

Israel Threatens to Arrest Palestinians Over Facebook Posts



Tel Aviv, November 26 (RHC)-- Israel has threatened to arrest Palestinian activists who post anti-Israeli remarks on Facebook, Press TV reports. In the latest wave of crackdowns on Palestinian activists, Tel Aviv has vowed to take legal action against those who post anti-Israeli comments.

Last week, 32-year-old Mahmoud Asila from the Old City of Jerusalem was arrested for what the Israeli regime called incitement and spreading violent propaganda. He is accused of posting a picture in support of recent car attacks carried out by Palestinians against Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank.

Asila has taken responsibility for his Facebook post, saying it is part of his freedom of speech. Following Asila's arrest, Palestinian activists lashed out at Israel's restrictive measures to stifle freedom of speech in social networks including Facebook.

"We condemn the move as it is a new attempt to silence the Palestinians living in Jerusalem... They are arresting people for saying their opinion and publishing it on their own accounts on Facebook. It's nonsense to consider posting on Facebook as provocation. It is actually their illegal practices that are leading to this explosion," said Mohammad Qazzaz, a social media activist.

Over the past weeks, the occupied West Bank has been the scene of clashes between Palestinians and Israeli forces over the al-Aqsa Mosque. Some Jewish settlers have been urging the Israeli regime to allow them to pray in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

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