

Doctors Without Borders affirms that Israel is turning north Gaza into lifeless desert with expulsion orders



Geneva, October 9 (RHC)-- The medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders, also known as MSF, says the Israeli regime's forced expulsion orders in the northern Gaza Strip are turning the war-ravaged besieged area into a "lifeless desert."

The MSF said in a statement on Tuesday that the mass expulsion orders by the Israeli occupation in northern Gaza, which coincide with the regime's new intense ground and aerial assault, are "causing the forced displacement of people," and effectively emptying the area out of Palestinian life. "To make matters worse, no humanitarian supplies have been allowed to enter the area since October 1st," the statement added.

The Israeli regime announced earlier in the week one of its largest forced displacement orders since October last year, calling for the expulsion of 37 neighborhoods across northern Gaza, which targets over 400,000 Palestinians in the entirety of blockaded area. The Israeli military also issued expulsion orders for three main hospitals in the area, which were operating at minimal capacity.

"The latest move to forcefully and violently push thousands of people from northern Gaza to the south is turning the north into a lifeless desert, while aggravating the situation in the south, where more than one million people have already been squeezed into a small portion of the Gaza Strip and live in deplorable conditions," said Sarah Vuylsteke, MSF project coordinator in Gaza.

"Access to water, healthcare, and safety is already almost non-existent, and the thought of more people fitting into this space is impossible to imagine," Vuylsteke added. "People have been subjected to endless displacement and relentless bombing for the past 12 months. Enough is enough, this must stop now."

The Geneva-based Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor also warned on Monday that the Israeli regime is subjecting the northern part of the Gaza Strip to "one of the most violent campaigns of genocide." The human rights organization said the move was aimed at systematically emptying northern Gaza of its residents, pushing them into forced displacement to the south, and bringing about complete destruction of the northern areas, where more than 85 percent of the buildings had already been destroyed.

The aggression comes as part of the regime's October 7, 2023-present war on the coastal sliver, which has so far claimed the lives of close to 42,000 people and wounded at least 97,590 others, most of them women and children. Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people have since been displaced and humanitarian conditions have deteriorated sharply.

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