

# *United Nations warns Israel's genocidal war on Gaza has led to an unprecedented environmental catastrophe*

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United Nations, June 22 (RHC)-- The United Nations Environment Program warns Israel's war on the Gaza Strip has spawned an unprecedented environmental crisis, with worsening soil, water and air pollution, and risks of irreversible damage to Gaza's natural ecosystems.

In a new report, the United Nations finds Israeli attacks have generated 39 million tons of debris, with severe damage to Gaza's water, sanitation and hygiene systems, the destruction of solar panels and the dispersal of heavy metals and explosive chemicals.

Fatima al-Shenbary, a displaced Palestinian whose family is sheltering in Jabaliya, told reporters: "Every week, my son stands crying because of the pollution of water here. We have hepatitis, which causes yellowing of the eyes. We also have intestinal infections — not just me, but the whole shelter. Everybody

suffers from this condition. There is no clean water. The water is not suitable for drinking. We are forced to drink it even though it is not clean at all. I swear to God, we do not accept it. Even filtered water isn't really filtered. We fool ourselves and pretend it's filtered."

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