Palestinian Officials Say Israeli Forces Kill 2 In West Bank Raid

AFP- Palestinian officials reported that Israeli forces killed two Palestinians, including a woman, during a raid at a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday, while the military said it had “eliminated a terrorist”.

According to the Palestinian ministry of health, 53-year-old Khawla Ali Abdullah Abdo was killed in an air strike at the Tulkarem camp, while 18-year-old Fathi Said Awda Ubaid was fatally shot in the chest and abdomen.

Both victims’ bodies were transferred to Thabet Thabet Hospital.

The Palestinian Red Crescent confirmed the deaths, saying its ambulances initially faced challenges accessing the scene due to the violence.

The Israeli military, which frequently conducts raids in the territory targeting individuals it identifies as wanted militants, said in a statement that it had “eliminated a terrorist” in close combat during a raid that began overnight.

It was unclear which of the two Palestinians the Israeli statement referred to.

Residents of the Tulkarem camp reported that the raid, which began in the early hours of Tuesday, involved bulldozers destroying roads.

Violence in the West Bank has intensified since the war in Gaza broke out on October 7 last year following Hamas’s attack on Israel.

Since the Gaza war began, at least 805 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank by Israeli forces or settlers, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

In the same period, Palestinian attacks have claimed the lives of at least 24 Israelis in the West Bank, based on Israeli official data.

Israel has maintained an occupation of the West Bank since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

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