



State of Palestine

Ministry of Health

**URGENT CALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM THE ISRAELI
OCCUPATION ESCALATED ATTACKS**

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Today marked the peak of the Israeli escalation against the Palestinian people, particularly, in the Gaza Strip, since Trump Announcement on the Status of Jerusalem as "a capital to Israel" on December 6, 2017.

Today is the most deadliest day, following the peaceful GREAT RETURN MARCH of the Palestinians at the borders of Gaza in commemoration of the Palestinian NAKBA 70th anniversary, and in rejection of the the American administration relocation of its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Since today early morning until 20:00 (local time), and as a result of the Israeli Occupation aggressive attacks and escalation against the Palestinian peaceful demonstrators, **55** people were killed in cold blood (martyrs), of whom there were six children and one woman, and more than **2771** were wounded (1760 were hospitalized; 1011 were treated in the field), of whom there were **225** children and **79** women. Among the wounded, there were **54** very critical cases, **76**, critical; **1294**, intermediate, and **1347**, mild.

Medical teams have noticed that the majority of the casualties were targeted with live ammunitions. Out of the total casualties, **1359** were targeted with live ammunitions, **14**, with metal coated rubber bullets; **155**, with shrapnels; **980**, with gas inhalation, **263**, miscellaneous. Hospital reports revealed as well that **90** cases were targeted in the head and neck; **192**, in the upper parts; **62**; in the chest and back; **54**; in the abdomen; **1218**, in the lower extremities; **175**, in multiple parts of the body; and **980**, gas suffocation.

Medics and ambulances have been directly targeted and attacked too. Today, one medic was shot dead and **17** others were wounded by live ammunitions as well as gas inhalations. There were **5** ambulances targeted and thus partially damaged.

The massacres committed today against the Palestinian people adds up to the continued escalation and crimes committed. Since Trump Announcement last December on Jerusalem, there were more than **19,000** injuries and more than **142** martyrs.

In light of the increasingly continued massive massacres and crimes against our Palestinian peaceful marchers, the Palestinian Ministry of Health calls on World Health Organization,

International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, UN WOMEN and UN agencies and organizations, Human rights defenders, and all international community to intervene promptly for the protection of our people: our children, our women, our elderly, and our youth. We call on all for the protection of our medical teams, facilities and ambulances. The Ministry of Health in the State of Palestine urges all to hold Israel accountable for all the crimes committed in a blatant violation of Geneva Convention and human rights laws and declarations.

Protecting and saving the lives of our Palestinian people under the Occupation is the responsibility of all international community.

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