

Home of Palestinian PM attacked

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GAZA - A rocket-propelled grenade damaged the home of Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh amid renewed fighting Tuesday between Palestinian factions.

Hamas security officials said the rocket attack, during which Haniyeh and his family were present for in the Shati refugee camp just outside Gaza City, followed gunfire being discharged at the home one day prior, Alalam Satellite News reported Tuesday.

A Palestinian was killed early Tuesday, bringing the death toll from the renewed fighting to 17 in Gaza since Monday and 22 since Hamas and Fatah began fighting Thursday.

Security sources said three mortar shells exploded near the offices of Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, the leader of Fatah, early Tuesday but no one was killed or injured in the attack.

Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhum said the party "has decided to punish all the murderers and criminals" after the latest ceasefire failed to hold.

"Killing them is the only dissuasive response," he said.

More than 160 people have been killed by violence between Fatah and Hamas since the groups erupted in fighting in December.

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