

Day 121: Jerusalem during "Al-Aqsa Flood" Operation

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On the 121st day of the "Al-Aqsa Flood Operation", the occupation authorities continued their siege of Al-Aqsa, and the Intelligence service summoned the Jerusalem Governor and the head of the Fatah movement in the city for investigation, while the incursions and presence in the towns and neighborhoods of the city continued.

Al-Aqsa... The siege and incursions of the settlers continue

For the 18th consecutive week, the Israeli authorities continue to impose their siege on Al-Aqsa by stationing the police officers at the gates of Al-Aqsa, placing iron fences, stopping all those arriving to it, and checking their identities and searching them, and preventing many worshipers from entering it.

The settlers' incursions into Al-Aqsa continue, where 85 settlers stormed Al-Aqsa and held their prayers there, and the calls of the groups of the alleged temple to carry out daily incursions into Al-Aqsa and pray for the soldiers in the Gaza Strip continue.

Strict restrictions on funerals

Since the 7th of last October, the occupation authorities have imposed restrictions on the number of participants allowed to participate in the "funeral - escorting the body, carrying it and praying over it" inside Al-Aqsa, limiting the number of people allowed to enter to a maximum of 10 people, and removing the young men who were prevented from entering outside the walls of the Old City, to prevent them from praying on the doorsteps of Al-Aqsa.

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center explained, quoting 3 Jerusalemite families who faced obstacles and restrictions during their walk towards Al-Aqsa to accompany the funeral, and many of the young men were forcibly removed outside the Lions Gate and prevented from even being in the "Al-Ghazali" square. The families added that the police officers stationed at the gate are deliberately delaying the entry of the vehicle transporting the deceased to Al-Aqsa, by checking the papers of the deceased and his companions in the car and searching it,

in addition to preventing the young men from entering and allowing a very small number to enter and pray over the body in Al-Aqsa.

"Prohibit entry to the West Bank"

The Israeli intelligence summoned the governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith, and the secretary of the Fatah in Jerusalem, Shadi Mtour, and renewed the decision to ban their entry into the West Bank.

The Jerusalem governorate media explained that the Israeli authorities renewed the decision "banning entry to the West Bank" for the governor of Jerusalem Ghaith for a period of 4 months, and for Mtour for a period of 6 months.

The center explained that the Jerusalem governor Adnan Ghaith has been under house arrest in his home in the town of Silwan, since August 2022, after the Israeli prosecution presented an indictment that included "violation of an order prohibiting him from entering the West Bank".

Since the Governor of Jerusalem took office in 2018, several restrictions have been imposed on him and are renewed immediately after they expire, the most prominent of which are "house arrest in his place of residence in Silwan, travel ban, ban on entering the West Bank, and a ban on participation in any event in Jerusalem."

As for the secretary of the Fatah movement in Jerusalem, he has been barred from entering the West Bank since 2018 "by a decision that is renewed every 6 months", as explained by the governorate media.

Denouncing settlers' attacks on Christian clerics

Regarding the incident of the attack on the Christian cleric in the "Mount Zion" area of the Old City of Jerusalem, with profanity and spitting, the coordinator of the Holy Land Christian Forum, Wadi' Abu Nassar, said: "We are tired of the criticism of such racist attacks, and we are even more tired of the lack of deterrence of the attackers, not by the Israeli police, nor by the political and religious officials in Israel."

Abu Nassar added: "The minimum required of the Israeli police is to bring the aggressors to justice, and what is required is the filing of serious charges against them."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants condemned the attack on the monk and said: "This racist colonialist attack reflects the culture of hatred and the denial of the existence of the other, and reflects the amount of racist incitement and mobilization received by the elements of the extremist colonial organizations and associations, whether through the religious schools or the "fatwas" of the extremist rabbis, and the declared incitement campaigns and positions of some ministers in the occupation government likes Ben Gavir and Smotrich and others.

Raids and deployment

The forces continued to raids towns and neighborhoods in the city of Jerusalem, in addition to setting up random checkpoints in the city.