

OCHA confirms that Israel displaced over 630,000 people in Gaza since March 18th



A Palestinian woman holds her daughter as she walks past the rubble of houses destroyed during the Israeli military aggression in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, July 10, 2024.

(Photo by Reuters)

United Nations, June 2 (RHC)-- The UN humanitarian agency says more than 630,000 Palestinians have been displaced since Israel broke the nearly two-month-old ceasefire with the Hamas resistance movement in the besieged Gaza Strip.

In its latest humanitarian situation update, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement on Sunday that at least 632,000 people had been displaced again since March 18th.

The OCHA analysis found that since breaking the ceasefire, Israel has issued over 30 forced displacement orders covering a swathe of 68 out of 79 neighborhoods, some multiple times. Israel has used mass displacement orders and relentless military assault to systematically force civilians into five restricted zones that now make up less than 20 percent of Gaza.

These, together with the expanding “no-go” Israeli military zones, make up over 80 percent of the Gaza Strip. The sheer scale and relentless frequency of these orders have made it virtually impossible for people to find refuge.

The pattern suggests a deliberate campaign to dismantle and depopulate Gaza—a process of forced displacement which is a war crime.

Israel's far-right ruling coalition, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, has embraced Donald Trump's proposals on Gaza to displace Palestinians permanently outside the territory and turn it into a seaside real-estate development.

The OCHA statement also said that about 30 humanitarian workers were killed by the Israeli attacks and strikes in May alone. “Moreover, at least 28 aid workers have been killed since May 1,” it said,

The OCHA added that 452 in total have been killed since Israel's war began on October 7, 2023. Elsewhere in the statement, the UN agency further said health system has been crippled by the Israeli attacks and overwhelmed due to the ongoing brutal Israeli military campaign across the blockaded strip.

People in #Gaza face a crisis of survival.

Half of them are children.

Over 632,000 people have been displaced again since 18 March.

The health system is overwhelmed.

At least 28 aid workers have been killed in Gaza since 1 May.

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Meanwhile, dozens more civilians were killed on Sunday morning as the Israeli military opened fire on Palestinians heading towards an aid distribution site in southern Gaza.

Hamas denounced the massacre as proof of the Israeli regime's fascist nature, adding that opening fire on civilians exposes premeditated intent to commit the crime. The group held both Israel and the U.S. administration fully responsible for the carnage and the use of starvation as a weapon of war against

Palestinians.

It also called on the UN to form an independent international commission of inquiry to enter Gaza, investigate the systematic crimes, and hold those responsible as war criminals.

International aid agencies have already warned that Israeli plans to control aid distribution in Gaza, including the U.S.-backed proposal, will only add to the suffering in the devastated Palestinian territory.

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