

Gaza's last remaining office of Palestine Children's Relief Fund destroyed in Israeli raid



Gaza City, March 10 (RHC)-- Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF), an independent humanitarian organization, says its last remaining office in the Gaza Strip has been destroyed after Israeli military aircraft carried out a strike against a neighborhood in the besieged coastal territory.

On Saturday, PCRF in a post on X (formerly Twitter), shared pictures of a building reduced to rubble, as Israel's genocidal war against Gaza enters its fifth month. "PCRF's last office in Gaza was destroyed by one of Israel's air raids today. Two other offices were destroyed in previous months by Israeli air attacks as well.

"We are thankful that no one was killed or severely injured during these bombings," the group said.

The PCRFB was founded in 1991 by Steve Sosebee, who currently serves as the organization's president. According to its website, the non-governmental organization provides free medical care to thousands of injured and ill children annually who lack local access to care within the local healthcare system in Palestine and other countries in the West Asia region.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian aid worker employed at a U.S. charity has been killed in an Israeli attack on his shelter in the central Gaza Strip city of Deir al-Balah. The non-governmental organization Anera – which helps refugees in Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon – said Mousa Shawwa was killed on Friday.

Anera had shared coordinates with Israel for staff safety, but this attack highlights the failure of deconfliction efforts. Shawwa's death threatens the ability of humanitarian staff to continue operations.

It said the bombing comes despite the fact that coordinates of Shawwa's shelter had been provided to the Israeli military for the staff safety on several occasions, including just days before the attack.

Shawwa is the fifth member of a U.S. humanitarian aid group killed in the war on Gaza, Anera added.

At least 30,960 Palestinians, most of them women and children, have been confirmed killed and 72,524 others injured so far during Israel's genocidal war on Gaza. The war began after Gaza-based resistance movements carried out Operation al-Aqsa Storm into the occupied territories on October 7, 2023.

The Israeli military campaign has devastated large swathes of Gaza and displaced a staggering 85 percent of the Strip's 2.3 million population.

According to the UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA), more than 70 percent of civilian infrastructure in the Gaza Strip has been destroyed or severely damaged by intense Israeli attacks.

Israel has also imposed a "complete siege" on the coastal sliver, cutting off fuel, electricity, food, and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

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