

*Father grieves newborn twins and wife -- as Israel has killed more than 16,000 Palestinian children*

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Gaza City, August 15 (RHC)-- Israel has now killed over 40,000 Palestinians in Gaza since October 7th last year, according to Gaza's Health Ministry.

Over one-third of those — more than 16,000 Palestinians — were children. But that grim milestone is still believed to be a vast underestimate, with many buried under rubble and large numbers of Gazans facing life-threatening health emergencies.

Among the dead are twin newborns, their mother and their grandmother, who were killed in an Israeli attack this week on Deir al-Balah as their father went to pick up their birth certificates.

Their father, Mohammed Abu al-Qumsan, said: "I was going to get the birth certificates for the children. My wife gave birth the day before yesterday. I went to get the birth certificates. I got two babies, twins. I got a call telling me that the house we were staying in got bombed. People from the neighborhood called me. My wife is gone, with my two babies and my mother-in-law." Mohammed ended up getting their death certificates.

The babies were named Asser and Ayssel. Their mother was Dr. Jumann Arfa, a pharmacist.

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