

Day 143: Jerusalem during “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation

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On the 143rd day of "Al-Aqsa Flood Operation", the incursions into the towns and neighborhoods in the city of Jerusalem continued, and the restrictions imposed on worshippers' entry to the Al-Aqsa Mosque continued as well.

In the early morning hours, special forces, accompanied by intelligence, stormed the neighborhoods of the village of Issawiya, and posted "threatening leaflets" in Arabic, warning the young men and their fathers against "any acts of rioting or violence in the Al-Aqsa Mosque" during the month of Ramadan – as stated in the leaflets.

The forces also carried out several arrests from the village.

On Road 1, on the side leading to the towns of “Ezaryeh and Abu Dis” and the “Ma'ali Adomim settlement" and towards the Z'ayem checkpoint and the city of Jerusalem, the police set up roadblocks along the road and blocked the passage of Palestinian vehicles from six o'clock to nine o'clock in the morning, in a procedure that will continue for two weeks.

The police stopped the vehicles and checked the identities of passengers.

With the continued closure of Al Rasheed Street – opposite to Herods Gate in Jerusalem, – for the third month in a row, the forces carried out excavation work in the vicinity of the street several meters away from the police station in "Salah Al-Din Street".

At the end of November, the police closed the main entrance to Al-Rasheed Street with barriers and cement blocks, and placed two observation platforms at the entrance to the police station, and the forces prevent vehicles from entering the closed section, while pedestrians, most of whom are subject to stopping, searching, and ID checks as they pass through the street. The closure of the street reflected negatively on the shops in the street due to the constant presence of the police, which also hinders the easy access of patients to a medical center located in the middle of the street.

The occupation authorities also continued to impose restrictions on worshippers' entry to Al-Aqsa, stopping those flocking to Al-Aqsa and checking their identities and randomly

preventing young men from entering it.

Settler incursions into Al-Aqsa also continued, and 135 settlers stormed Al-Aqsa through the Dung Gate on Monday, guarded by the Israeli occupation forces.

Arrests and summonses continued in the city of Jerusalem, and the occupation authorities renewed the administrative detention of the Jerusalemite prisoner Sbeih Abu Sbeih for the second time in a row for two more months.