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The eighty-seventh Day of the Israeli aggression against Palestine

catastrophic situation in numbers the deadliest year for Palestinians

Daily Report on the Effects of the Israeli Aggression in Palestine

From October 7 until January 1st, 2024

Some of the information contained in this report is as of Sunday evening, 31st of December 2023.

The Emergency Operations Center at the Ministry of Health in Ramallah supervises the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Numbers are updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect confirmed statistics only but do not necessarily reflect all victims due to the fact that many victims are still missing under the rubble.

The escalating atrocities in Palestine as a result of Israeli aggression surpass mere numerical reporting, constituting severe violations of all human rights. The health system is deliberately targeted, amounting to brutal war on the Palestinian people. This insufferable situation demands immediate intervention. We call upon all international humanitarian and health organizations to urgently enter Gaza, ensuring protection for health workers, facilities, and civilians. A tangible advocacy for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the ongoing siege on Gaza is imperative to halt this humanitarian crisis.[1][2][3]

Current Situation in numbers: between 7 October and 31 December (Gaza)

1) At least 21,822 Palestinians martyrs in Gaza. About 70 per cent of those to be women (5,153) and children (7,729). As of then, 56,165 Palestinians have been injured, while 7000 missing under rubble
2) 85% of the population 1.93 million forced internally displaced, 1,813 families with multiple fatalities
3) **Health Care Functioning and Access:** 60% (21/ 36) of hospital are not functioning, 36% (13/36) partially while 4% limited capacity, at the same time almost 74% (53/72) of PHC are not functioning
4) **Referrals abroad** through Rafah since start of war only 972 including 571 injured and 401 patients in addition to 772 companions, critical importance of prioritizing the evacuation of over 5,300 individuals facing severe and complex medical conditions in Gaza to receive the necessary and appropriate care abroad.
5) **Acute shortage of supplies at health facilities:** Medicines and medical supplies: anaesthetics, antibiotics, IV fluids, pain medications, insulin, blood and blood products. Medical equipment Increasingly not functional at

[1] https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/11/gaza-un-experts-call-international-community-prevent-genocide-against
[2] https://www.un.org/unispal/document/gaza-un-experts-decry-bombing-of-hospitals-and-schools-as-crimes-against-humanity-call-for-prevention-of-genocide/
[3] https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20231229-pre-01-00-en.pdf?fbclid=PAAaanjzZcW1N3X8xUa5n2vOtSmJXRZGtuX25ee7DicJ6lvDv9355FU9Nco_w_aem_Af1J7V-j8lYZ0pM_D1CQooNZ6b2lctzS9pzFrRP92oaCO9tBVKTDkMB8DYqdS1aGUDk
(https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/dec/29/health-organisations-disease-gaza-population-outbreaks-conflict)
4 https://www.emro.who.int/images/stories/Sitrep_-_issue_19.pdf?ua=1

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hospitals, (e.g. monitors, ventilators, incubators, x-ray and CT, lab analyzers, anaesthesia machines), which are dependent on electricity. As well acute shortage of fuel, water, food and electricity.

6) **A public health catastrophe is rapidly evolving in Gaza:** Health Needs and Risks Communicable Diseases Imminent risk of communicable disease outbreaks. Cases recorded since mid-October: 179,003 Cases of acute respiratory infections, 136,418 Cases of diarrhea, 55,472 Cases of scabies and lice, 38,010 Cases of skin rashes 5,330 Cases of chickenpox 4,683 Cases of jaundice
7) **Health Needs and Risks of non-Communicable Diseases Long term conditions:** 1,100 Patients in need of kidney dialysis + 485,000 People with mental health disorders* 225,000 People with high blood pressure + 2,000 People diagnosed with cancer each year, including 122 children 45,000 Patients living with cardiovascular disease 71,000 Patients living with diabetes People in Gaza facing daily intense psychological stressors, including bombardment and severe barriers to fulfilling basic needs.
8) **Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health:** 52,000 Pregnant women, ~183 Births per day, 5,500 Babies have been born in the last month, 61% Incubators are in the north requiring electricity, 130 Premature infants depend on incubators
9) **Food insecurity:** 2.2 million people at imminent risk of famine, 2.08 million at phase 3 (high level of acute food insecurity, 930,000 people at phase 4 (emergency level), 378,000 people at phase 5 (catastrophic level) which refer to extreme lack of food, starvation, and exhaustion of coping capacities.
10) **294 Health attacks:** 600 People martyred in attacks, 764 People injured in attacks, 65 Health workers detained/arrested, 94 Health facilities affected including 26 Hospitals damaged, 76 Ambulances affected Including 38 That sustained damaged.
11) **Humanitarian operation:** 144 UN staff killed; UNRWA 142, WHO 1, UNDP 1. At least 312 health care workers killed, 40 civil defenses killed while on duty, and 106 journalists
12) **Damage:** 60% of housing units reportedly destroyed or damaged (290,000 partially damaged, and 65,000 destroyed), 51% of educational facilities affected at least 370 education facilities, 3 churches and 115 mosques.
13) high levels of violent deaths and injuries, mass displacement, overcrowding, major disruption and dysfunction of the health system, and damage to water and sanitation infrastructure. Severe stressors for mental health are affecting the whole population, including bombardment and siege. Destruction and aggression are gravely obstructing ambulance access to the injured and health facilities
14) there is no safe place in Gaza strip extensive Israeli occupation bombardment persisted throughout the Gaza Strip from air, land, and sea especially in the refugee camps in central Gaza.
15) The amount of aid reaching Gaza continues to be significantly insufficient. The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator has stated that the current situation is impossible for both the people of Gaza and those attempting to provide assistance. The urgent plea emphasizes the need for an end to the ongoing Israeli occupation attacks.
16) Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli occupation cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza's sole power plant were depleted. The communications and fuel shutdown continues to significantly hinder the aid community's efforts to assess the full extent of needs in Gaza and to adequately respond to the deepening humanitarian crisis.

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"Unless something changes, the world faces the prospect of almost a quarter of Gaza's 2 million population - close to half- a million human beings - dying within a year. These would be largely deaths from preventable health causes and the collapse of the medical system. It's a crude estimate, but one that is data-driven, using the terrifyingly real numbers of deaths in previous and comparable conflicts." Prof Devi Sridhar, chair of global public health, University of Edinburgh

The West Bank, including Jerusalem:

- UNICEF's Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa stated that "this year has been the deadliest year on record for children in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, with conflict-related violence reaching unprecedented levels."
- Since 7 October, 319 Palestinians, have been martyred by the Israeli Occupation forces in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This toll represents nearly 60 per cent of all Palestinians killed in the West Bank this year. With a total of 522 Palestinians martyred in the West Bank, 2023 is one of the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank.
- Since 7 October, Israeli occupation forces have injured 3,822 Palestinian civilians, including at least 576 children.
- Since 7 October, at least 198 Palestinian households comprising 1,208 people, including 586 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from at least 15 herding/Bedouin communities. More than half of the displacements occurred on 12, 15, and 28 October, affecting seven communities.

Urgent Needs:

- Immediate cessation of Israeli brutal war against Palestinian civilians.
- Urgent implementation of international humanitarian laws protecting health institutions and civilians.
- Immediate and unconditional entry of humanitarian and health supplies into Gaza.
- Aiding in evacuating the wounded in need for treatment abroad.
- Halt forcible displacement of civilians.
- Urgent support for search and rescue operations.

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