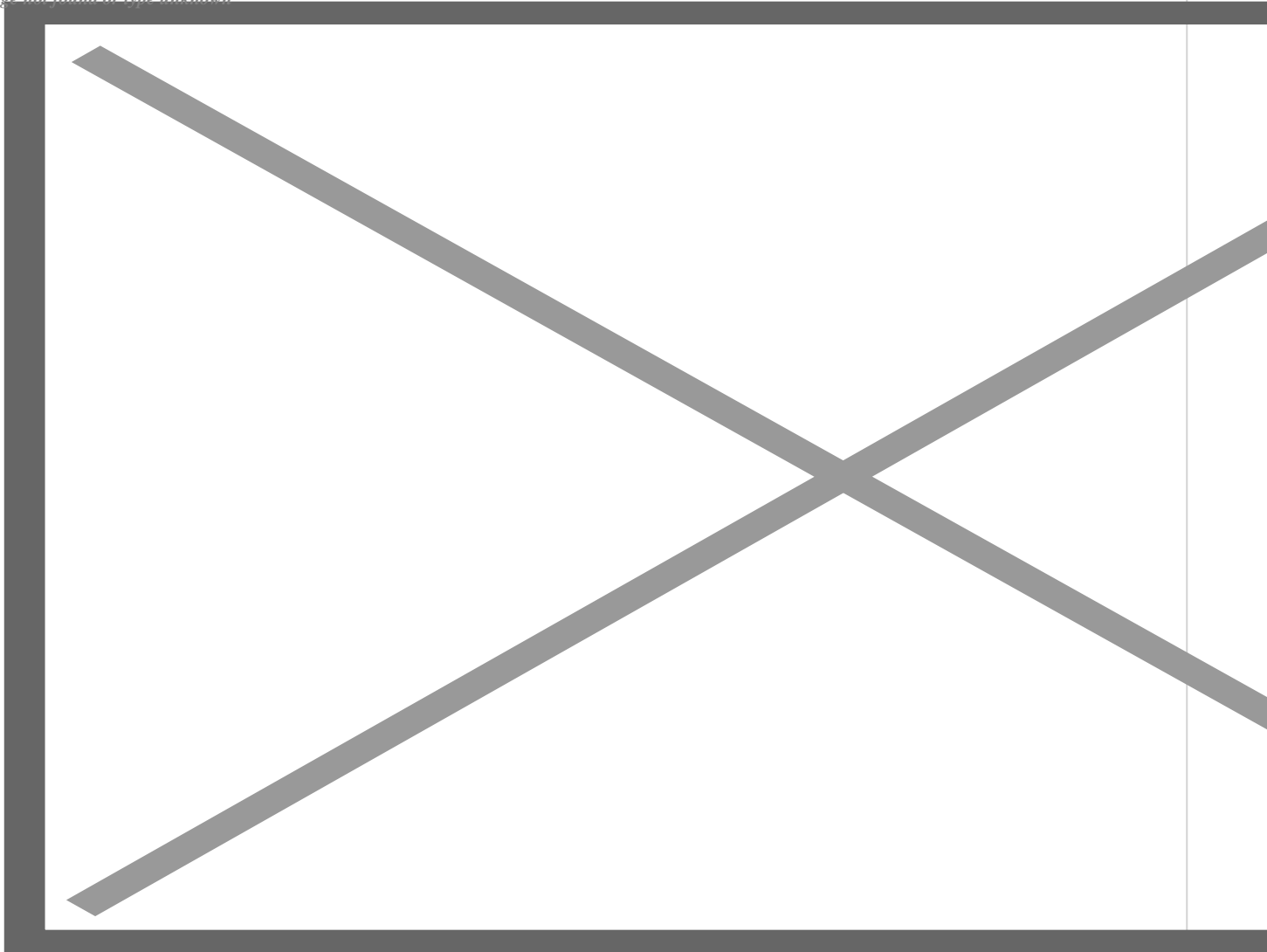


Gaza's major health facility collapses amid Israeli attacks

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Medics treat Palestinians at the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip. (AFP photo)

Khan Younis, January 27 (RHC)-- Major health organizations have sounded alarm bells on the collapse of vital medical services at Gaza's largest functioning health facility, amid Israel's relentless bombardment in

Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

The charity organization Doctors Without Borders, known by its French acronym MSF, said in a statement on Saturday that services at Nasser Hospital have collapsed, leaving people with no options to go for treatment. It said most of the staff at Nasser Hospital, along with thousands of displaced people sheltering in the facility, fled in the days leading up to the evacuation order by Israeli military forces.

“The hospital’s surgical capacity is now almost non-existent, and the handful of medical staff remaining in the hospital must contend with very low supplies that are insufficient to handle mass casualty events – large influxes of wounded people,” MSF said in a statement.

MSF said at least one patient at the hospital died on Wednesday because there was no orthopedic surgeon available. “Between 300 and 350 patients remain at Nasser Hospital, unable to evacuate because it is too dangerous and there are no ambulances.”

MSF’s medical coordinator in Palestine Guillemette Thomas said that Nasser and the European Gaza Hospital are “unreachable” and there is no longer a health care system in Gaza. “These systematic attacks against health care are unacceptable and must end now so that the wounded can get the care they need. The entire health system has been rendered inoperative,” Thomas said.

The head of the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday that fighting continues in the vicinity of the hospital and the facility “is running out of fuel, food and supplies.” “We appeal for an immediate ceasefire so that we can replenish urgently needed lifesaving supplies,” Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus wrote on X.

Only in the past 24 hours, were 183 Palestinians killed and 377 injured.

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