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The advisor to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Yahya Rahim Safavi, said that Iran 'supports' the Al-Aqsa Flood operation, which was launched by Hamas from Gaza into Israel on Saturday.

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An aide to Iran's Supreme Leader said Tehran 'supports' Hamas' operation in Israel [Getty]

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A senior adviser to Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (https://www.newarab.com/news/khamenei-approves-direct-us-iran-nuclear-talks)expressed support for an attack Hamas launched (https://www.newarab.com/news/40-israelis-killed-hamas-launches-operation-al-aqsa-flood) against Israel on Saturday, calling it a "proud operation".

"We support the proud operation of Al-Aqsa Flood," Yahya Rahim Safavi said at a meeting held in support of Palestinian children in Tehran, quoted by _ISNA_ news agency.
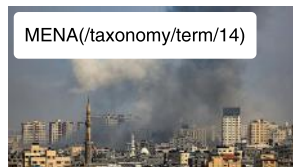
"We support this operation, and we are sure that the resistance front also supports this issue," said Safavi, who is senior general in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

The Palestinian group Hamas, which governs the besieged Gaza Strip, launched (/) numerous rockets at Israel from dawn on Saturday with many of its militants crossing into Israel.

At least 100 people have been killed in Israel, according to the *Israeli Army Radio*, with hundreds more injured.

The death toll is the blockaded Gaza Strip stands at least 198 so far, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, with over 1,610 injured.

Israel has attacked the besieged Gaza Strip numerous times over recent years. In May this year, at least 34 Palestinians were killed (https://www.newarab.com/news/israels-attacks-gaza-may-constitute-war-crimes-un) by Israeli rocket fire.

Safavi expressed backing for the Palestinian groups "until the liberation of Palestine and Jerusalem".

Meanwhile, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani (https://www.newarab.com/news/iran-invites-saudi-king-visit-tehran-iran-fm-spokesman)also hailed the Palestinian assault on Israel.

"Today's operation marked a new page in the field of resistance and armed operations against the occupiers," he said.

"The resistance has so far achieved brilliant victories during this operation, and this is a bright spot in the history of the Palestinian people's struggle against the Zionists."

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At a parliament session on Saturday, Iranian lawmakers chanted "Down with Israel", "Down with America", and "Welcome Palestine", according to a video published by *Tasnim* news agency.

Iran, which hosted leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad in June, considers Israel its arch enemy.

The two sides have for years been engaged in a shadow war, with Iran accusing Israel of a series of sabotage attacks and assassinations targeting its nuclear programme.

Meanwhile, allies Israel and the United States have previously accused Iran of using drones and missiles to attack US forces and Israel-linked ships in the Gulf.

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Ahmed Awawdeh's death brings the number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank to seven since Saturday, when militant group Hamas broke out of besieged Gaza to launch an unprecedented operation in Israeli territory.

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Ahmed Awawdeh was killed following fighting with Israeli forces [JAAFAR ASHTIYEH/AFP/Getty-file photo]

A Palestinian (https://www.newarab.com/news/live-israel-pounds-gaza-exchanges-fire-hezbollah) man was killed following fighting with Israeli (https://www.newarab.com/news/african-union-urges-end-israel-gaza-conflict) forces after he carried out a shooting attack on a military checkpoint in the occupied West Bank on Sunday.

Ahmed Awawdeh's death brings the number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank (https://www.newarab.com/tag/west-bank) to seven since yesterday, when militant group Hamas broke out of besieged Gaza to launch an unprecedented operation into Israeli territory.

An armed confrontation erupted between three Palestinian fighters and Israeli soldiers at the Deir Sharaf checkpoint west of Nablus, leading to Awawdeh being shot in the head, local sources told *The New Arab's* Arabic sister service *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed*.

He died before reaching hospital.

The Jenin Battalion, affiliated with the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad faction, mourned Awawdeh, who is from the city of Hebron.
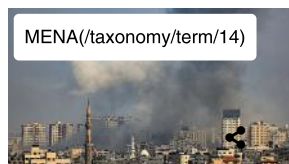
The sources said Awawdeh carried out a shooting attack and wounded three Israeli soldiers in Hebron province in June.

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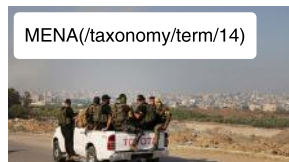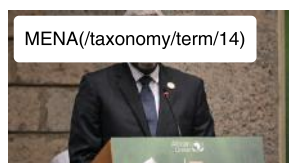
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After he became a wanted man, he moved to the Jenin refugee camp.

After announcing his death, members of the Jenin Battalion and camp residents went out on a symbolic march through the streets.

Separately, at the entrance to the town of Qabalan, south of Nablus, confrontations broke out, leading to a young Palestinian man being shot and arrested by Israeli forces.

The forces prevented an ambulance from approaching him and used a stun grenade.

Israeli forces also decided to close Hebron's Ibrahimi Mosque until further notice, placing a paper on its main door stating that the second holiest Islamic place in Palestine was closed to Muslim worshippers.

The site was forcibly divided into Muslim and Jewish sides after a 1994 massacre carried out by a settler. It was unclear whether the Jewish part was also shut.

In the town of Abu Dis, in the West Bank (https://www.newarab.com/news/2023-deadliest-year-child-occupied-west-bank) but near Jerusalem, armed fighting broke out early on Sunday. A Palestinian was injured and arrested by Israeli forces.

Confrontations erupted in and around occupied East Jerusalem on Saturday evening and carried on until morning.

The fighting pitting Hamas and other Gaza militants against Israel has killed 313 in the coastal strip, according to the health ministry in Gaza.

The Israeli death toll was at least 350, American broadcaster _CNN_ cited an Israeli official as saying.

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