

*Iranian Foreign Ministry says  
Israel's intensified genocidal  
attacks on Gaza will face heroic  
resistance*

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**Palestinians carry their belongings as they flee Gaza City on May 16, 2025 amid an intensified Israeli war of genocide. (Photo by AFP)**

Tehran, May 18 (RHC)-- The Iranian Foreign Ministry has strongly condemned the escalation of deadly Israeli attacks on Gaza, asserting that the aggression was aimed at imposing "illegitimate demands" and forcibly displacing the coastal sliver's population.

In a statement issued in Tehran, spokesperson Esmail Baghaei also emphasized that these atrocities would undoubtedly be met with the "heroic resistance" of the Palestinian people.

The remarks came following significantly increased aggression against the Gaza Strip on the part of the Israeli regime over the past days, which has taken place amid the regime's October 2023-present war of genocide on the territory.

Baghaei made specific mention of Israeli attacks against refugee shelters and medical centers in Gaza, which had resulted in the death and injury of hundreds of Palestinians. "These attacks will not go unanswered," the official stated. "The Palestinian people, with their unwavering spirit, will continue to resist this aggression."

The spokesperson, meanwhile, highlighted that the regime had ramped up the aggression, while sabotaging mediation efforts aimed at reaching a ceasefire agreement. He underscored the role of the United States and the UK, denouncing them for being complicit in the regime's crimes by providing it with considerable military and political support.

The official further described the ongoing violation of human rights and international law in Gaza and the occupied West Bank as a disaster for the United Nations and the international legal system, urging immediate and serious international action to halt the genocide and war crimes being committed by the regime.

The situation in Gaza has become increasingly dire, with the government media office there reporting that at least 200 people had been killed and over 300,000 others displaced over the past 48 hours alone.

According to the office, Israeli forces had systematically targeted civilian infrastructure, turning Gaza into an open "killing field." Medical teams and rescue workers have been blocked from reaching the injured, further exacerbating the crisis, local sources have reported.

The office condemned the regime's atrocities as ethnic cleansing, lambasting the international community for complicity in the ongoing mass killings due to its silence. It also condemned deliberate delay in the delivery of humanitarian aid.

For 77 consecutive days, Tel Aviv has tightened its blockade on Gaza to stifling proportions, preventing the entry of food, medical supplies, and essential goods, resulting in widespread famine and increasing mortality rates, the office has noted.

The intensified blockade has resulted in the deaths of at least 57 Palestinians, mostly children, from hunger and malnutrition.

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