

# UNRWA: 50,000 Palestinian Children Require Treatment for Acute Malnutrition

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – The UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) reported on Saturday that over 50,000 children in the Gaza Strip are in urgent need of treatment for acute malnutrition.

In a statement, the agency said that “with continued restrictions to humanitarian access, people in Gaza continue to face desperate levels of hunger.”

“Over 50,000 children require treatment for acute malnutrition,” it added.

“UNRWA teams work tirelessly to reach families with aid but the situation is catastrophic,” the agency said.

Meanwhile, UNICEF Spokesperson James Elder told Al Jazeera on Saturday a UNICEF aid truck carrying nutritional and medical supplies for 10,000 children from Deir El-Balah to Gaza City was denied access by Zionist troops on Wednesday.

Their task was to deliver the aid, which was preapproved by regime authorities, from Deir El-Balah to Gaza City, a 40km (25 miles)



*Palestinian Amjad Al-Qanoo, a 3-year-old child whose health is deteriorating due to malnutrition, is viewed struggling to survive in Jibaliya district in Gaza City.*

round trip.

“It took 13 hours and we spent eight of those around checkpoints, arguing around paperwork – was it a truck or a van,” he said.

“The reality is, this truck was denied access. Those 10,000 children did not get that aid,” he said. “Israel as the occupying power has the legal responsibility to facilitate that aid,” he added.

Elder described how difficult it has been to not only get aid into

Gaza, but also to distribute it across the besieged enclave.

“More aid workers have been killed in this war than any war since the advent of the UN,” he said.

On Tuesday, UNICEF said in a statement that almost 3,000 children have been cut off from treatment for moderate and severe acute malnutrition in southern Gaza, putting them at risk of death as harrowing violence and displace-

ment continue to impact access to healthcare facilities and services for desperate families.

The agency said the number equates to approximately three-quarters of the 3,800 children who are receiving life-saving care in the South of the besieged Strip as the conflict in Rafah escalates.

Nearly 37,300 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza by the Zionist troops since October last year, most of them women and children, and almost 85,200 others injured, according to local health authorities.

More than eight months into the Israeli onslaught, vast tracts of Gaza lay in ruins amid a crippling blockade of food, clean water, and medicine.

Israel is accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice, whose latest ruling ordered Tel Aviv to immediately halt its aggression in Rafah, where more than 1 million Palestinians had sought refuge from the war before it was invaded on May 6.

## Report: U.S. Frustrated by Israeli Demands for Better Intel Sharing

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – Some U.S. officials are frustrated with demands by the Zionist regime to provide more intelligence than the United States is already sharing, the Washington Post reported.

The United States has provided the regime with drone footage, satellite imagery, communications intercepts and other forms of intelligence in the wake of Palestinian organization Hamas’ October 7

surprise operation, the report said, citing current and former U.S. and Israeli intelligence officials.

However, Zionist regime officials believe that the United States has not provided any sort of intelligence that they could not have gathered themselves, the report said.

U.S. officials view the occupying regime’s demands for better intelligence as resting on a flawed assumption that the United States is

withholding some information.

The Biden administration restricted the use of U.S.-provided intelligence to locating captives taken by Hamas, but some U.S. lawmakers are concerned that Israel could be using the data in airstrikes and other military carnages.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a surprise operation on Israeli-occupied territories, during which some 1,100 some 240 ab-

ducted.

The Zionist regime began military aggression in the Gaza Strip. Some 120 captives are still believed to be held by Hamas in the Palestinian enclave, approximately one-third of whom are thought to be dead.

The Zionist onslaught in the Gaza Strip has killed more than 37,200 people, according to local authorities.

## U.S. Senator Calls for Support for UN Report on Israeli War Crimes

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders called for support for the report issued by the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry, which confirms that the Zionist regime committed war crimes against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, causing mass destruction.

In a statement published on his website on Friday, Sanders referred to the report of the Inde-

pendent International Investigation Commission, stressing: “The UN is right.”

Sanders stated: “Israel has clearly committed war crimes by destroying the housing, health care, education, and civilian infrastructure of Gaza, killing nearly 38,000 people, wounding over 84,000, and creating the conditions for mass starvation,” he added.

Sanders declared: “It is absolutely imperative that we support the work and findings of the United Nations and other international organizations like the International Criminal Court. These institutions are attempting to uphold the Geneva Conventions and the body of international law that emerged from the horrors of World War II.”

On 12 June, the Independent

International Investigation Commission published its report on violations of international law and crimes committed in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The committee accused Israel of committing war crimes and demanded that it immediately stop its attacks on the city of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip that forced thousands of civilians to flee to unsafe areas.

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of people, revealing the human spectrum and spiritual power of Islam both to itself and to others.

When one contemplates this magnificent gathering and the complex Hajj rituals, they are a source of reassurance and increase the confidence for the Muslims, while being intimidating and a cause of trepidation for enemies and for ill-wishers.

It should not come as a surprise if the enemies and ill-wishers of the Islamic Ummah attempt to ruin and sow doubts about both of these aspects of the Hajj – whether it is by accentuating denominational and political differences, or by trying to diminish the importance of its sacred and spiritual aspects.

