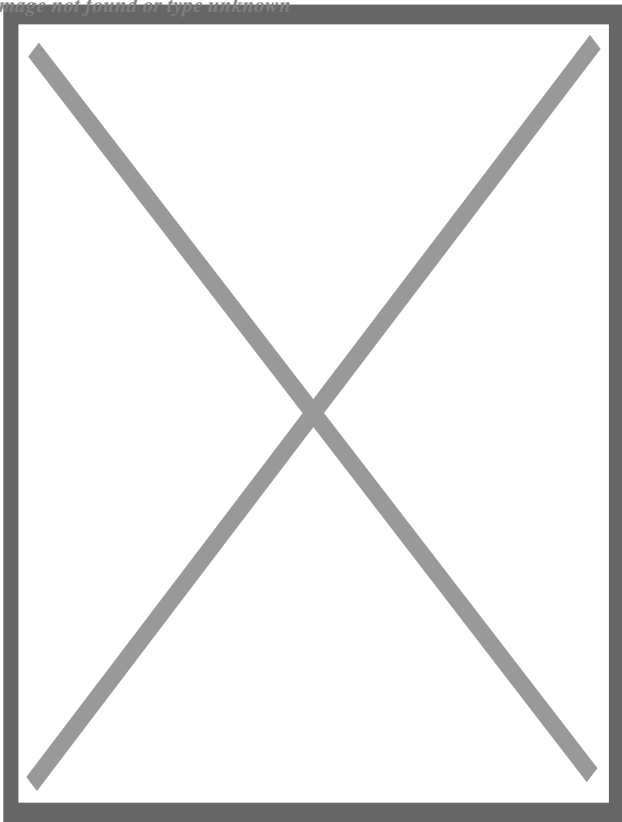


Israel chokes off aid to Gaza and rains down more bombs on Rafah

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Rafah, May 10 (RHC)-- Israel continues to seal off Gaza's Rafah border crossing, as the United Nations warns it is "choking off the entry of life-saving aid." The UN adds that many of the 600,000 children taking shelter in Rafah are "highly vulnerable and at the edge of survival."

Save the Children is warning that humanitarian operations will "come to a complete halt" unless Israel changes course in Rafah. The aid group says three-quarters of all child patients that have been treated in a so-called safe zone near Rafah have blast injuries.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians are once again on the move, though many say their next destination is unknown, with no safe place to shelter in Gaza.

As Israel prepares for its full-scale ground invasion in Rafah, Palestinians continue to die under aerial attacks. Mohammed Khalil Abu Kaynass, from Gaza, told reporters: “We were baking bread. We came to blood and martyrs scattered. We’re gathering them in body parts and pieces. The Civil Defense members came and gathered them in pieces. My friend died. They also picked him up in pieces. Everything is in pieces.”

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