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ɣ is killing Palestinians at an average rate of 250 people a day which massively laily death toll of any other major conflict of recent years, Oxfam said today, as ı of hostilities nears its 100th day.

ver 1,200 people were killed in the horrific attacks by Hamas and other armed el on 7 October and 330 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since

il, Oxfam's Middle East Director, said: "The scale and atrocities that Israel is Gaza are truly shocking. For 100 days the people of Gaza have endured a living is safe and the entire population is at risk of famine.

ıable that the international community is watching the deadliest rate of conflict ɛntury unfold, while continuously blocking calls for a ceasefire."

ɣ available data, Oxfam calculated that number of average deaths per day for icantly higher than any recent major armed conflict including Syria (96.5 deaths an (51.6), Iraq (50.8), Ukraine (43.9) Afghanistan (23.8) and Yemen (15.8).

ɕy is warning that people are being increasingly forced into smaller areas due to ıbardment, as they are forced to flee from places they have previously been told ıowhere in Gaza is truly secure. Over one million people - more than half the have been forced to seek shelter in Rafah on the Egyptian border. Oxfam staff in ıassive overcrowding, with very little food and water, and essential medicines t. This crisis is further compounded by Israel's restrictions on the entry of aid, rs, imposing a siege, and denying unfettered access. Currently only 10 per cent food aid needed is getting in.

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the massive threat to life, beyond direct casualties, from hunger ıf cold and wet weather is making the situation even more critical,

ge of blankets, no fuel for heating devices and no hot water. One of Oxfam's izations, Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC), described the hose living in tents as "worse than anything you could imagine", with makeshift g in rain, being blown away in the wind and people resorting to desperate selling precious food or water supplies in order to get a blanket.

gineer who has been displaced to Al-Mawasi with his family, said: "The rain was om all sides of the tent. We had to sleep lying over the bag of flour to protect it My wife and three of my daughters use one blanket at night. There are only ets for four people to share. We have nothing."

eek, a camp in Jabaliya was flooded with sewage when pipelines and a ion were damaged by Israeli air strikes. The lack of clean drinking water and tion poses a huge risk to health. Cases of diarrhoea are 40 times higher than year, although in reality, the number of cases is likely to be significantly higher. il said: "While the mass atrocities continue, lives continue to be lost and critical ot get in. Israel's total blockade of the Gaza Strip is restricting life-saving aid, d, medical supplies and water and sanitation facilities.

already horrific death toll, many more people could die from hunger, iseases, diarrhoea and cold. The situation is particularly worrying for children, nen and those with existing medical conditions.

to stop the bloodshed and prevent many more lives being lost is for an asefire, for hostages to be released and for crucial aid supplies to be allowed

ations International Court of Justice is holding a hearing today on the legality of ged assault on Gaza, and may issue an emergency order for the suspension of y campaign. Oxfam supports all efforts to investigate and address all mass s and human rights violations, irrespective of the perpetrator.

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are based on where data is available, other conflicts for which there is not data, been included.
per day statistics are based on civilian and combatant deaths.
ng to UNOCHA, there were 23,074 reported deaths in Gaza between 7 October January 24, an average of 250.8 per day and 330 deaths so far in the West

per day statistics for Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen from: Human Cost of 1 Wars: Direct War Deaths in Major War Zones, Afghanistan (October 2001 – 2019); Iraq (March 2003 – October 2019); Syria (September 2014-October emen (October 2002-October 2019); and Other. Neta C. Crawford and Catherine vember 13, 2019.
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kraine-war/; https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukrainian-group-says-an-30000-troops-have-died-russias-invasion-2023-11-15/. These figures are imates.

gures from UNOCHA (April 15 – December 7, 2023).

ng to UNRWA, over 1 million people have fled to Rafah governate.

ng to the Food Security Cluster, humanitarian food assistance is only meeting he weekly need, whilst 2.2m people need food each day.

ng to the Joint Humanitarian Operations Centre (JHOC) Daily Readout, January the number of cases of acute watery diarrhoea in Gaza are 40 times higher same period last year, but expected to be higher due to the lack of data from thout access.

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