

United Nations reports over one million Gazans expected to face death and starvation in July



United Nations, June 6 (RHC)-- Of the more than two million people living in Gaza, half of them are expected to face starvation and death by mid-July, a UN agency warns.

In a report on Wednesday, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), said over one million people will be faced with a shortage of all necessities and death by then.

The regime's ongoing hostilities are "expected to further exacerbate the already catastrophic levels of acute hunger, with starvation and death already occurring, with an unprecedented death toll, widespread destruction and displacement of almost the entire population of the Gaza Strip."

Mid-March famine, according to FAO, was predicted to occur by the end of May in the two northern areas of the Gaza Strip unless hostilities ceased, humanitarian agencies were granted full access and basic services were restored. The UN agency also warned about the wider regional consequences of Israel's genocidal war on Gaza.

In a separate report, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) said Tuesday it was "possible, if not likely" that famine is already striking the besieged territory.

Israel launched its savagery in Gaza in early October last year. The regime's forces have already killed more than 36,580 people, according to Gaza health authorities, who say they can no longer count all their dead as hospitals, emergency services and communications are barely functioning across the densely populated territory.

Around 1.7 million people in the Gaza Strip are estimated to have been internally displaced – half of them children, who do not have enough access to water, food, fuel and medicine.

Since Israel's military forces launched the incursion in Rafah in early May, access to healthcare has been even more devastated, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

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