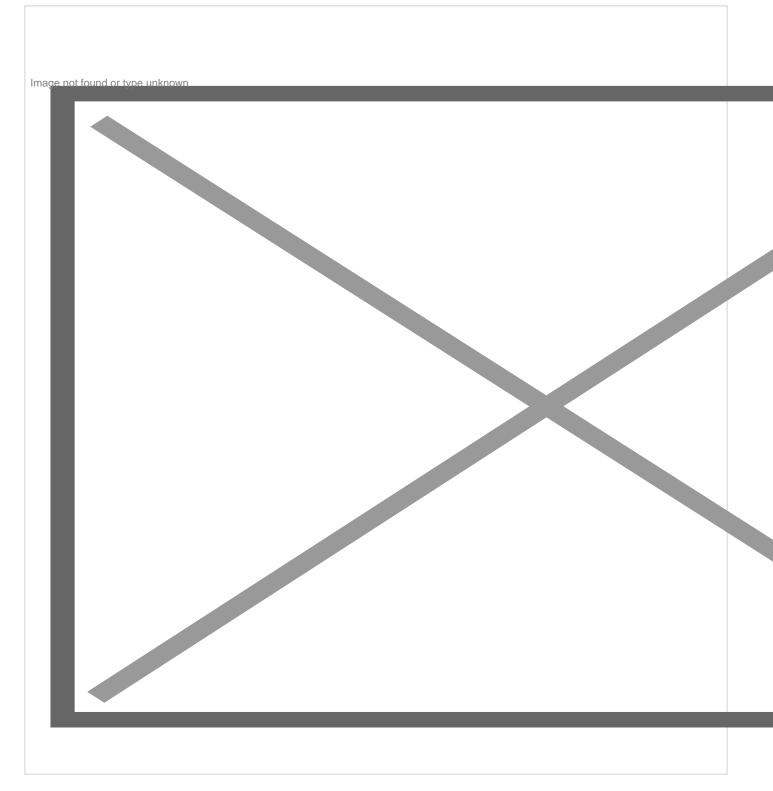
UN says only 100 humanitarian aid trucks entered Gaza on Monday



United Nations, December 5 (RHC)-- Only 100 trucks carrying humanitarian aid and 69,000 liters of fuel went into Gaza through the Rafah border crossing, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement early Tuesday local time.

"This is well below the daily average of 170 trucks and 110,000 litres of fuel that had entered during the humanitarian pause implemented between 24 and 30 November," the statement read. OCHA added that aid distribution in Khan Younis "largely stopped" due to intense fighting, while limited aid distribution of mainly flour and water took place in Rafah.

Earlier on Monday, Israel's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) said 180 aid trucks went into Gaza, claiming the volume of aid was similar to the amount Gaza received during the seven-day truce.

The trucks — carrying food, water, medical equipment and other supplies — were sent "at the request of the US Administration and in coordination with Egypt," a spokesperson for COGAT said in a separate statement.

"All the equipment was inspected at the Nitsana Crossing before being cleared for entry into the Gaza Strip," the statement said, referring to the location where Israel verifies the goods being transported before they can enter Gaza.

The volume of aid is similar to the amounts Gaza was receiving during the now-expired truce that lasted seven days.

COGAT also said two diesel fuel tankers were sent from Egypt to humanitarian aid agencies operating in Gaza. "The admission of fuels, which are designated for the operation of vital infrastructure in the Gaza Strip, was coordinated and supervised by Israel," it said.

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