

Three More Palestinians Killed by Israelis in West Bank and Gaza



Ramallah, December 19 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have killed three more Palestinians and wounded dozens of others as tensions continue unabated in the occupied West Bank and the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Palestine's Ma'an agency said Israeli forces shot the Palestinian, whom they accused of attempting to slam his car into the military forces during a demonstration near the town of Silwad northeast of Ramallah.

Israeli media said the victim, identified as Muhammad Abd al-Rahman Ayyad, was allegedly trying to ram his car into the entrance of the illegal Israeli settlement of Ofra located south of Silwad.

Reports, however, said that the Israelis opened fire at the man after his car bumped into a concrete barricade, adding that the Palestinian and his vehicle posed no threat at the time of the shooting.

The attack came hours after Israeli forces opened fire and injured a Palestinian motorist in Qalandiya near Ramallah. Israelis said the man was attempting to attack a military checkpoint there. Israeli soldiers also shot dead another Palestinian protester in Ramallah, medical officials said.

Elsewhere in the Gaza Strip, Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian protester as clashes erupted during an anti-Tel Aviv demonstration. The Gazan Health Ministry identified the victim as 20-year-old Mahmud al-Agha. Some 41 Palestinians were also wounded during the clashes.

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