

United Nations affirms contamination by explosives presents new danger in Gaza

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United Nations, September 8 (RHC)-- Humanitarian workers on the ground in Gaza are warning of “widespread contamination” of Gaza by explosive remnants of war.

Earlier this week, a Palestinian girl was critically injured in an explosion involving discarded explosive ordnance (EO) in Khan Younis in Gaza's south, OCHA said.

"Children face a heightened risk of being exposed to EO, as they usually play outside, tend to search for scraps amongst rubbish and rubble, and lack an awareness on the dangers of EO," OCHA said.

In the four days between Monday and Thursday this week, 110 Palestinians were reported killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza and 230 people were injured, the United Nations reports.

Among the most deadly attacks this past week was an Israeli strike on a residential building in central Gaza City on Tuesday that killed nine people, including at least five children and one woman, UN's OCHA said in its latest situation report.

A children's nursery was also hit in Jabalia, in northern Gaza, on the same day killing seven people.

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