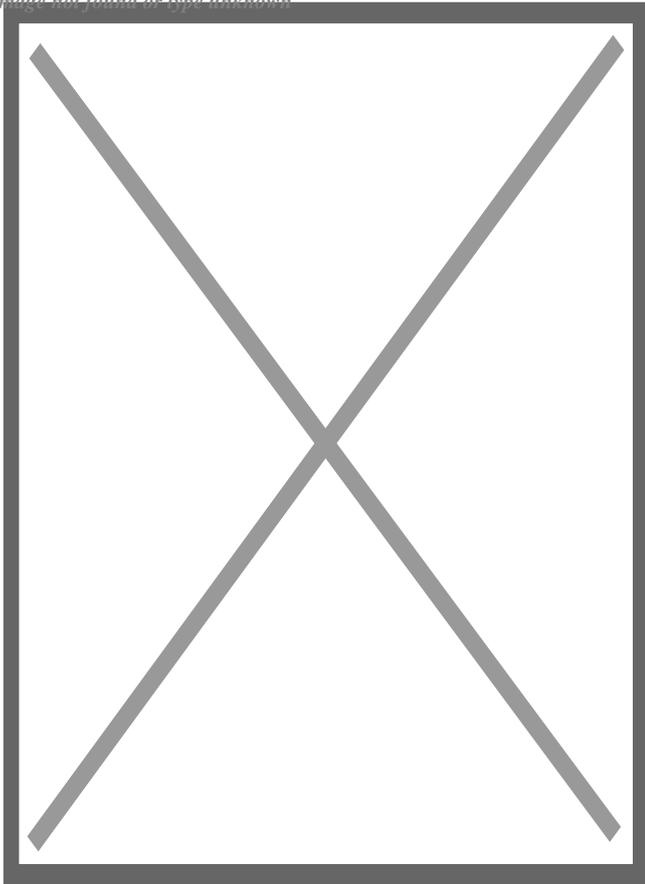


Israeli forces intensify assault on Khan Younis

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Khan Younis, December 7 (RHC)-- In Gaza, Israeli tanks are pushing further into the southern city of Khan Younis as its deadly ground assault continues and Palestinian casualties rise. The few functioning medical facilities remain completely swamped with an influx of injured people, many of them children.

The World Health Organization called the assault on Gaza “humanity’s darkest hour.”

At least 16,200 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed since October 7th. The U.N.'s top humanitarian relief coordinator said Israel's attack in southern Gaza has been as devastating as in the north, with the “apocalyptic” conditions preventing the delivery of aid.

Some 85% of the population has now been displaced.

One resident, Ibrahim Mahram, told reporters: “We suffered from the war of cannons and escaped it to arrive at the war of starvation. Now we cannot find food. We make the food by ourselves. We divide one tomato between all of us. ... There is no safe place. They finish off one place at a time, and only God knows where we will end up. Are we going to be alive? Are we going to be martyrs? We do not know what our destiny is. Today I eat, but I do not know if I’m going to eat tomorrow.”

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