

Rights group says Gaza to be uninhabitable in less than two years



Ramallah, August 25 (RHC)-- The Gaza Strip will be uninhabitable in less than two years if proper actions are not taken to end the years-long Israeli siege on the coastal enclave, warns a Palestinian advocacy group.

The Popular Committee to Lift the Siege on Gaza said that the international community needs to find practical solutions to the various humanitarian crises that Gaza is grappling with as a direct result of Israeli actions, the Palestinian Information Center reported.

Jamal al-Khudari, from the Popular Committee, said Gazans are enduring a “calamitous” humanitarian situation due to the 12-year-long Israeli blockade. “International warnings as regards the situation in Gaza should be translated into projects on the ground.” Al-Khudari added: “By the year 2020, Gaza will be an uninhabitable zone. The international community should force Israel to lift its illegal and immoral siege.”

The Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli blockade since June 2007. Years of blockade, three major invasions and daily airstrikes against critical infrastructure have caused a decline in the standard of living

as well as unprecedented levels of unemployment and unrelenting poverty.

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