

## Israel Murdering Defenceless Palestinian Youths and Children

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Israel's endless war on Palestine continues unabated – pitting one of the world's most powerful militaries against defenseless youths, children, women and others joining their liberating struggle.

State terrorism rages against courageous freedom fighters, an apartheid rogue state operating mercilessly, victims blamed for its high crimes.

On Saturday, another Palestinian youth died, murdered by Israel in cold blood, alleging another stabbing attempt, fabricated like most others – during what Israeli authorities called a "violent riot," what Palestinians call resisting tyranny. They alone were injured during the incident, no Israelis.

Palestinian medics were blocked at gunpoint from aiding the victim, forced to leave. A witness told Maan News he saw multiple live rounds fired at a "young man...far from the main street."

He threatened no one. Soldiers removed his body to an unknown location. Journalists witnessing what happened were assaulted, ordered out of the area.

As of Sunday morning local time, the Palestinian death toll stands at 72, including 12 children, two infants and a pregnant woman, other female fatalities included in the overall total – everyone victimized by Israeli viciousness.

Scores more resistance victims are being crammed into overcrowded Israeli prisons, already filled with thousands of Palestinian political prisoners.

Human rights groups condemned Israel's "shoot-to-kill" policy, adopted by Netanyahu security cabinet officials in September. Palestinian freedom fighters are being ruthlessly gunned down in cold blood.

Others are being beaten and arbitrarily arrested, guilty of protesting for freedom. East Jerusalem neighborhoods are blockaded – no one let in or out without authorization and intrusive searches.

Open warfare against defenseless civilians is virtually ignored by Western officials, onesidedly supporting Israeli viciousness, mindless of how many Palestinians die, how many others suffer horrifically. <u>Haaretz</u> published former Israeli defense minister/US ambassador Moshe Arens' Big Lie, rubbish calling Palestinian "violence" another example of "worldwide Islamic terror," adding "terrorists cannot be appeased' – outrageously blaming victims for state-sponsored high crimes.

Israeli media have been disgracefully one-sided throughout weeks of state-sponsored brutality. Most everything they report lacks credibility, mimicking US media scoundrels.

Virtually claiming all Palestinian youths are "knife wielding terrorists." Brave Israeli soldiers murdering defenseless protesters are national heroes – decades of brutal occupation harshness entirely ignored, along with the right of long-oppressed people to live free from apartheid ruthlessness.

Washington's partnership with Israel is the root cause of regional violence and instability – oppressive Israeli occupation harshness responsible for ongoing heroic resistance. We're all Palestinians in a common struggle for freedom.

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