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Once again, the Israeli army has perpetrated a bloody massacre today against Palestinian demonstrators who staged peaceful demonstrations throughout all compound of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

The total number of casualties disclosed up to compiling this statement at 3:30 Pm, reached 171, most of them wounded during confrontations with Israeli soldiers firing live ammunition, gas bombs, and rubber bullets at armless civilians near Kofar Akab checkpoint at the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway.

This awful massacre came to crown a chain of multitude violations made by the Netanyahu government against the peace process to return the area back into atmospheres of tension and to the cycle of violence.

Today's massacre is perceived as the beginning of more bloody massacres to be committed by the Israeli occupation authority against the Palestinian people.

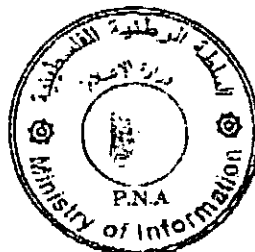
The Israeli racist right-wing government is determined to escalate provocative ~~statements and to wage~~ full-scale war against the Palestinian people, its sacred

While condemning this ugly crime, we hold the Netanyahu government the full responsibility for this bloody violence against our people and land, and appeals to it to immediately stop all its hostile policies, abide by all the peace agreements it has concluded with the PLO, adhere to the main principles of peace and to desist from proceeding its attacks against our sacred shrines or from any attempt designed to obliterate the main features of Jerusalem.

We also appeal to the co-sponsors of the peace process- the USA and Russia, the EU, the Arab and Islamic nations, the UN and the Arab league to intervene right now to stop the massacre and the bath of blood against our sons and to strictly abide by all the peace agreements.

We also warn the racist extremist government that its dedication to uphold to this bloody policy, will receive the appropriate retaliation by the Palestinian people and its national authority through all legitimate means to defend our land and sacred sites until the achievement of all our national rights.

These massacres will only foster our unity and our commitment to our right and just struggle until the departure of the last Israeli soldier from our land and until the establishment of our independent state with East Jerusalem as its eternal capital.



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