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Israel Keeps Killing Palestinians in West Bank, Seven in Just Eight Days



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The number of Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank continues to rise. Practically every day there is a new deceased in a military operation. Specifically, seven Palestinians have been killed in the last eight days. Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid justifies these operations because, he says, they prevent Palestinian attacks. An Israeli soldier kills a young Palestinian in the occupied West Bank. This news has reached every day of the last week to the newsrooms of the media around the world. Sometimes, the teletype is nailed to the one of the eve. Names change, sometimes the city or refugee camp varies. Circumstances sometimes differ. But, each and every operation shows the disproportion and cruelty of the Zionist occupation.

In eight days, a total of seven Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank by bullets from the Israeli army. The bloody trickle has been almost constant, but it has not been very high on the media agenda.

It is yet another example of the impunity with which Israel conducts itself in a territory in which it acts as an occupier. It is the same impunity as that shown by announcing this week that there is "a high possibility" that Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was killed by army gunfire. "Accidentally", of course.

The Israeli military then announced that it will not conduct any investigation into the circumstances in which Abu Akleh died. If they refuse to investigate the death of a media star with a US passport, they are obviously not going to lift a finger to clarify how a group of Palestinian teenagers or young people have died during a military operation.

A cruel list

The last Palestinian killed was named Haitham Mukbar and was 17 years old, according to the Palestinian agency Wafa. The version released by the Israeli army is that it attacked a soldier who had left his post in the vicinity of the city of Beitin, near Ramallah. According to Israeli Kan television, he had gone to relieve himself when a Palestinian hit him with a hammer. The soldier responded with a fatal shot. The Palestinian Ministry of Health confirmed the death.

On Wednesday the deceased was named Youni Ghasan Tayeh. He was 21 years old and died after being shot directly in the heart while in the Al-Fara refugee camp in the Tubas region of the northern West Bank. The death occurred during the incursion of soldiers into the refugee camp. They fired sound bombs and tear gas, as well as bullets.

On Tuesday, the dead was Muhamas Sabaneh, 29, who was killed in Jenin while the Israeli army was carrying out an operation to demolish the family home of Ram Hazam, an activist who died in an attack in Tel Aviv that killed three Israelis.

The practice of punishing the relatives of an activist by demolishing his home has been denounced in international bodies as a practice of prohibited collective punishment, but Israel continues to tear down homes.

On Monday, the dead was Taher Muhammad Zakarneh, 19, in a raid on the town of Qabatiya. On 2 September, another Palestinian was killed after attempting to stab a soldier near Hebron. On 1 September, two people were killed: Yazan Yafana (26) and Same Khaled (25), shot dead by Israeli gunfire in the town of Al-Bireh and in the Balata refugee camp in Nablus.

Israel justifies it

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid showed no shred of concern about the actions of his troops in the West Bank. On the contrary, he celebrated that the security services "have dismantled hundreds of attacks, including suicide bombings and kidnappings" thanks to these operations.

"Intelligence organizations from around the world are traveling to Israel to learn how the Shin Bet fights terrorism," Lapid said, according to The Times of Israel.

Two Gaza patients die from not being able to receive treatment

Two Palestinians suffering from cancer in blockaded Gaza have recently died "after Israel delayed for many months" their departure from the strip to receive treatment outside, the NGO Doctors for Human Rights in Israel (PHRI) denounced yesterday. This Palestinian territory is under an iron Israeli blockade.

The patients, a 10-year-old boy and a 37-year-old woman, died recently, PHRI said, requiring the Israeli High Court of Justice to "grant long-term permits for cancer patients," as well as "an end to delays for parents accompanying children to receive medical care."

The woman was diagnosed with gallbladder cancer in June and had to be treated at a hospital in Hebron, in the West Bank. Their requests to leave Gaza were ignored until 31 August, after PHRI intervened. Died.

The boy suffered from sarcoma and in the last two years was treated in hospitals in East Jerusalem and Israel, but last May it was delayed until the end of August. He died that same month.

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