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## Israeli Occupation Army Assassinated 29 Palestinians

**T**he Israeli occupation army continued its aggression against the Palestinians, killing 29 Palestinians inside the West Bank and al-Quds city in October 2022. The occupation army also arrested dozens of Palestinian youths. In response to the aggressions of the Israeli occupation forces (IOF), Palestinian resistance groups continue to target the IOF's checkpoints that besiege Palestinian cities and camps in the West Bank. The activities of the resistance groups in Nablus city and Jenin city represent the primary source of concern for the occupation army. The IOF constantly attempts to besiege and storm those cities and kill Palestinian resistance members inside. The occupation army used an explosive device attached to a motorcycle to assassinate a member of the Palestinian resistance groups inside the city of Nablus.

Human rights organizations assert that what the occupation is doing inside Palestinian cities are crimes against humanity and extrajudicial killings. Israel and the United States of America continue to pressure the Palestinian Authority (PA) to arrest the resistance fighters. The PA's security services are showing a timid response to the order, as they are on the horns of a dilemma, whether to continue the security coordination with the occupation or to take the Palestinian people's side by covering and supporting resistance groups.

## The 25<sup>th</sup> Knesset Elections to Aggravate Political Instability in Israel

**A**fter a fierce race between the camp of former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the camp of the current prime minister Yair Lapid, the results of the 25<sup>th</sup> elections for the Israeli Knesset, which were voted on November 1, 2022, showed a lead in favour of Netanyahu's far-right-wing bloc, allowing him to form the new government. The current electoral scene is dominated by the trend of



Israeli society towards the Zionist far-right amid the confinement of the influence of left-wing parties. This election is the fifth in 4 years, and the results indicate that despite Netanyahu's success, there are possibilities of a politically heterogeneous government to be formed by the winning camp.

Therefore, the scenario to re-run the elections once any party withdraws from the coalition is most likely to happen. Europe and the United States have taken a wide range of steps to boost Lapid's chances, trying to prevent the annoying and embarrassing Netanyahu from being back in power.

### **Unfavourable Expectations for Algerian-brokered deal to end disputes Between Fatah and Hamas**

**A**lgeria hosted the 31<sup>st</sup> Arab League Summit aiming to achieve some gains, most notably the achievement of a Palestinian-Palestinian reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas movements after a 15-year-old split. It started with Fatah's refusal to deal with the government formed by Hamas after winning the 2006 elections. Algeria held several meetings that began a year ago, culminating in the signing of an agreement between the two factions.

Although, insiders described the deal as nothing more than a protocol agreement. They firmly expect that Fatah will refuse to implement the terms of the agreement despite signing it. Algeria is one of the countries that strongly support the Palestinian cause. Besides, it has genuine respect among the Palestinian factions. Still, the internal Palestinian situation is complicated due to the intersection of Israeli and American interests in favour of the continuation of the Palestinian rift.