

Hamas calls on Arab leaders to take practical steps to end Israel's genocide in Gaza



A young Palestinian girl looks on as children gather amid the rubble of an UNRWA aid supply

depot and shelter, heavily damaged in an overnight Israeli strike in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip on May 10, 2025. (Photo by AFP)

Baghdad, May 17 (RHC)-- The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has called on Arab leaders to take urgent and practical steps to end the ongoing Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip and lift the devastating humanitarian blockade on the besieged territory.

Hamas made the appeal in a statement on Saturday, as the 34th Arab League Summit kicked off in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, with the Israeli genocide against Gaza being a primary focus.

“As the 34th Arab Summit convenes today in Baghdad, the Gaza Strip is enduring one of the most horrific and bloody assaults. The occupation continues to commit massacres against civilians, targeting residential neighborhoods and shelter centers, resulting in the martyrdom and injury of hundreds, all under a suffocating siege and a complete halt to aid deliveries,” Hamas said.

It went on to say that northern Gaza in particular is witnessing “a systematic campaign of extermination, with intensified aerial and artillery bombardment forcing hundreds of families into forced displacement from their homes, fleeing death and shelling.”

The Palestinian resistance movement also noted that “what is taking place is a fully-fledged genocide being perpetrated before the eyes of a paralyzed world, as more than 2.5 million people in the besieged Strip are being slaughtered.”

Hamas further urged the Arab League Summit “to assume its historic responsibilities and take concrete steps to stop the aggression, lift the siege, and implement the resolutions of the Riyadh Summit, which called for breaking the blockade and ensuring the entry of humanitarian aid.” It also called for imposing sanctions on the “fascist” Israeli regime and the prosecution of its leaders as war criminals

The resistance group called on “the peoples of the world and all free forces to intensify the global solidarity campaign to expose the crimes of the occupation and lay bare its policies of extermination and starvation.”

Earlier in the day, Arab leaders convened in Baghdad to take part in the 34th Arab League Summit, with the continued Israeli regime forces' genocidal war against Palestinians in Gaza dominating the talks, besides other regional issues.

Saturday's summit comes two months after the Tel Aviv regime ended a ceasefire reached with Gaza's authorities and resumed its deadly attacks on Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to further intensify the devastating war to pursue his aim of eliminating the ruling Palestinian Hamas resistance movement.

Israel launched the campaign of genocide in Gaza on October 7, 2023. It has killed more than 53,000 Palestinians there so far.

In January, the Israeli regime was forced to agree to a ceasefire deal with Hamas, given the regime's failure to achieve any of its objectives, including the “elimination” of the Palestinian resistance movement or the release of captives.

On March 18th, the regime resumed the strikes on Gaza, breaking the nearly two-month-long ceasefire and prisoner-captive exchange agreement.

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