

More than a dozen settlers injured in anti-Israel operation near Haifa

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Undated photo shows an Israeli ambulance evacuating the wounded from the scene of a

resistance operation in the occupied West Bank.

Tel Aviv, February 28 (RHC)-- More than a dozen Israeli settlers have been injured, three of them in critical condition, after a Palestinian carried out a retaliatory car-ramming operation in the occupied territories.

Media reports said the attack outside the northern Israeli-occupied town of Karkur near Haifa injured at least 13 people on Thursday afternoon. Israel's Army Radio confirmed that a car struck a gathering of settlers at the Karkur intersection.

One of the injured was in critical condition and two others in serious condition, the broadcaster said. The Israeli police said the suspected attacker, who was from Jenin in the occupied West Bank, was killed following the assault on settlers.

This comes days after multiple bus explosions rocked the town of Bat Yam near Tel Aviv, instilling fear in settlers and bringing the city to a halt. Israeli police said that explosions rocked several buses in Bat Yam on Thursday evening.

No group claimed responsibility for Tel Aviv bus blasts, which came after almost 16 months of Israeli genocidal campaign in Gaza and the ongoing destructive offensive in the West Bank.

Israeli officials said there are suspicions that the bus explosion attacks are linked to Tulkarem in the occupied West Bank.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu instructed the military to carry out an "intensive operation" in the West Bank following recent explosions on buses close to Tel Aviv.

The Israeli minister of military affairs recently ordered troops to stay in the occupied West Bank refugee camps for the next year as the regime steps up raids across the occupied Palestinian territories.

In a statement released on Sunday, Israel Katz said he had ordered military forces to expand offensives in the Palestinian refugee camps in the northern West Bank to dismantle Palestinians' infrastructure.

At least 40,000 Palestinians have already been displaced from their homes in Jenin and nearby Tulkarm since Israel began its military offensive last month.

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