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Yesterday marked the bloodiest day in the Gaza Strip since Israel began its genocide on 7 October, according to Euro-Med Monitor. This feeds fears of an even more ruthless approach to achieving chilling field and political objectives at the cost of civilians' lives and property.

Euro-Med Monitor documented a string of Israeli airstrikes with strong fire belts on Saturday. The strikes targeted buildings and inhabited residential blocks in Shuja'iya, Jabalia, and Beit Lahia without prior notice, demolishing them above the heads of their residents and burying dozens beneath the debris.

Rescue workers told the Euro-Med Monitor team that they were informed of hundreds of casualties, including dead, wounded, and missing persons, following the destruction of about 50 residential buildings and houses in the crowded Shuja'iya neighbourhood in eastern Gaza, after simultaneous air and artillery strikes within a very short time.

The rights group also documented the destruction of a multi-storey residential building crowded with displaced persons belonging to the Al Obaid family in the Jabalia camp in the northern Gaza Strip, which resulted in dozens of deaths and injuries. Dr. Sufyan Tayeh, the head of the Islamic University in Gaza, was killed along with his entire family.

Over the past 48 hours and since the end of the one-week temporary humanitarian truce, Israel has resumed its disproportionate air, artillery, and ground attacks in Gaza, motivated by mass murder plans. The deadly attacks have targeted different parts of the Gaza Strip.

Three Palestinian journalists have been killed in separate Israeli attacks since Friday, bringing the total number of journalists murdered in Israel's ongoing war on Gaza to 73.

According to Euro-Med Monitor, Israel has resumed its attacks with greater ferocity and intensity. Its army has declared that 400 targets in the Gaza Strip have been attacked since the air raids resumed, coinciding with Israeli plans for forcibly displacing Gazans to new areas in the southern part of the Strip.

In light of the severity of the bloodshed taking place, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor renewed its call on the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Karim Khan—who visited Ramallah yesterday—to uphold the principles of international justice and explicitly hold Israel accountable for its war crimes.

Israel has relentlessly violated the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide by targeting the people of Gaza for simply being Palestinians, the Genevabased rights organisation emphasised. Israeli crimes in this regard include mass killing, widespread physical and mental abuse, and undermining civilians' basic human needs.

"The Contracting Parties confirm that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law which they undertake to prevent and to punish," states Article 1 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Article 2 of the Convention stresses that "genocide means any acts of mass killing or any acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, which is a crime prohibited under international law."

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