

Israeli Troops Fire on Gazan Farmers



Gaza City, February 24 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime forces have opened fire on Palestinian farmers in Gaza Strip, stepping up a campaign against the coastal sliver's agricultural properties.

"Since Sunday morning, the occupation forces have opened fire on the eastern regions of the Strip," the Middle East Monitor publication reported on Monday. So far no casualties have been reported.

"The Israeli occupation forces targeted the farmers and shepherds in the eastern regions of the two towns of Khan Younis and Rafah as well as the Bureij refugee camp," said the report, quoting Palestinian media. Palestinian farmers are constantly fired upon by Israeli troops stationed at the border to prevent them from reclaiming their lands.

Meanwhile, Israel's electricity company temporarily cut off power to vast parts of the northern West Bank, citing the Palestinian government owes the regime \$492 million. During the blackout dozens of Palestinians were stranded in elevators.

Israel's power cut came on the heels of its Sunday move of opening the gates of several dams surrounding the besieged area. Hundreds of Palestinians were forced to evacuate their homes after the widespread flooding that followed. Tel Aviv has previously opened Gaza Valley dams to induce floods that have forced hundreds of Palestinian families out of their homes.



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