)-- The Israeli occupation army presses ahead with its merciless aggression on the occupied West Bank's Jenin, with the regime destroying infrastructure and forcing thousands of Palestinians out of the city and its refugee camp.

The Jenin Camp Media Committee said at least 180 homes had been destroyed by Israeli occupation forces since the start of the Israeli onslaught on the area, which entered its 17th day on Thursday.

The committee added that at least 15,000 residents of the Jenin refugee camp had been displaced as a result of the ongoing onslaught which came right after a ceasefire halted Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip last month.

"The ongoing aggression caused the interruption of basic services, the closure of schools, and the deprivation of four hospitals of water ... the people of Jenin City are suffering from tragic conditions with the interruption of water and electricity," Palestine's official Wafa news agency reported.

Local media said Israeli forces were laying siege to Jenin Governmental Hospital and Civil Defense teams were cooperating with the city's municipality to try to deliver water to areas in which there are severe shortages or no water at all.

Jenin mayor Mohammad Jarrar said the city faces "complete paralysis," and at least 25 people have been killed in Jenin since last month.

The Israeli regime also continues its aggression on other areas of the occupied West Bank, including the city of Tubas and the nearby village of Tamoun, as well as the city of Tulkarm. Earlier in the day, an Israeli drone struck Tamoun, the latest in several airstrikes across the occupied West Bank.

Video footage from Tulkarm released on Thursday also showed massive destruction of roads and infrastructure in the city's refugee camp.

Meanwhile, Farha Abu al-Haija, a member of the Popular Committee in Jenin Camp, put the number of Palestinians displaced by the Israeli military in Jenin and Tulkarm at 26,000 over the past two weeks.

Abu al-Haija said the Israeli forces also expelled families living in the vicinity of the Jenin refugee camp, where they blew up a building composed of 20 flats, leaving 200 residents homeless.

Abu al-Haija reported that children are suffering from heightened stress, anxiety and fear, with many struggling to sleep. Some have developed conditions, which include involuntary urination and episodes of hysterical screaming.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, also confirmed that large parts of the Jenin refugee camp have been completely leveled in a series of Israeli detonations, estimating that at least 100 houses have been destroyed or heavily damaged.

Its spokeswoman Juliette Touma stated that 13 UNRWA schools in the camp and surrounding areas have been closed, affecting around 5,000 children. Israel's ongoing aggression on the occupied West Bank comes against the backdrop of the regime's relentless strikes on the besieged Gaza Strip, leaving a legacy of death and destruction since October 2023.

A ceasefire agreement between Palestinian resistance movement Hamas and Israel took effect on January 19, 2025, aiming to end the Israeli regime's more than 15 months of genocide against the Gaza Strip that has killed nearly 62,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, with the number rising as more bodies are pulled out from rubble.

Despite signing a ceasefire agreement, Israel has continuously violated it through daily airstrikes, sniper attacks, and aid blockades—while Hamas has been committed to the deal.

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