

UN's World Food Program affirms Gaza's population faces possibility of starvation



Gaza City, November 17 (RHC)-- The United Nations' World Food Program (WFP) said only 10 percent of the necessary food supplies are entering Gaza and people in the besieged and bombed Palestinian enclave face "the immediate possibility of starvation."

The last bakery in Gaza operating in partnership with the UN was forced to close earlier this week due to a lack of fuel and "bread, a staple for people in Gaza, is scarce or nonexistent", WFP said in a statement.

"With winter fast approaching, unsafe and overcrowded shelters, and the lack of clean water, civilians are facing the immediate possibility of starvation," WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain said.

The collapse in Gaza's food supplies – amid Israel's blockade of food, water and fuel entering the strip – is a "catastrophic turning point in an already dire situation", said Samer Abdeljaber, WFP's representative

and country director in Palestine.

“People are going hungry,” Abdeljaber said.

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