

Israeli Forces Attack Palestinian Students in West Bank



Ramallah, November 3 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have attacked Palestinian students protesting against the Tel Aviv regime's so-called separation barrier as well as the recent wave of aggression against Palestinians across the occupied territories.

Israeli police stormed the Al-Quds University in the occupied West Bank town of Abu Dis on Monday after clashing with the students who assembled at the foot of the controversial wall, separating the town from Jerusalem, to demonstrate against the Israeli regime.

The students afterwards went back to the campus and from there threw stones at the Israeli forces who fired rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades at the protesters before opening the gates of the university by force and getting in.

"The policemen entered firing grenades left and right," said one of the students, adding, "They fired at us with rubber bullets, aiming for the torso and the head."

It is not clear how many people were injured in the attack but Palestinian medical sources say many students were hit and wounded by rubber bullets in the upper parts of their bodies, while many others suffered from smoke inhalation due to tear gas.

The Tel Aviv regime started building walls and fences inside the West Bank in 2002 in a move that angered Palestinians. They say the measure is a land grab, denouncing the barrier as the "apartheid wall."

Monday clashes also come as tensions have been running high over the past several weeks between the Israeli regime and Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The latest wave of tensions was triggered by Israel's imposition in August of restrictions on the entry of Palestinian worshipers into the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in East Jerusalem.

The Palestinian Health Ministry says at least 74 Palestinians have lost their lives at the hands of Israeli forces since the beginning of October. Ten Israelis have reportedly died during that period.

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