The Qur’an introduces Hajj as a manifestation of worship, dhikr [remembering God], humbleness and the equal dignity of all human beings. [It introduces Hajj as] a manifestation of a human being’s organized material and spiritual life, a manifestation of blessings and guidance, and a manifestation of moral peace and harmony between [religious] brothers in practice. And [the Qur’an introduces Hajj as] a manifestation of repugnance and the establishment of a powerful front against the enemies.

Reflection on the verses related to Hajj and contemplation on the acts and rituals of this unparalleled obligation, reveal these matters and similar secrets and mysteries as these that exist within the intricate arrangement that constitutes Hajj.

Brothers and sisters, as pilgrims undertaking Hajj, you are currently in a place where you can practice these truths and luminous teachings. Bring your thoughts and actions closer and closer to these, and bring back to your homes a reformed identity infused with these lofty concepts. This is the valuable, real souvenir of your Hajj journey.

This year, the issue of bara’at [renunciation of the polytheists] is more significant than ever before. The tragedies in Gaza, which are unparalleled in our contemporary history, along with the audacity of the ruthless Zionist regime, which is the embodiment of cruelty and villainy, and of course the declining state of Zionism, leave no room for any consideration or tolerance by any individual, party, government or Muslim denomination.

This year’s renunciation of the polytheists must continue beyond the time and place of Hajj to all Muslim countries and cities worldwide. It must continue beyond just the Hajj pilgrims and be extended to the general populace.

This renunciation of the Zionist regime and its supporters, in particular the government of the United States of America, must be demonstrated in the words and actions of nations and governments, and it must impede the actions of the murderers.

The ironclad resistance of Palestine and the patient, oppressed people of Gaza – whose remarkable patience and resistance have earned them admiration and respect globally – must be fully supported in every way.

I implore God for their complete and swift victory. And for you dear pilgrims, I pray that your Hajj will be accepted. May the prayers of the Remnant of God on earth [Imam Mahdi (may our souls be sacrificed for him)] be with you.

May Allah’s greetings and mercy be upon you.

### Hezbollah ...

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prevented the evacuation of settlements in the north like Ya’ara, Batsat, and Lehman. Hezbollah’s greatest achievement is the fact that there are tens of thousands of displaced people in the north,” Gordin said.

The Israeli media stressed that after eight months of living in an area that has turned into a “security belt,” settlers express “feelings of anger and disappointment ... due to the long time that has passed without their needs and crisis being addressed.”

Yiftah Ron-Tal, a major general reserve in Israel’s occupation army, said Friday that Hezbollah had established a “security zone” at the northern border with Lebanon.

Ron-Tal said Israel had lost control over the Galilee region adjacent to the Lebanese border, and Kiryat Shmona, a populated town in the north, had been evacuated by settlers.

On Friday, Hezbollah deputy head Sheikh Naim Qassem warned the Zionist regime of a “decisive” response in case of expanding the scope of its war on Lebanese soil.

“With the fear of exceeding the limits that could lead to war, Israel is trying to seize opportunities and work on limited expansion, but we have a decision that any expansion, no matter how limited, will be met with a decisive response that will... inflict great losses on the Israelis,” Sheikh Qassem said.

## Poll: 70% of Zionists Say Diplomacy on Hamas Unsuccessful

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – More than 70 percent of Israelis say they think the Zionist regime’s public diplomacy on the October 7 operation by Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has been unsuccessful, according to a survey.

As the occupying regime continues its military onslaught on the Gaza Strip, Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s popularity continues to plummet, with a recent opinion poll showing former War Cabinet member Benny Gantz with more public support.

According to a poll published Friday by Israeli daily Maariv, only 35% of respondents believe Netanyahu is fit for the position of prime minister, while 41% prefer Gantz, who is also the leader of the National Unity Party, resigned Sunday from the emergency cabinet.

The results of the Lazar Institute poll also

showed that 24% of the random sample of 501 Israelis had no answer for their choice of premier. A clear majority of respondents, 74%, said they think Israeli public diplomacy on the October 7 operation by Palestinian fighters has been unsuccessful.

In contrast, only 15% believed it successful, while 11% had no opinion. According to the poll results, if elections were held on the same day, the National Unity party would secure 24 out of 120 seats in the Knesset, or the regime’s parliament.

The Likud party, led by Netanyahu, would have 21 seats and the Yesh Atid party, headed by opposition leader Yair Lapid, would get 15.

The newspaper noted that the bloc supporting Netanyahu’s cabinet would secure 52 seats, while the opposition would obtain 58 and Arab representatives 10.

Given Netanyahu’s reluctance to hold

early elections, there are no imminent prospects of a vote in the occupied territories, which has faced international condemnation amid its continued brutal onslaught on Gaza since October 7, 2023.

More than 37,300 Palestinians have since been killed in Gaza, most of them women and children, and over 85,000 others injured, according to local health authorities.

Eight months into the Israeli war, vast tracts of Gaza lay in ruins amid a crippling blockade of food, clean water and medicine.

Israel stands accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice, whose latest ruling ordered Tel Aviv to immediately halt its aggression in the southern city of Rafah, where over a million Palestinians had sought refuge from the war before it was invaded in early May.