Israel mounts West Bank raids; 44,000 Palestinians displaced in military offensive since January 21st

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Ramallah, February 14 (RHC)-- The Israeli military has conducted more raids in several cities and refugee camps across the occupied West Bank, firing indiscriminately at Palestinians and violently forcing them out of their homes.

Reports said the Israeli attacks took place at the Jenin, Tulkarm, Nur Shams, Askar, and Balata refugee camps, all situated in the northern West Bank, sparking clashes with local Palestinians.

Other raids, the reports added, targeted the Shu'fat, Aida, and al-Arroub camps, near the cities of al-Quds, Bethlehem and al-Khalil, respectively.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces stormed the city of Nablus as well as the towns of Yatta and Attil. In the Nur Shams camp, the occupation troops demolished and ransacked Palestinian houses, and ordered residents to evacuate.

The head of the Popular Committee for Services in Nur Shams, Nihad al-Shawish, said the situation inside the camp is extremely dire amid the ongoing Israeli assault.

Israeli soldiers are firing at everything that moves inside the camp, he noted. Many families remain trapped in their homes, facing imminent danger, while essential services such as water and electricity have been cut off.

Shawish also said the Israeli military is brutally mistreating residents, storming their homes by force, firing live bullets and stun grenades, and threatening them to leave in an apparent effort to empty the camp of its residents.

The Israeli military launched its offensive against the occupied West Bank on January 21st, claiming that it was targeting resistance fighters of the Jenin Battalion.

Israel has ramped up West Bank violence since October 7, 2023, when it launched its genocidal war on the Gaza Strip. Since then, the regime forces have killed at least 910 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

The Israeli invasion has displaced 44,000 Palestinians in the northern West Bank since January 21, according to the Paris-based International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH).

"What we are witnessing in the West Bank is the worst situation since the second Intifada... The patterns of attacks and methods used are also similar to those seen during Israel's genocidal campaign in Gaza," Diana Alzeer, FIDH's vice president, said, calling for "serious" global pressure on Israeli authorities to end their deadly attacks in the West Bank.

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