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For the second consecutive day Israeli forces are invading the northern West Bank's Nablus with continued raids and attacks on residents and their homes. The Israelis killed a 41 year old man and injured his son.

Eyewitnesses said that Israeli forces were firing at homes in order to warn residents against aiding members of the armed resistance. The Red Crescent reports that Israeli forces would not allow its crews in to assist the injured.

The Director of the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, Dr. Ghassan Hamdan, reports that Israeli forces are restricting movement throughout the region, particularly when trying to bring food and medical supplies to residents.

Universities, schools and kindergartens have been closed since Sunday morning. The Director of Education cited the Israeli-imposed curfew, and told PNN that Israeli forces are "shelling anything that moves."

Israeli forces stormed the Sanabil TV studios, confiscated its contents and arrested the owner on Monday. That station has been the target of numerous attacks in the past, with Israeli forces accusing it of having links to Fateh's armed resistance wing, Al Aqsa Brigades. The Palestinian Journalists Union issued a condemnation last night against Israeli attacks on journalists.

During yesterday's invasion, Israeli forces overtook the radio waves and made announcements warning residents against coming to the Old City or putting their lives in mortal danger due to an ongoing Israeli military operation. The Israelis also declared curfew throughout the city and overtook a number of tall buildings for sniper and observation posts.

This morning Israeli forces surrounded two buildings and open heavy fire with bulldozers waiting. Soldiers shouted for all residents to surrender themselves. An Israeli military spokesperson says the invasion is against those on its "wanted" list. Israeli forces arrested 16 Palestinians from throughout the city and took them to unknown locations at dawn this morning.

Members of the armed resistance issued a statement Monday pointing out that the armed resistance is merely an excuse, as is the notion of "security." Israeli invasions do not stop, whether or not they resist, and land confiscation and destruction, including of Al Aqsa Mosque, continues when there is no resistance at all. Therefore, the statement read, the armed resistance will do what it can to ward off attacks.

The bulldozers destroyed a home in the Old City this morning under the pretext that a "wanted" man was there. Nablus' Old City is one of the most ancient in the world and is severely damaged after years of assaults.

Palestinian security sources report Monday that dozens of houses in the Old City neighborhoods of Yasmina, Aqaba and others are being targeted. Israeli soldiers are forcing residents to gather in a single room in each of the houses and are holding the families at gunpoint. No one is allowed to move.

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