

# *Gaza genocide: Israel massacres nearly 70 Palestinians in 48 hours*

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Gaza City, August 25 (RHC)-- The Gaza Health Ministry says Israel's military forces have massacred nearly 70 people and injured more than 200 others in the past two days. "Israeli forces killed 69 people and injured 212 others in five 'massacres' against families in the last 48 hours," the ministry said Saturday.

The fatalities announced on Saturday bring the Palestinian death toll to 40,334, since the start of the regime's genocidal war in Gaza in early October. At least 93,356 Palestinians have also been injured.

"Many people are still trapped under rubble and on the roads as rescuers are unable to reach them."

The Health Ministry said in a separate statement that the regime's forces bombed central Gaza's Bureij refugee camp, killing and injuring score of people, most of whom are children.

The bombardment is the latest in a wave of deadly attacks that have plunged the populated territory into an unprecedented health crisis, which is feared "to lead to "a complete halt of medical services."

"Hospitals and health centers in the enclave have a severe shortage of medicines and medical supplies as Israel's army keep targeting them," said the ministry.

"The situation," it said, "will lead to a complete halt of medical services, most notably emergency services, operations, intensive care, kidney dialysis services, primary healthcare and mental health."

The Israeli military has forced 250,000 Palestinians in Gaza to once again leave their areas so far this month, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says.

According to United Nation's rights office, Gaza's 2.4 million people — nearly all of whom have been displaced at least once — have only 16 hospitals still functioning, all of them partially.

Gaza Children 'bearing the brunt' of war

Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), said Saturday that Israel's hostilities in Gaza has dramatically increased the risk of family separation in the past months.

In a post on X, Lazzarini wrote, "Children are found living alone in hospitals as one example. "About 17,000 children in Gaza are estimated to be unaccompanied or separated from their parents, according to [UN children's agency] UNICEF. Actual numbers may be higher," he added.

Israel stands accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICC), with the chief prosecutor calling on judges to "urgently" rule on his request for arrest warrants for the head of the regime Benjamin Netanyahu.

Prosecutor Karim Khan says "any unjustified delay in these proceedings detrimentally affects the rights of victims."

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