

Gazan authorities say Israel's 77-day campaign of starvation enabled by U.S.



A Palestinian boy has a bite from a ration of hot food from a charity kitchen set up at the Islamic University campus in Gaza City on May 12, 2025. (AFP)

Gaza City, May 18 (RHC)-- The Gaza government media office says Israel's 77-day campaign of systematic starvation in the Palestinian territory is a direct result of clear collusion between the Tel Aviv regime and the United States.

For 77 consecutive days, the besieged territory has faced a total Israeli blockade, with humanitarian aid deliberately withheld, the media office said in a statement on Saturday.

"This deliberate food blockade has led to widespread famine across all areas of Gaza, with 57 confirmed deaths—most of them children—due to hunger and malnutrition."

According to the statement, mortality rates are on the rise due to diseases linked to food scarcity and the lack of basic essentials.

This "deliberate and systematic delay in the entry of humanitarian aid and the opening of crossings into the Gaza Strip is a direct result of blatant collusion between" Tel Aviv and Washington.

Gaza's government, it said, holds U.S. President Donald Trump "directly responsible, alongside the occupation, for the continued starvation of our Palestinian people, the blockade of crossings, and the stalling of food and relief aid deliveries."

It once again warned that the world's silence, along with the Arab world's inaction, will only "worsen civilian suffering and grant Israel further cover to complete its crime of starving an entire people."

Saturday's statement comes as Arab leaders meeting at an annual summit in Baghdad said that they were trying to reach a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip and promised to contribute to the reconstruction of the territory once the war stops.

The summit, attended by Arab leaders including Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, comes two months after Israel unilaterally broke a ceasefire and resumed its devastating air and ground attacks across the territory.

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