

Netanyahu prevents 150 sick Gaza children from seeking treatment abroad

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Ramallah, July 29 (RHC)-- A new report released by Israeli media says the regime's prime minister has prevented more than 100 sick Gazan children from seeking medical treatment abroad.

The Sunday report by Israel's Kan public broadcaster said Benjamin Netanyahu has decided to prevent about 150 sick and wounded Palestinian children from leaving Gaza for the United Arab Emirates to receive treatment.

The Kan report said the Palestinian kids were ready to be flown out to the United Arab Emirates on Monday afternoon. The new development came after the Israeli premier had earlier opposed the establishment of a field hospital in the southern part of the occupied territories for the treatment of Gazan children whose health condition was deteriorating amid the regime's genocidal war on the besieged territory.

Physicians for Human Rights, which is a U.S.-based not-profit human rights nongovernmental organization, says Israel has consistently failed to fulfill its obligations in this regard in previous experiences.

While plans had been made for 250 sick and wounded Palestinians to depart Gaza for the UAE during the current week, Palestinian sources in Gaza said those in need of treatment are at least 100 times this number, noting that there are at least 25,000 patients who need to travel abroad.

The sources added that the number of sick and wounded people who have left the blockaded Palestinian territory since the beginning of the Israeli aggression does not exceed 5,000.

Physicians for Human Rights and a number of other human rights organizations have filed a petition, demanding that patients and wounded people facing life-threatening conditions be allowed to leave Gaza to receive the necessary treatment.

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