Settimane dopo il ritorno alle loro case, i residenti di Gaza City sono costretti a evacuare sotto il fuoco israeliano – ancora una volta

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Il chiamante israeliano era al telefono e stava parlando con gli operatori della Protezione civile. Identificandosi come membro dell'esercito israeliano, ha informato gli operatori che Israele avrebbe bombardato la scuola Dar al-Arqam nel quartiere Tuffah orientale di Gaza City una seconda volta. La prima volta era già avvenuta un'ora prima della chiamata.

Il bombardamento della scuola ha ucciso 29 persone giovedì e quasi un centinaio di persone sono rimaste ferite e bloccate sotto le macerie. La squadra della Protezione Civile stava lavorando per estrarre i feriti con attrezzi di base e a mani nude.

Fu nel mezzo di questi sforzi di salvataggio che il rappresentante dell'esercito israeliano disse che la scuola sarebbe stata bombardata di nuovo. Gli operatori della Protezione civile supplicarono che fosse concesso loro abbastanza tempo per estrarre i feriti da sotto le macerie.

"Stiamo lavorando con le mani. Ci date solo un'ora per cercare e tirare fuori le persone?" ha detto l'operatore della Protezione Civile, come mostrato nel filmato girato per *Mondoweiss*.

"Sì", rispose l'interlocutore israeliano.

Nella stessa ora, l'esercito ha bombardato la vicina scuola Fahd, uccidendo tre persone.

Il Ministero della Salute di Gaza ha dichiarato nel suo rapporto quotidiano che oltre 100 persone sono arrivate morte negli ospedali di Gaza nelle ultime 24 ore.

"I bombardamenti sono continui. Stiamo parlando di un massacro in tutti i sensi della parola", ha detto a *Mondoweiss* Mahmoud Basal, portavoce della Difesa civile di Gaza . "L'attacco a più di un edificio alla Dar al-Arqam School ha causato decine di martiri, tra cui bambini, donne e intere famiglie che sono stati presi di mira e uccisi".

"È un rifugio per gli sfollati", ha aggiunto Basal, sottolineando che la rete di primo soccorso della Protezione civile non è in grado di tenere il passo con l'entità delle uccisioni.

Inside the Dar al-Arqam school where civil defense crews were working, a <u>harrowing</u> <u>video</u> circulating online shows a man trapped under the rubble as rescue teams attempt to extract him. The man is caught between collapsed slabs of concrete, and the teams are unable to remove him. They are eventually forced to cover him and evacuate the area

before it is bombed again — it was around the same time that the army had called — leaving him to his fate. In the video, the Civil Defense worker and the men helping him could be heard saying, "We will all die if we stay here."

Booby-trapped vehicles blow up neighborhood blocks

In the early hours of Thursday morning, the Israeli army spokesperson <u>posted</u> an evacuation warning to the residents of al-Shuja'iyya, one of Gaza City's largest neighborhoods in the eastern part of the city. Families in the area called their relatives west of the city to ask them for shelter, but they found that their relatives had also received the same evacuation <u>orders</u>.

Most of Gaza City has received such orders over the past few days, leaving residents with nowhere to go.

Bilal al-Horkily, 34, holds his bag in one hand and his daughter in another as he evacuates al-Shuja'iyya, with his family of five following close behind.

"We tried to stay as much as we could, but they're bombing and shelling everything," he says in video testimony for *Mondoweiss*. "We left, but we don't know where to go."

Bilal explains that every day, the Israeli army has been bombing and shelling al-Shuja'iyya, but Thursday morning witnessed a sharp increase in attacks in both scale and intensity.

"Israel makes it impossible for us to live," Bilal says. "Displacement is the most painful journey a human can make with his family. And the army is forcing us to do it every few weeks."

"This is the ninth time I am displaced during the war, and we do not know how many times we will do it again," he adds.

According to eyewitnesses, Israeli tanks and bulldozers entered the heart of al-Shuja'iyya on Thursday, invading the area from the east.

In a residential block populated by members of the Jundiyya family, survivors of a massive explosion that destroyed an entire block recount that the Israeli army had planted a "robot" in the area loaded with explosives. The army then detonated it, destroying the entire area on Thursday at dawn.

"In the early hours of Thursday morning, we saw unusual activity," Thaer Jundiyya, a resident of the area, told *Mondoweiss*. "There was shelling, artillery, and heavy fire from quadcopter drones. At approximately 5:00 a.m., a tank, a bulldozer, and an explosive robot entered the area. They planted it inside the neighborhood and detonated the entire residential block."

Residents recount how the Israeli army uses these "robots" to wreak massive havoc within residential blocks, loaded with barrels of explosives that cause maximum damage. Those who saw the "robots" said they resembled armored personnel carriers (APC), which were remotely controlled by the Israeli army. The army entered the area and planted the APCs in specific locations to cause greater damage.

This isn't the first time the Israeli army has used this method in the Gaza Strip. During its invasion of the Jabalia refugee camp, the Israeli army detonated drones inside the camp in densely populated residential areas. Similar reports emerged of remote-controlled APCs being used to detonate areas of Kamal Adwan Hospital during the army's siege of the medical compound in December 2024.

Eyewitness descriptions of these remote-controlled APC "robots" and how they were used are consistent with Israel's documented use of M113 armored personnel carriers, an outdated Israeli military vehicle that has been retrofitted with explosive devices and operated by remote control throughout Israel's recent war on Gaza.

"All the houses have been inhabited since our return from the north," Jundiyya told Mondoweiss. "We are in our homes, and the area is very crowded. But the army detonated the bombs, disregarding the presence of residents, children, and women."

"We pulled dozens of martyrs from under the rubble, and we are still extracting the remains and the martyrs," Jundiyya added.

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