

More Palestinians killed as Israel intensifies dismembering Gaza Strip

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Khan Yunis, April 12 (RHC)-- Israel's incessant air and artillery strikes have killed more Palestinian women and children across Gaza as the regime presses ahead with its plan to forcibly displace the population of the besieged strip.

The latest attacks on Thursday targeted tents housing displaced people in the city of Khan Yunis. Israeli artillery fire also struck Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza and Rafah in the south.

At least five Palestinians had been killed in Israeli air strikes on the Gaza Strip since dawn Thursday. This brings the death toll from Israeli attacks on the Strip to 45 Palestinians since Wednesday, including 35 in a bombing of a house on Baghdad Street in the Shujaiyya neighborhood east of Gaza City. These strikes also injured over one-hundred and left 80 people missing under the rubble.

Meanwhile, health facilities in Gaza are in a devastating situation. Gaza's health ministry has said that almost 60,000 children are at risk of serious health implications due to malnutrition.

Hospitals and medical centers in Gaza are facing "dangerous and unprecedented" shortages of essential medicines. The Gaza Health Ministry said 37 percent of essential drugs and 59 percent of medical supplies are completely out of stock, along with 54 percent of cancer and blood disease medications.

Emergency, surgery, and intensive care units are operating with severely depleted life-saving treatments. Around 80,000 diabetic patients and 110,000 with high blood pressure are no longer receiving care.

The ministry said Israel's siege that cut off Gaza from food, fuel and medicine, among other vital supplies, is worsening the crisis and creating "catastrophic" challenges for treating patients and the wounded.

Israel's minister of military affairs, Israel Katz, announced that the occupation army is tearing the Gaza Strip apart and implementing a plan to forcibly displace its population.

During his visit to Israeli forces in the so-called Morag Corridor between Rafah and Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, he said that the military is "dismembering the Gaza Strip."

Katz noted that "large areas are being seized and added to Israel's security zones, leaving Gaza smaller and more isolated."

"A new corridor will soon be established — Morag — similar to Netzarim, which separates northern Gaza from the central and southern parts. This will essentially sever the link between Khan Yunis and Rafah, making it more difficult for Hamas to operate."

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to intensify the attacks as part of a broader plan aligned with U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal to forcibly displace Palestinians from Gaza.

"At the same time, we are promoting the voluntary migration plan for the residents of Gaza, based on the vision of U.S. President Donald Trump, which we are working to implement," Katz added.

Israel resumed its campaign of genocide in Gaza on March 18 after a two-month truce and sent troops back into the blockaded Palestinian region. In the three weeks since, the health ministry in Gaza says Israeli military strikes have killed nearly 1,500 Palestinians.

Since late March, Israel has ordered Gazans out of territory around the edges of the strip to create what it describes as a security zone; residents fear the aim is to permanently depopulate swathes of territory.

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