

Gunfire shatters latest Gaza truce

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GAZA - The third cease-fire in as many days between rival Palestinian factions in Gaza Wednesday morning was broken by gunfire and seven deaths.

A BBC correspondent said gunshots could be heard in the Gaza Strip, where more than 30 people have been killed in fighting between factions of Hamas and rival Fatah since Sunday despite a call for peace by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

Members of Hamas' military wing, the Izz el-Din al-Qassam Brigades, attacked the home of the Fatah security chief and killed five bodyguards, Ynetnews reported. Palestinian security officials said militants first fired mortars and later placed pipe bombs inside the house.

In separate clashes, Hamas gunmen killed a member of President Mahmoud Abbas' presidential guard and another Fatah security official.

Mortar fire also fell near Abbas' presidential compound but no one was injured, the report said.

Tuesday, factional fighting killed 16 people in Gaza, Ynetnews said.

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