

# Health Ministry: One Million Gazans Suffer From Infectious Diseases



Palestinians wounded in Israeli strikes lie on the floor as they are assisted at the hospital after Al Shifa hospital has gone out of service amid Israeli ground aggression, in the northern Gaza Strip November 16, 2023.

GAZA (Dispatches) – Israel has deliberately caused an “extremely catastrophic” medical situation in the besieged Gaza Strip, the health ministry says.

The spread of epidemics and dangerous infectious diseases now threaten almost half of the

population in the Palestinian territory.

The Gaza Health Ministry said in a statement on Monday that medics have “recorded about one million cases of infectious diseases and we do not have any necessary health facilities to treat

these patients.”

A report in early February said at least 90 percent of children under five in Gaza are affected by one infectious disease or more.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO),

warned earlier that “more people could die from disease than bombings,” given the living conditions and lack of health care in the blockaded Palestinian region.

The Zionist regime’s devastating war, which has now hit the 150-day mark, has pushed 85 percent of the population of Gaza into internal displacement due to acute shortages of food, clean water, and medicine.

The regime’s military forces have destroyed 155 health institutions, put over 30 hospitals and at least 50 health centers out of service, and targeted well over 100 ambulances, since early October 2023, according to the health ministry.

The ministry said Zionist troops have so far killed at least 360 health workers and abducted over 260, including hospital directors.

The total number of Palestinians who lost their lives in the Israeli bombardment of their homeland surpassed 30,500 on Monday, the ministry said.

More than 71,980 people have also been wounded.

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regime’s policy of intentionally starving Palestinians in Gaza.

“Our people have withstood the ongoing Israeli aggression against Gaza for the last 150 days through unwavering resilience and unshakable determination. Gaza-based resistance factions conducted Operation Al-Aqsa Storm at the time when the occupying regime was about to liquidate the Palestinian cause and resistance front.”

He stressed that the Axis of Resistance reintroduced the Palestinian issue as the primary concern of the Muslim world, foiled fiendish US plots, and reiterated that it is impossible to coexist with the usurping Tel Aviv regime.

“It is the duty of Arabs and Muslims worldwide to take the initiative and foil Israel’s conspiracy of starvation. The countries neighboring the Gaza Strip must not stand idly by and should take a concrete measure, especially for Gazans in the north,” Hamdan stated.

He emphasized that Palestinian resistance forces will continue their armed struggle against Israel during the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Muhammad al-Hindi, deputy secretary general of the Islamic Jihad resistance movement, also noted that enemies are trying to annihilate the Palestinian cause and the resistance front through all-out blockades and successive wars.

“The United States wants to fill the void in the region by means of the Zionist enemy, because it serves the West’s interests. The Israeli regime has failed to crush the resistance front, and has not succeeded in releasing any of its captives,” he said.

Hindi underscored that Washington is deeply concerned about the spillover of the Gaza conflict, condemning the U.S. airdrops of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip.

“It is ironic that the United States, which is supplying the Israeli enemy with various armament, is the party dropping food bundles for Gazans. That is chicken feed compared to what they need,” the high-ranking Islamic Jihad official said.

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his government responsible for the vessel sinking because of their support for the “genocide” and “siege” in Gaza.

On Thursday, Ansarullah leader Abdul Malik al-Houthi said the Americans and the British have received “painful blows” from the Yemeni armed forces in retaliation.

“The American and British attacks have not affected our military power in any way. On the contrary, the process of increasing and expanding our attacks continues.

“The Americans are now admitting their failure to achieve their aggressive goals against our country and are surprised by our strength,” he said.

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that Palestinians have used to flee.

“The Israeli leaders themselves have adopted a strategy of demonizing and dehumanizing Palestinians, which means that even burning them alive is allowed and you see even the Israeli soldiers are competing with each other to publish stories on social media about the level of brutality they are willing to inflict on Palestinians,” he said.

In a statement, Euro-Med expressed “deep concern about the ICC Prosecutor’s performance regarding the genocide taking place there”.

“The ICC’s last update on the situation in Palestine was posted on 17 November on its official website.

“This raises serious questions and concerns about its independence and integrity, as well as the extent to which it can perform its duties without becoming politicized or impacted by standards of duality and selective justice,” it added.

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Also in its statement, the GCC Ministerial Council made claims about the Persian Gulf Arash natural gas field, which Iran shares with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. It alleged that only the two Arab countries have the right to exploit natural resources from the field.

Kanaani said that Iran has repeatedly announced its principled position on the matter based on international law.

“Making one-sided claims will not create any rights for the claimant. We have emphasized the continuation of technical and legal negotiations with the Kuwaiti authorities,” he added.

“Raising such issues in unilateral statements is not acceptable at all.”

Regarding Israel’s ground invasion of southern Lebanon and possibility of escalating tensions, the spokesman said the Zionist regime, due to its terrorist nature, is seeking to fuel tension and spread insecurity in the region.

“Any action taken by Israel against other parties is an action aimed at jeopardizing regional peace and security.”

Kanaani asserted that the accountability lies with the Tel Aviv regime and the governments that support it, in particular the United States, which has fully supported the regime and rendered ineffectual the UN Security Council through the abuse of its veto power.

