

Report: Evidence of Israel's Sexual Violence, Gang Rape During Gaza War

GAZA (Dispatches) – The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor stressed the need for the United Nations to add the Zionist regime to the UN's blacklist of entities suspected of perpetrating sexual violence in conflicts "in light of substantial evidence documenting Israel's systematic use of sexual violence, including rape and other forms of sexual abuse, as part of its broader campaign of annihilation against the Palestinian people."

In a new report issued by the organization, which discussed this policy adopted by the occupation, it expressed concern over: "Israel's consistent obstructions of all United Nations investigations into allegations of sexual violence since October 7, 2023."

It noted, "These obstructions, coupled with substantial evidence indicating systematic and widespread acts of rape and other forms of sexual violence by Israeli forces against Palestinians, including



The Zionist regime continues to deploy soldiers, tanks, military aircraft and armored vehicles near Gaza as Israeli attacks continue on Gaza on May 1, 2024.

prisoners and detainees, constitute grave violations of international humanitarian and human rights law."

The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor urged that based on this, "The grounds for the inclusion of Israel on the UN's blacklist of

entities suspected of perpetrating sexual violence in conflicts are compelling."

The report mentioned the recent revelation of Israel's refusal to cooperate with an investigation by UN Special Representative on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

Pramila Patten.

According to the report, "This refusal reportedly stems from concerns that a comprehensive investigation would expose Israel's systematic use of mass rape against Palestinians, including women and children, as Patten had insisted that access to Israeli detention centers to investigate allegations against Israeli soldiers was a crucial requirement for the process."

Chair of Euro-Med Monitor Ramy Abdu emphasized, "Israel's repeated refusal to cooperate with all UN investigations into sexual violence highlights the Israeli regime's exploitation of the allegations of this grave crime as a propaganda tool to manufacture consent for its full-fledged, live-streamed genocide."

"Israel merely uses these allegations to shame and smear critics and deflect blame from its formidable crimes against humanity," he added.

'Thousands of UXOs' 4,500 Amputations Reported Since Start of Israel's Gaza Genocide



Ritaj Mohammed Juha, a girl who lost all her family members in the Israeli army attack on the Shuja'iyya neighborhood in eastern Gaza City, is viewed in Gaza City, Gaza on November 30, 2024.

GAZA (Dispatches) – An official in the Gaza Ministry of Health has announced that 4,500 amputations of the upper and lower limbs had been recorded since the start of the genocide committed by the Zionist regime for the 16th consecutive month.

Director of the Health Information Department Zaher al-Wahid confirmed, "We have recorded 4,500 amputations as of the end of 2024 as a result of the ongoing Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip."

Al-Wahid explained that around 800 Palestinian children's cases have been documented, representing 18 percent of the total number of recorded amputations.

The Palestinian health official stated that 540 women were also among these cases, representing 12 percent of the total number.

Al-Wahidi added, "These numbers reflect the extent of the humanitarian catastrophe that Palestinian civilians are suffering, especially the most vulnerable groups, which are children and women."

Doctors and government officials expect the number of amputations, especially among children, to be several times the announced number, as it is difficult to present accurate statistics considering the ongoing genocide and the subsequent destruction of civilian facilities.

Al-Wahidi stated that the numbers are likely to rise as the genocide continues, putting further pressure on the healthcare system, which is already suffering a shortage of medical supplies due to the ongoing siege imposed on the Strip for over 18 years.

Since the start of the genocidal war on October 7, 2023, the Israeli army has targeted the healthcare sector in Gaza, bombed and besieged hospitals, threatened to evacuate them and prevented the entry of medical supplies, especially in the northern areas of the Strip, which it invaded again on October 5.

Al-Wahidi stressed that the health

sector is in dire need of medical and humanitarian support to face the escalating crisis, calling on the international community to take urgent action to stop Israeli violations and ensure the protection of civilians.

With the increase in amputations among children, Director of the Financing and Partnerships Division of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Lisa Doughten said in October 2024: "Gaza is home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history."

At the time, Doughten quoted the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) reporting that ten children in Gaza lose one or both legs every day as a result of the genocide.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini described the tragic situation experienced by the children of Gaza as a "pandemic of disabilities" sweeping the strip amid a shortage of prosthetic limbs and psychological and physical rehabilitation centers that restore hope to amputees.

A number of prosthetic limbs are provided as part of relief aid provided by countries and medical delegations to the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, thousands of unexploded munitions fired by the Zionist regime's army have remained scattered across Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, according to Israeli media.

Quoting unnamed senior officers late Friday, Israel's Channel 12 reported that the Israeli army recently launched an investigation to determine whether Palestinians used unexploded munitions to manufacture an improvised explosive device (IED) that killed three Zionist troops in northern Gaza last week.

