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Victims

At the same time as Israel was attacking the blockaded Gaza Strip, media reports said its warplanes were attacking different targets in Syria, killing at least six people, including two Palestinian residents of Yarmouk refugee camp.

Six people have been killed in the Israeli air attack on Damascus, a war monitor said on Monday, as Israel confirmed raids on the Syrian capital as well as on the besieged Gaza Strip.

A statement from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) resistance group on Monday said two men, who were members of the group, were killed during the "Zionist bombing in Damascus", which took place late on Sunday night.

"This cowardly aggression in Damascus was a reflection of the enemy's failure to confront our fighters inside occupied Palestine," the PIJ said.



Saraya AlQuds brigade, the armed wing of the Islamic Jihad, said in a statement issued at dawn on Monday that its two Palestinian



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fighters Ziad Ahmad Mansour, 23, and Salim Ahmed Salim, 24, were killed in the Israeli attack.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), a UK-based war monitor, later said the Israeli attacks were "near the Damascus international airport".

The Syrian state news agency SANA said that "most of the enemy missiles were shot down before reaching their targets", stressing that "no airport" was struck.

Israel claimed it launched the attack south of Damascus following rocket fire from the Palestinian enclave, Gaza.

Since the start of the Syrian conflict in 2011, Israeli forces have carried out hundreds of raids in Syria, mainly targeting Syrian government forces as well as allied groups. Several Palestinian refugees have been pronounced dead in such attacks.

On November 12, 2019, three Israeli missiles hit the home of Islamic Jihad leader Akram AlAjouri, resulting in heavy material damage and the death of his son Muadh. His granddaughter Botoul was left wounded. Ajouri survived the attack.

Latest Developments

The family of Palestinian refugee Tayseer Mohamed Kays has appealed to the national and international human rights institutions to work on disclosing the fate of their son, who has gone missing for nearly four months.



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The family said they had last contacted Tayseer on October 22, 2019, after he arrived in Belgium from Greece. He had told them that he would be heading for the Netherlands. His fate and condition could not, however, be identified.

AGPS figures indicate that 332 Palestinian refugees, including 38 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare.



Most of those who have disappeared in the country are residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

In another development, a so-called “Be My Friend” event has been held at UNRWA schools across a number of Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

The move makes part of UNRWA’s anti-bullying program, held in partnership with psychiatrists and teaching staff.

The protracted trauma of living under shelling took its toll on many schoolchildren in the embattled Syrian territories. Such classes help students, including Palestinian refugee students, overcome the heavy toll of the dire humanitarian condition.



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Bullying is the use of force, coercion, or threat, to abuse, aggressively dominate or intimidate. It is a form of aggressive behavior intended to hurt another individual, physically, mentally, or emotionally. Bullying is characterized by hostile intent, imbalance of power, and repetition over a period of time. It ranges from one-on-one, individual bullying through to group bullying, called mobbing. Bullying in school and the workplace is also referred to as "peer abuse".

Meanwhile, the Turkish migration authorities issued a decision, on February 7, 2020, to provide migrants seeking or having been granted international protection with health insurance for one year.

Health insurances will be only valid for one year for those aged 18 and above. Exceptions will be made for a number of special humanitarian cases.

Unofficial data indicates that 22,000 Palestinian refugees have sought shelter in Turkey, including 8,000 to 10,000 Palestinians who fled war-ravaged Syria.

