

More than 97 bodies recovered in Rafah as search for 10,000 missing continues in Gaza

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A man balances salvaged items atop a bicycle as he maneuvers his way through the debris and rubble of a collapsed building in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip on January 20, 2025.
(Photo: AFP)

Rafah, January 20 (RHC)-- Medical sources say more than 97 bodies were recovered in Rafah a day after the Gaza ceasefire took effect. The Palestinian Health Ministry said on Monday that 60 Gazans lost their lives on that first day.

Palestinian authorities estimate the number of unrecovered bodies to be around 10,000, with some claiming the number to be as high as 15,000. Around 2,840 bodies were also said to have been "evaporated without a trace" due to the extreme temperatures caused by Israeli weapons.

The Israeli bombing of Gaza has left more than two-thirds of all buildings in the strip damaged or destroyed. The recovery of dead bodies has also been compounded since Israeli forces have regularly attacked civil defense units.

During the Israeli campaign of genocide in Gaza, 99 civil defense members were killed with 319 being injured. At least 27 members of the Gaza civil defense were also abducted by Israeli soldiers with their fate currently being unknown.

According to the Palestinian Health Ministry, as of Monday, the death toll of Israel's aggression surpasses 47,000.

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