According to the report, the Israeli army has fired tens of thousands of munitions into Gaza, with the air force alone dropping approximately 30,000 bombs since the war began.

Report: Israel's Gaza War Costs Exceed \$67bn

GAZA (Dispatches) – The economic toll of the Zionist regime's ongoing war on Gaza reached approximately 250 billion shekels (\$67.57 billion) by the end of 2024, a report said.

Israeli business newspaper Calcalist released the figure that reflects estimates by the Bank of Israel and includes direct military expenses, civilian expenditures, and revenue losses, but not the full

extent of financial repercussions.

The report described the costs as a "heavy burden" and criticized the "failure" of the war effort, highlighting the need for substantial increases in the Zionist regime's military budget over the next decade.

The budgetary strain has sparked discussions within the Zionist regime, particularly on the reallocation of revenue from natural gas

resources in the Mediterranean, which were originally intended for health care and education but now appears to be earmarked for military spending.

The report also mentioned a recent recommendation from the Nagel Committee, which suggested an additional 275 billion shekels (\$74 billion) for military over the next decade with annual increases of 27.5 billion shekels (\$7 billion).

The committee proposed bolstering the Zionist regime's multi-layered air systems, including the Iron Dome and newly operational laser systems alongside fortifying the Jordan Valley.

The Israeli army has killed over 46,000 people, mostly women and children, in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023. The genocidal campaign has left the enclave in ruins and risk of famine is widespread.

Lebanon Complains to UNSC Over Ongoing Zionist Violation of Ceasefire

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanon has complained to the UN Security Council over the Zionist regime's ongoing acts of aggression on agricultural lands as well as livestock in the southern part of the country in violation of a ceasefire agreement.

The Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants in a statement outlined the major violations, emphasizing how such actions are blatant breaches of international law and pose direct threats to Lebanon's sovereignty and food security.

It said the attacks are causing

significant damage to agricultural roads and infrastructure in southern Lebanon, and have destroyed the "Seedling Cultivation" project in the Wadi al-Hajir region, which was supported by the World Food Program and the European Union.

The ministry said it had notified the diplomatic mission in New York to submit a complaint to the Security Council against Israel following consultations and coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture.

The ministry urged the Security Council to take immediate action

to stop these attacks, protect the rights of farmers and fishermen in the affected areas, and ensure their livelihoods.

It also demanded that the occupying Tel Aviv regime be held accountable, and required to compensate for the damages it has caused by its aggression on Lebanon's agricultural sector and beyond.

Furthermore, Lebanon is calling on Security Council members, especially those who helped broker the ceasefire, to take a strong and clear stance against Israel's repeated violations of the agree-

ment, it said.

The regime was forced to accept the ceasefire with the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement after suffering heavy losses following almost 14 months of fighting and failing to achieve its goals in its aggression on Lebanon.

The truce deal came into effect on November 27. It will last for 60 days in the hope of reaching a permanent cessation of hostilities.

Under the agreement, an international monitoring committee, headed by the U.S., is tasked with overseeing the implementation of the ceasefire.

Zionist Army Admits to Killing Settlers on Oct. 7

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – After 15 months, the Zionist regime's army has admitted to killing kibbutz settlers in October last year.

The regime's military's fire killed Tomer Eliaz Arava and Dikla Arava, from Nahal Oz during the Hamas attacks on October 7, 2023, the Israeli army said following an investigation into the killings, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The Israeli military investigation concluded that Hamas fighters broke into Arava-Elyakim

home and fired into the safe room where the family was taking shelter.

Tomer managed to get out of the house but then he was then shot at by security forces on the kibbutz, according to the investigation.

Dikla was killed by Israeli army gunfire in a car, claiming that she was in that car with Hamas fighters.

Around 250 people were taken captive on October 7 last year during the Al-Aqsa Storm, a retaliatory operation by Gaza's re-

sistance groups.

Hamas released 105 of the captives during a week-long truce last November.

Hamas says it will only release the captives if the Zionist regime completely halts its aggression on Gaza and agrees to release hundreds of Palestinians held in the regime's prisons.

Public and diplomatic pressure has been mounting on the Benjamin Netanyahu regime to do more to strike a deal for securing the release of captives still held in the besieged Gaza Strip.

The Zionist regime's prime minister has been obstructing mediation for a truce and a deal to release the 97 captives still held by Palestinian groups in Gaza. The Israeli military says 34 of them are dead.

Netanyahu has rejected a series of ceasefire proposals, including one from the U.S. administration in May.

The Palestinian resistance groups have been seeking an end to Israeli aggression and the withdrawal of Zionist troops from Gaza.