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Settlers' Incursions into Aqsa Mosque during Jewish Holidays

Over the past five days, <u>hundreds of settlers carried out provocative</u> <u>incursions and dances in Aqsa Mosque</u> under the protection of the Israeli police forces, marking the Sukkot holiday. During this time, Palestinian worshipers were brutally attacked by Israeli police.

These Israeli incursions and violations at Aqsa are common during Jewish holidays. However, the Israeli extremist right-wing government has intensified these attacks in an unprecedented way. A number of Israeli ministers were spotted among the settler crowds during their provocative raids into the holy site.

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) considered the attacks carried out by the extremist Israeli government a crime that should not be tolerated.

AOHR UK also warns against Israeli use of force against Palestinian worshipers at the Aqsa Mosque, as it has in the past when Israeli police attacked defenceless worshipers with tear gas bombs and gunfire.

During these incursions, tight restrictions are imposed on the people of Jerusalem and the West Bank, preventing their access to the Aqsa Mosque. These restrictions include arrests, intimidation, deportation orders, exclusion of age groups, provocative searches, and movement restrictions at crossings.

Without a clear stance from the international community, AOHR UK warns that Israel will continue its <u>attacks</u> on the Aqsa Mosque. It urges all international parties to take action to stop these attacks and stop them from happening again.



The shameful international silence and complacency in the face of these crimes, according to AOHR UK, will only fuel further escalation and tension, which could worsen the situation throughout the entire region.

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