

## **31 Mosques Destroyed in Israeli Airstrikes on Gaza** Since Oct. 7

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"An absolute commitment to destroying an entire culture, basis of belief, all that is deepest." (Global Research)

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At least five more mosques were destroyed in Israeli airstrikes on the besieged Gaza Strip on Sunday, bringing the total number to 31 since Oct. 7, the Gaza-based Endowments and Religious Affairs Ministry said.

"The number of mosques completely destroyed since the beginning of Israel's attacks on Gaza has increased to 31," the ministry said in a statement Sunday.

On Saturday, it also highlighted the Israeli bombardment of several civilian sites such as the ministry's headquarters, the ministry's Quran radio station and a church.

It said that 10 employees from the ministry lost their lives in these attacks, and others had been injured.

Israel's indiscriminate bombardment of the Gaza Strip, in response to the Oct. 7 surprise Hamas incursion, have also targeted other places of worship as well as hospitals.

Earlier Thursday, scores of people were killed and many others injured after Israel <u>targeted</u> a <u>Greek Orthodox Church in Gaza</u>.

The Church of St. Porphyrius, one of the oldest churches in the region, is located in Gaza's southern Zeitoun neighborhood, only 250 meters (820.21 feet) away from the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital, which was <u>targeted in a ruthless airstrike</u> on Oct. 17 that killed hundreds of people.

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