

United Nations denounces that Gazans are uprooted repeatedly like pawns in board game



United Nations, July 4 (RHC)-- The United Nations has once again highlighted the sheer plight of repeating displacement affecting Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who are enduring a genocidal Israeli war.

Andrea De Domenico, head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, made the remarks on Wednesday.

"People in the last nine months have been moved around like pawns in a board game, forced from one location to the next location," he said. "At the moment, we estimate that nine of every 10 people in the Gaza Strip have been internally displaced at least once, if not up to 10 times, unfortunately, since October," De Domenico reported.

The regime has been waging the war since October 7 following Al-Aqsa Storm, a retaliatory operation by Gaza's resistance movements, during which hundreds were taken captive. The war has so far claimed the lives of nearly 38,000 Palestinians, most of them women, children and adolescents.

Residents have to rebuild extremely difficult living conditions each time, leading to more suffering and a greater need for humanitarian aid, the UN official added.

According to De Domenico, the last evacuation order issued by the Israeli regime for the Palestinians in the city of Khan Younis in southern Gaza Strip had affected a third of the coastal sliver's 2.3-million-strong population.

Elsewhere in his remarks, he highlighted how Palestinians were having a hard time exorcizing memories of the regime's massacres targeting Gaza's hospitals, which the Israeli army has struck on countless occasions alleging that they house Palestinian resistance movements.

"People have the memories of what has happened at al-Shifa, Nasser, and other hospitals...where doctors, patients, and nurses were arrested, interrogated. Some of them then were found days after in mass graves. So, fear is dominant," he said.

So far, during the war, the regime had slain as many as 247 members of the United Nations staff across Gaza, the official, meanwhile, reminded, asserting, "We really need to draw a line of enough."

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