

## Day 78: Al-Aqsa Flood Operation in the city of Jerusalem

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On the 78th day of “Al-Aqsa Flood Operation”, the occupation authorities continued to impose their siege on Al-Aqsa Mosque, and continued to spread in the streets of Jerusalem.

The Wadi Hilweh Information Center – Jerusalem explained that the occupation authorities continue the siege imposed on Al-Aqsa, since the seventh of last October, by imposing severe restrictions on the entry of worshipers to it, stationing themselves at its gates, erecting iron barriers, and stopping and searching all those arriving there.

The center added that the police stationed at the gates of Al-Aqsa check the identities of all those arriving to Al-Aqsa as they attempt to enter it, and after conducting a search and examination of the identities, they allow a small number to enter, most of whom are elderly people.

The center also pointed out that since the seventh of last October, the occupation forces have continued to impose restrictions on the number of participants allowed to participate in “the funeral – accompanying the body, carrying it, and praying over it” inside Al-Aqsa, and the police stationed at the gates of Al-Aqsa limit those allowed to enter to a maximum of 10 people and force the rest to wait at the gates of the Old City, “either Lions Gate/if the burial is in the Yusufiya or al-Rahma Cemetery,” or at Herods Gate if the burial is in the Mujahideen Cemetery, “Salah al-Din Street.”

The center noted that several cases of attacks were recorded over the past weeks on members of the family of the deceased as they attempted to enter and escort the body to Al-Aqsa.

The forces also continue their deployment at the gates of the Old City, especially at Damascus Gate and in the control rooms. They stop and detain young men, examine identities, and continue to prevent people from sitting in the courtyards and steps of Damascus Gate.