

Roadside bomb blast kills at least seven Israeli troops in southern Gaza

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The seven Israeli troops killed in southern Gaza on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Tel Aviv, June 26 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime military says seven of its troops were killed in the southern Gaza Strip after an armored vehicle they were traveling in was hit by an explosive device on Tuesday.

Effie Defrin, the chief spokesman for the Israeli military, said on Wednesday that seven personnel, including an officer, were killed by an explosive device in the southern city of Khan Yunis.

This marks the highest death toll in a single incident in Gaza for the Israeli military since a ceasefire between Israel and the Gaza-based Hamas resistance movement collapsed in March following Tel Aviv's resumption of aggression.

He described the deaths as painful and difficult and part of a "complex" incident that was still being investigated, adding that the battalion to which the soldiers belonged had been locating and demolishing tunnels and killing Palestinian resistance fighters.

In a separate incident on Tuesday, a regime soldier was also severely wounded in southern Gaza, the military added in a statement.

Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, in a statement posted on Telegram, said that its operatives had targeted Israeli occupation forces in Khan Yunis on Tuesday.

After the Israeli regime was forced to halt its 12-day aggression against Iran through a unilateral ceasefire, the regime's military chief Eyal Zamir claimed that forces would refocus on Gaza to secure the release and return of captives and "dismantle Hamas's rule."

Meanwhile, the UN Human Rights Office said over 400 people have been killed by gunshots or shells fired by the Israeli military while trying to reach distribution sites of the so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) since late May.

The humanitarian crisis continues to deepen amid the ongoing brutal Israeli campaign in Gaza.

The brutal blockade of food and aid entering Gaza is part of the Israeli regime's wider plan to ethnically cleanse Palestinians from the besieged Strip.

The UN and other aid groups refuse to cooperate with the GHF system, saying it contravenes the humanitarian principles of neutrality, impartiality, and independence.

According to the statistics published by the Gaza Ministry of Health, since October 7, 2023, when the Israeli regime began its genocidal war, it has killed at least 56,000 Palestinians, most of whom are children and women.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants last November for Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former minister of military affairs Yoav Gallant, citing war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

Israel also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the besieged coastal territory.

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