

# *United Nations Slams Excessive Use of Force by Israel Against Palestinians*

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Geneva, December 16 (RHC)-- The United Nations has strongly denounced the Tel Aviv regime for "excessive use of force" to curb the ongoing Palestinian uprising across the occupied lands.

Cecile Pouilly, spokeswoman for the UN human rights office, warned that "the response from Israeli security forces has resulted in alleged attackers, protesters and even bystanders being killed and injured." She said: "We again voice deep concern over reports of excessive use of force by Israeli forces."

The senior UN rights official demanded an independent investigation into killing of all Palestinians by Israeli forces. Pouilly also reiterated that "all instances of the use of force resulting in death or injury by law enforcement officers should be the subject of prompt, independent and impartial investigations."

The UN official warned the Israeli regime that "punitive demolitions of Palestinian houses and the withholding of bodies of alleged attackers from their families can only aggravate this situation."

In recent months, Israeli forces have destroyed the family homes of several Palestinians for allegedly attacking Israelis. "We continue to be gravely concerned at the unrelenting violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in Israel," Pouilly said, adding, "We call on both Israeli and Palestinian leaders to

act decisively to de-escalate the situation."

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