He noted that the international community is fully responsible for “provocative actions” against Lebanon.

# Dozens of Lebanese Journalists to Sue Israel at ICC

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – The Syndicate of Lebanese Press Editors plans to join lawsuits demanding the International Criminal Court (ICC) to punish the Zionist regime for its crimes.

“Israel must be held accountable for its crimes and must not escape punishment,” the syndicate said in a statement following a meeting in the capital Beirut on Monday.

The union said it will join lawsuits that will be filed against Israel before the ICC, without providing any details

about the parties that will file the lawsuits.

The syndicate called for joining efforts “to condemn Israel for its atrocities against Palestinian journalists and media workers in Gaza and southern Lebanon.”

At least 112 Palestinian journalists have been killed in Israeli attacks in the Gaza Strip since Oct. 7, according to Palestinian figures. Three more journalists were killed in Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon in November 2023.

In April 2022, the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate (PJS), and the International Center for Justice for Palestinians (ICJP) jointly announced filing a complaint with the ICJ, accusing Israel of committing war crimes against journalists in the Palestinian territories.

Tension flared along the Lebanese border amid intermittent exchanges of fire between Zionist troops and Hezbollah, in the deadliest clashes since the

two sides fought a full-scale war in 2006.

The tension comes amid an Israeli military onslaught in the Gaza Strip that has killed over 30,534 people since Oct. 7 last year.

The occupying regime was slammed for its genocide at the International Court of Justice. An interim ruling in January ordered Tel Aviv to stop genocidal acts and take measures to guarantee that humanitarian assistance is provided to civilians in Gaza.

# UK Mulls Ban on MPs Supporting Palestine

LONDON (Dispatches) – UK ministers are mulling proposals to prevent lawmaker and councilors from engaging with Palestinian rights organizations.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and James Cleverly, home secretary, are due to discuss the proposals, put forward by the government’s adviser on political violence, John Woodcock.

“My review on political violence is about to be formally submitted to the prime minister and the home secretary. In it, I am asking the leader of every mainstream political party to take a zero-tolerance approach to the menace that is threatening our democracy,” Woodcock

said in an article in the Sun.

The plans suggest banning MPs and councilors from engaging with groups such as the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), as well as environmental organizations like Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil.

“So Rishi and Keir [Starmer] should instruct their MPs and councilors not to engage with anyone from the PSC until they get their house in order and cut the hate from their marches,” he said, in reference to the PM and the leader of Labor Party.

The proposals come as several sitting Labor MPs have attended pro-Palestine demonstrations.

Labor has refused to suspend MPs who have attended PSC events, despite demands from senior Tories, noting that PSC is not a proscribed organization.

Starmer is already under pressure to allow Labor representatives more freedom to decry the Zionist regime’s atrocities in Gaza.

Many within Labor believe George Galloway’s landslide victory in a parliamentary by-election points to anger felt by Muslims over the party’s stance on the occupying regime.

A shadow frontbencher questioned whether the Labor leadership had gone far enough in dispelling false narratives on

pro-Palestine rallies.

“We talk about Rishi’s cowardice and how long it took him to come out and stop the messages of hate that have been spewing from the likes of Lee Anderson and Suella Braverman,” they told the Guardian.

“But what’s the difference between what Labor has said and what the Tories have said on these protests? We can’t allow pro-Palestinian protesters to be dehumanized as a Labor party.”

Another shadow frontbencher said “My frustration is that for years, we, Labor, haven’t given the situation in Gaza the attention it deserved. The leadership needs to fix this ASAP.”

# Red Sea Undersea Cables ‘Cut’ Disrupting Global Internet Traffic

SANA’A (Dispatches) – Undersea cables in the Red Sea have been cut causing “significant” damage to global telecommunications networks, according to Hong Kong telecoms company HGC Global Communications.

The firm reported damage to four undersea cables that had disrupted a quarter of the traffic between Asia, Europe, and West Asia.

The company said in a statement that it is rerouting traffic to minimize disruption for customers and “extending assistance to affected businesses”.

HGC did not say who was responsible for the damage.

Israeli news outlet Globes alleged that the Yemeni forces were responsible for the damage, but the Ansarullah movement’s leader,

Abdel Malek al-Houthi refuted these claims, saying: “We have no intention of targeting sea cables providing internet to countries in the region.”

Meanwhile, the Yemeni government has blamed the British and U.S. military for the damage. In a statement, it said that it was “keen to provide all necessary facilities to get such submarine cables repaired and maintained”.

The expanding network of undersea cables in the Red Sea has given Western signals intelligence agencies unprecedented access to the region’s data and communications traffic.

Spy agencies have tapped into fibre optic cables to intercept vast volumes of data, from phone calls to the content of emails to web

browsing history and metadata.

Financial, military, and government data also passes through cables.

The Yemeni forces have attacked commercial and military shipping, in response to the Zionist regime’s genocidal campaign against Gaza.

One of the Ansarullah’s first acts in November was the seizure by helicopter of the Galaxy Leader, a Bahamas-flagged commercial vessel owned by Israeli business tycoon Rami Ungar.

Since then, Yemeni forces have broadened their attacks from vessels linked to Israel to commercial and military ships with any ties to the U.S. and UK, in response to U.S.-led air strikes.