

Day 102: Jerusalem during “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation

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On the 102nd day of “Al-Aqsa Flood Operation,” the siege imposed on Al-Aqsa Mosque continued, and raids and arrests continued in the city of Jerusalem.

Siege of Al-Aqsa

The occupation authorities continue to impose restrictions on the entry of worshipers into Al-Aqsa Mosque, allowing a small number of worshipers to enter it, most of whom are elderly people and women. The forces also continue to be stationed and present at the gates of Al-Aqsa.

Daily raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque also continue, as 164 settlers carried out their raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque through the Dung Gate, the keys of which have been controlled by the occupation authorities since the occupation of Jerusalem.

Raids and demolitions

The occupation forces stormed the Al-Sowaneh neighborhood in the city of Jerusalem, demolished a barracks and confiscated it.

Meanwhile, the occupation municipality forced a Jerusalemite family to self-demolish a retaining wall in the Al-Bustan neighborhood in the town of Silwan.

Raids and arrests

Large forces stormed the town of Silwan, arrested the young man Youssef Taha, severely beat him, and arrested the young man Nu'man Abu Sneineh.

The forces stormed neighborhoods in the village of Issawiya, and photographed many vehicles.

Occupation intelligence stormed Al-Rashidyeh School in the city of Jerusalem, and arrested the student Saad Aweida.

In the Damascus Gate area, the forces arrested the freed prisoner, Ahmed Abu Ghazaleh.

The forces also arrested the two young men, Hashem Abu Al-Hawa and Taha Mheisen.

The forces stormed the Shu'fat refugee camp and the town of Anata, in Jerusalem, and fired tear gas bombs and rubber bullets indiscriminately.

The storming of Shu'fat refugee camp coincided with the students leaving their schools after the end of school hours.

A gas bomb hit a vehicle in the camp and exploded inside it after its windows were shattered.

Demanding an end to illegal searches of Jerusalemites' phones

Lawyer Hadeel Abu Saleh from the "Adala Center", in cooperation with the Civil Coalition for Defending the Rights of Palestinians in Jerusalem, sent an urgent letter to the Commissioner General of the Israeli Police and the Legal Adviser to the government, calling on them to take immediate action in order to put an end to the illegal and discriminatory searches carried out by the police on cell phones of residents of East Jerusalem.

The Adala Center said in a statement it issued: "The police officers' practices are invalid, due to their failure to adhere to the principle of administrative legitimacy granted to them or to obtain a judicial order stipulating the conduct of inspection, which is considered a serious violation of the individual's constitutional rights and basic human rights, including the right to privacy and the right to freedom of movement."

The letter said: "Since the outbreak of the war on October 7, 2023, the testimonies of the residents of East Jerusalem reveal that they have been systematically stopped and their movement disrupted by Israeli police officers, especially at the Hizma checkpoint, the Qalandia checkpoint, the Har Gilo checkpoint, and some of the temporary checkpoints that have been set up by police in East Jerusalem, personal messages on WhatsApp and Telegram are searched, and the news channels that the phone owner follows are examined."