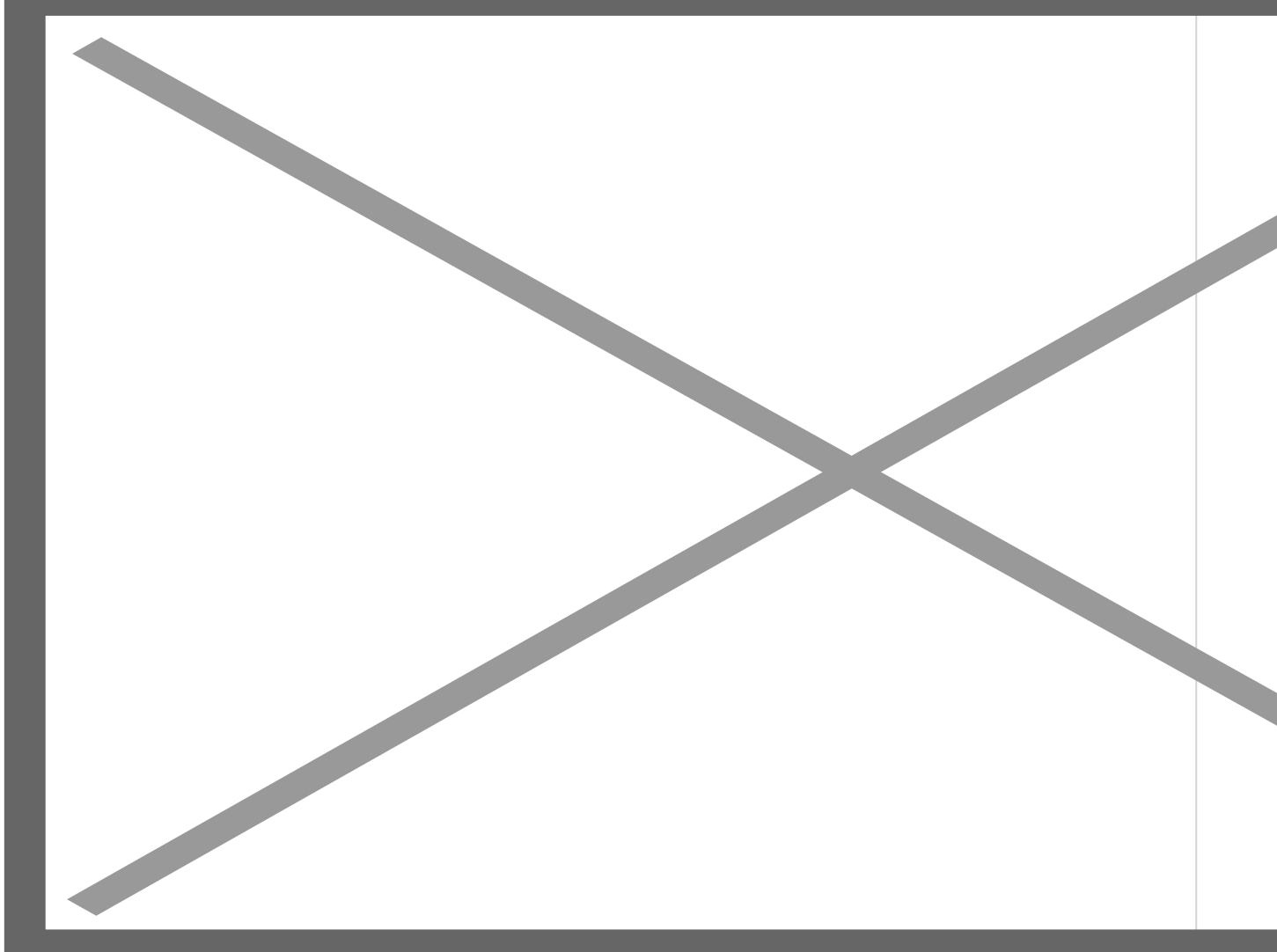


Israeli war machine continues bombing and killing Palestinian civilians in Gaza

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Palestinian girl Eman al-Kholi, whose leg was amputated after being wounded in an Israeli strike

that killed both of her parents, lies on a bed as she receives treatment at a hospital in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. (Reuters: File photo)

Rafah, June 27 (RHC)--The Israeli regime continues its bloody onslaught on the Gaza Strip by carrying out more air and artillery strikes against the blockaded territory. The latest Israeli attack on Wednesday night targeted a residential building in central Gaza, killing at least 2 Palestinians and injuring several others.

In the flashpoint southern Gaza City of Rafah, Israeli military targeted various areas by airstrike and artillery fire. The central Gaza city of Deir al-Balah also bombed in latest air raids.

In the past 24 hours, more civilians were killed in Israeli artillery and air attacks targeting central and northern Gaza. Meanwhile, the International Network for Aid, Relief and Assistance warned about the level of destruction in Gaza saying almost all of the territory is totally "uninhabitable."

Arwa Damon, founder of the International Network for Aid, Relief and Assistance (INARA), said that on a recent trip to Gaza City to distribute aid, she saw widespread destruction of "every single aspect of life that would make the Gaza Strip inhabitable."

"Every single other part of this tiny stretch of land has been rendered totally and completely uninhabitable," she said.

More than 37,700 people have been killed since the Israeli regime launched its genocidal war on Gaza in early October, last year. Some 16,000 of those are children and this is while UNICEF says bodies of thousands of missing children remain buried under the rubble.

UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban said on Wednesday during a UN Security Council that Palestinian children continue to endure "incomprehensible suffering," particularly those in the Gaza Strip amid a "staggering" scale of death and destruction there.

Also speaking at the Security Council meeting was Palestine's UN Ambassador Riyad Mansour who recalled that Israel has killed more children in recent months than in all armed conflict globally over the past 4 years.

He estimated that nearly 16,000 Palestinian children were killed in Israel's aggression against Gaza while another 21,000 are missing.

The Gaza Strip, once a vibrant place where children set world records in sports, has now been reduced to a graveyard, Mansour said, calling for "collective resolve and responsibility to pressure Israel to stop the madness."

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