

Day 227 Jerusalem during “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation

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On the 227th day of "Al-Aqsa Flood Operation", the occupation intelligence summoned the governor of Jerusalem for investigation, and settlers' raids on Al-Aqsa continued, as did raids on towns and neighborhoods in the city of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Governorate media explained that the occupation intelligence summoned Jerusalem Governor Adnan Ghaith to the investigation center, “Rooms 4,” and handed him a decision requiring “the military commander’s intention” to renew the decision to ban him from entering the West Bank.

The Governor of Jerusalem, Adnan Ghaith, has been under house arrest in his home in the town of Silwan, since August 2022, after the Israeli prosecution submitted an indictment that included “violating the decision to prevent him from entering the West Bank.”

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center - Jerusalem explained that since the Governor of Jerusalem assumed his position in 2018, several restrictions have been imposed on him and are renewed immediately upon their expiration, the most prominent of which are “house arrest in his place of residence in Silwan, a travel-ban, a ban on entering the West Bank, and a ban on participation in any event in Jerusalem.”

On the other hand, 93 settlers stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque, through the Dung Gate, the keys of which have been controlled by the occupation authorities since the occupation of Jerusalem, and the settlers performed prayers during the storming.

The raids on towns and neighborhoods in the city of Jerusalem also continued. In the dawn hours, the forces stormed the Shu'fat refugee camp, and the forces also set up checkpoints around the clock in the streets of the city.

The forces arrested a young woman from the Damascus Gate area.

In the streets of the Old City and at its gates, the forces stopped young men and subjected them to searches and arrests.

Meanwhile, the Public Prosecution submitted a public prosecutor's statement against the two young men, Mu'taz Ghalmeh and Hatem Al-Qawasmi, to file an indictment against them next Thursday. The forces arrested the two young men in the last week of April on charges of "carrying out a ramming attack and an attempted shooting in west Jerusalem."

Dr. Mohammad Tahir

On the other hand, the staff of the Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem met a British doctor of Iraqi origin who came to Al-Aqsa Mosque after 3 weeks spent in the Gaza Strip, as part of a foreign medical delegation.

Doctor Mohammad Tahir narrated what he experienced in the Gaza Strip, and he cried in pain upon leaving the Strip, hoping to return to it.

He explained that he arrived in Gaza 3 weeks ago, and said: "We were watching what was happening in the Gaza Strip on screens over the past months: killing, injustice, and genocide, and I could not bear it. The best choice in my life was to come to Gaza, as it has humanity, love, and steadfastness, and I witnessed the tragedy and the killing of women, children, the elderly, and the youth."

Doctor Mohammad Tahir added: "The killing of children is on my mind and it pains me, and I keep in mind the injury of a boy between 14 and 15 years old. Out of extreme hunger, he found "a can of tuna fish" and opened it to eat it, but it was booby-trapped. His left hand and right hand were blown off and damaged by a deep wound, and his feet were amputated due to bone poisoning, despite attempts to treat it."

Doctor Mohammad Tahir added: "We have provided little help to the people of the Gaza Strip. Parting with the families, doctors, and nurses "who have become like my family" is painful and difficult, but I will return."

He continued: "When we came to the Gaza Strip, we knew that anyone among us could be injured or harmed. I was prepared for everything and saw that even if we were bombed and martyred, this is our pride, and the pride of my family and the Islamic nation."

He said: "My mother is old, and I have brothers and friends. Everyone is worried while I am in the Gaza Strip, but my work and my provision of services is bigger than me and bigger than my emotions, because this is something for God."

Regarding his arrival at Al-Aqsa, the doctor said: "My arrival at Al-Aqsa is a blessing...but I think how did I reach it when the people of Palestine from Gaza cannot do that?"

He added: "Here, referring to Al-Aqsa, there are no sounds of rockets, snipers, bombs, and the like. In Gaza, we used to hear these sounds around the clock. Now we are safe and the people of Gaza are not safe. This is painful."