

Bodies litter ruins of Khan Younis after Israeli ground troop withdrawal

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Khan Younis, July 31 (RHC)-- Palestinian rescue workers in the Gaza Strip have collected dozens of bodies from the ruins of Khan Younis after Israeli forces devastated the city during an eight-day ground assault.

Health officials report the invasion killed 255 people and wounded more than 300 others. Dozens more remain missing.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Human Rights Office warns in a new report that Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails face widespread torture, sexual violence and brutal treatment.

The UN found at least 53 Palestinian detainees have died in Israeli custody since October 7; others face torture, including waterboarding, sleep deprivation, starvation, electric shocks and the release of dogs. The United Nations says most of the Palestinian men, women, children, doctors, journalists and human rights defenders jailed by Israel are being held without charge or trial in deplorable conditions.

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