

Day 111: Jerusalem during “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation

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On the 111th day of “Al-Aqsa Flood Operation,” the occupation authorities began talking about “Al-Aqsa Mosque and the month of Ramadan,” in light of the continuation of the siege imposed on it since the seventh of last October, and raids and arrests continued in the city of Jerusalem.

Al-Aqsa and Ramadan... and the ongoing siege

Israeli media reported that a session was held between the police and the army, to discuss “the entry of Palestinians into Al-Aqsa Mosque during the month of Ramadan and the preparations for that.”

During the session, the police stressed and recommended that Palestinians who hold a Palestinian identity card (the West Bank ID holder) should not be allowed to enter Al-Aqsa, and this reflects the position of the Minister of National Security in the occupation government, Itamar Ben Gavir, as confirmed by a representative of him who attended the session, while the army believes that Palestinians from the West Bank must be allowed to enter Al-Aqsa, especially on Fridays. He warned against preventing them, suggesting that this might lead to “inflaming the situation in Jerusalem and the West Bank.”

The talk about Al-Aqsa comes during the month of Ramadan, in light of the ongoing siege imposed on the mosque since the beginning of the war on the Gaza Strip, by imposing restrictions on Muslims entering it and spreading out at all its gates and roads, and setting up iron barriers over it.

Over the course of Fridays, since the beginning of the war, the forces have prevented thousands of worshipers from entering Al-Aqsa to perform Friday prayers, pursued worshipers in the streets of Jerusalem, and suppressed prayers in the streets.

While the settlers' raids on Al-Aqsa Mosque continue, and have not stopped during the past months of war. On Thursday, 126 settlers stormed Al-Aqsa, during the morning and afternoon incursion periods.

Shu'fat refugee camp... Confrontations

In the evening hours, the forces stormed Shu'fat refugee camp and closed the checkpoint at the entrance to the camp and prevented vehicles from leaving or entering through the checkpoint. Then the forces fired gas and sound bombs and rubber bullets, and sprayed wastewater in the camp, targeting residential buildings and shops.

In the afternoon, forces were stationed at the checkpoint and detained 3 children.

Storming Silwan

In the morning hours, forces accompanied by municipal crews stormed the Sweih neighborhood in the town of Silwan.

In the early evening hours, the forces stormed the Abu Tayeh and Ein al-Lozeh neighborhoods in the town. The forces fired bombs randomly and arrested a young man and a child.