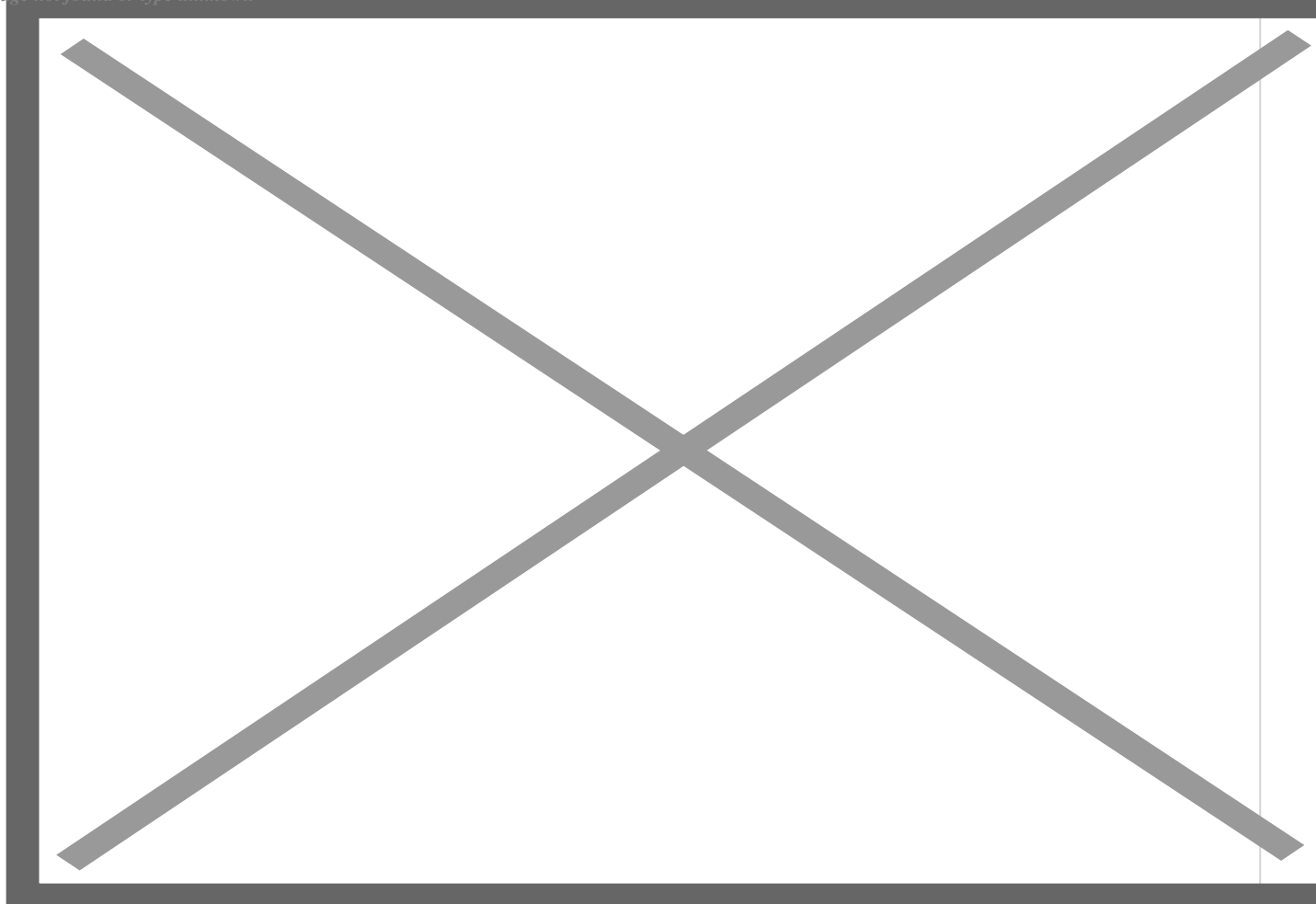


Israeli air strike kills prominent Gaza doctor and eight members of his family

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Dr Stephen Krieger (left), MSF (Doctors Without Borders), and Dr Hassan Hamdan (right), Hospital Nasser Hospital, working together in the operating room. © Dr. Pierre FEISS/MSF

Gaza City, July 5 (RHC)-- Gaza's Health Ministry says Israeli attacks have killed at least 28 Palestinians and wounded 125 others in the past 24 hours, after Israel's military put a quarter-million Palestinians in the city of Khan Younis under evacuation orders.

Among the dead is Dr. Hassan Hamdan, head of the burns and plastic surgery department at Nasser Hospital. He was killed along with eight members of his family after Israel struck their house in Deir al-Balah. Just hours earlier, the family had followed Israel's evacuation order and fled north.

Meanwhile, hundreds of sick and injured patients fled the European Hospital on foot ahead of another ground invasion of Khan Younis by Israeli soldiers.

Khan Younis resident Mahdi Abu Siraj told reporters: "There are no other hospitals. All the hospitals were destroyed. Half of them collapsed and went out of service, except the European Hospital. And now it seems that it will go out of service and there will no longer be hospitals. Whoever gets wounded will die."

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