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Health ministry: 12 deaths and 25 injuries in Gaza during three months

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GAZA, (PIC)-- The Palestinian ministry of health reported Sunday that the number of victims who have been killed in the Gaza Strip by the Israeli occupation since the start of 2010 and until the ninth of March amounted to 12 Palestinians and the injuries to 25 others.

According to a report issued by the ministry's information office, 75 percent of these deaths happened during last January and 91.7 percent of the victims were under age 18.

The report also said that most of the victims, who were killed or wounded, sustained injuries all over their bodies while few had injuries either in the head or neck only.

For its part, the UN office for the coordination of humanitarian affairs (OCHA) said in its weekly report that the last week witnessed the highest level of Palestinian injuries in a single week since the first week of July 2008.

It added that at least 72 Palestinians were wounded in various incidents in the West Bank and Jerusalem, 38 of them were injured during the clashes that took place on the fifth of March in the compound of the Aqsa Mosque.

The report affirmed that the clashes extended to other areas of Jerusalem including Ras Al-Amud, Issawiya, Qalandia, and Shu'fat refugee camp during which six Palestinians were wounded and at least 20 others were detained.

24 Palestinians, including eight children, were injured during the week in other protests held in the West Bank, in various contexts, 11 of them sustained injuries during a protest against the expansion of Halmish settlement in Ramallah.

The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) also carried out 108 incursions during this week into different West Bank areas, according to the report.

In a separate incident, the IOF troops kidnapped at dawn Monday 15 Palestinians during incursions into West Bank areas.

For its part, the Hebrew radio reported that the Israeli troops stormed the village of Beit Igza in Ramallah and kidnapped a Palestinian woman at the pretext of finding a gun in her possession.

The IOF troops also raided the village of Orif in the southeast of Nablus and kidnapped a Palestinian boy.

Local sources said that the village was stormed by the troops after an earlier raid carried out by armed Israeli settlers who uprooted dozens of olive trees and other crops.



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