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In 4th month of Israeli genocide, 4 percent of Gaza’s population dead, missing, or injured; 70 percent of Strip’s infrastructure destroyed



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Geneva - As Israel's genocidal war enters its fourth consecutive month, about 4% of the total population of the Gaza Strip—more than 90,000 people—are now dead, wounded, or missing, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor revealed in a statement issued Friday. Included in this number is injured Gazans with long-term disabilities, the rights group said, noting that the genocide is a mass-disabling event.

Euro-Med Monitor highlighted that Israel's continuous air, land, and sea attacks have destroyed about 70% of the Gaza Strip's civilian facilities and infrastructure since 7 October, citing the clear Israeli aim of implementing collective punishment against the entire population and making the Strip, which has been under siege for over 17 years, uninhabitable. Israel is pushing hundreds of thousands of civilians towards mass forced displacement.

According to Euro-Med Monitor estimates, 30,676 Palestinians have been killed during the Israeli attacks as of Thursday evening, including 28,201 civilians. The death toll includes 12,040 children, 6,103 women, 241 health workers, and 105 journalists. An additional 58,960 individuals have been injured, hundreds of whom are currently in serious condition.

Euro-Med Monitor stated that, in addition to the statistics provided by the Palestinian Health Ministry, its own figures include people who have been

missing beneath the debris of buildings hit by Israeli air and artillery strikes for more than 14 days now, with very little hope of survival. Hundreds of bodies that cannot be recovered remain on the roads, according to Euro-Med Monitor, particularly in areas where the Israeli army has conducted ground incursions.

The Euro-Med Monitor team further reported that about 1.9 million Palestinians have been displaced from their homes and residential areas in the Gaza Strip amid a lack of safe shelters, as 67,946 housing units have been completely destroyed and 179,750 housing units have been partially damaged. According to the team, the facilities targeted by Israel during its ongoing attacks include 318 schools; 1,612 industrial facilities; 169 health facilities, including 23 hospitals, 57 clinics, and 89 ambulances; 201 mosques; three churches; and 169 press offices.

Euro-Med Monitor noted that Israel continues to escalate its military assaults against Palestinian civilians in an apparent attempt to expand its territory to include the entire Gaza Strip, uprooting the vast majority of the Strip's population in violation of international law. This likely amounts to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, the rights group said.

In addition to the indiscriminate, deadly attacks that disregard the principles of necessity and proportionality, Israel is using starvation as a weapon, contended Euro-Med Monitor. Israel is prohibiting

humanitarian supplies from entering the Strip more and more frequently, it said, to subjugate the people of Gaza and force them into evacuating their land.

According to the Geneva-based organisation, Israel is deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure in order to cause as many casualties, material losses, and as much destruction as possible as a form of retaliation and collective punishment. This is against international humanitarian law, the 1949 Geneva Convention, and amounts to war crimes according to the Rome Statute, which governs the International Criminal Court.

Israel has flagrantly broken the terms of international humanitarian law, Euro-Med Monitor reiterated, which forbids property damage as a "preventive means" and property destruction as a means of deterrence, even for military purposes.

Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor has once again called on the special rapporteurs at the United Nations and the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to investigate the violations that have been widely documented since Israel started its genocidal war on Gaza, end the policy of impunity that Israel enjoys and make sure that perpetrators of human rights violations are held accountable, as well as ensure that all victims receive compensation.

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