

## Day 41: Al-Aqsa Flood Operation in the city of Jerusalem

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On the 41st day of “Al-Aqsa Flood” Operation, 3 young Palestinians were martyred near the tunnel checkpoint separating the city of Jerusalem from Bethlehem, and the siege of Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Old City continued, and the raids on towns and neighborhoods in the city of Jerusalem continued as well.

### 3 Palestinian martyrs

The young men: Abdul Qadir Al-Qawasmi, Nasrallah Al-Qawasmi, and Hassan Qafisha, from the city of Hebron, were martyred after an “armed clash” with the forces stationed at the tunnel checkpoint separating the cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem, as the police said in a statement.

The forces were deployed heavily at the tunnel checkpoint and the streets leading to it.

### Continuous siege

For the 41st day, the occupation authorities prevent entry to Al-Aqsa Mosque, except for employees of the Islamic Endowments and the elderly, and require most people to have their residential address in the “Old City.”

The forces continue to deploy at the gates of Al-Aqsa Mosque, stopping all those arriving there, and preventing young men and boys from entering it.

A young man in his twenties said: “Since the seventh of last October, I have not been able to pray in Al-Aqsa. Every time I succeed in reaching the gates of Al-Aqsa – after suffering at the gates of the Old City – I am stopped, my identity is checked, and I am subjected to a field investigation for several minutes. Sometimes I am forced to stand against the wall and get searched, and after all that I am prevented and denied entry to Al-Aqsa, and when I try to pray at the thresholds of Al-Aqsa, I am threatened with arrest.”

He pointed to similar measures at the gates of the Old City, and said: “The ban and siege on the Old City. At the beginning of the events, all young men were prevented from entering the

Old City. During the last two weeks, a number of young men were allowed to enter it, after the procedures of “stopping, searching, and conducting field investigation.”

Today, 131 extremists stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque, through the Dung Gate, guarded by the occupation forces.

The forces also continue to get stationed and deployed in the roads of the Old City and at its gates, and prevent sitting and presence in the Damascus Gate area.

The forces continued their raids on towns and neighborhoods in the city of Jerusalem, and in the morning, the forces, accompanied by municipal crews, stormed neighborhoods in the town of Silwan.

In the village of Issawiya, the forces stormed a medical center.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Interior in the occupation government announced his intention to withdraw the “Israeli identity” from two Jerusalemite prisoners, from whom he identified the prisoner Majed al-Jubeh, “who was transferred to administrative detention last month.”

The prisoner Al-Jubeh was subjected to a series of persecutions and decisions during the past years, the most prominent of which were: deportation from the city of Jerusalem, ban on entering the West Bank, and expulsion from Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Arrests and summonses continued in the city of Jerusalem, and the center monitored the arrest of:

1. Journalist Mervat Azzeh
2. Samir Sarhan
3. Abu Amro Hroub
4. Hisham Al-Bashiti
5. Majdi Al-Abbasi “Transferred to administrative detention for 4 months”