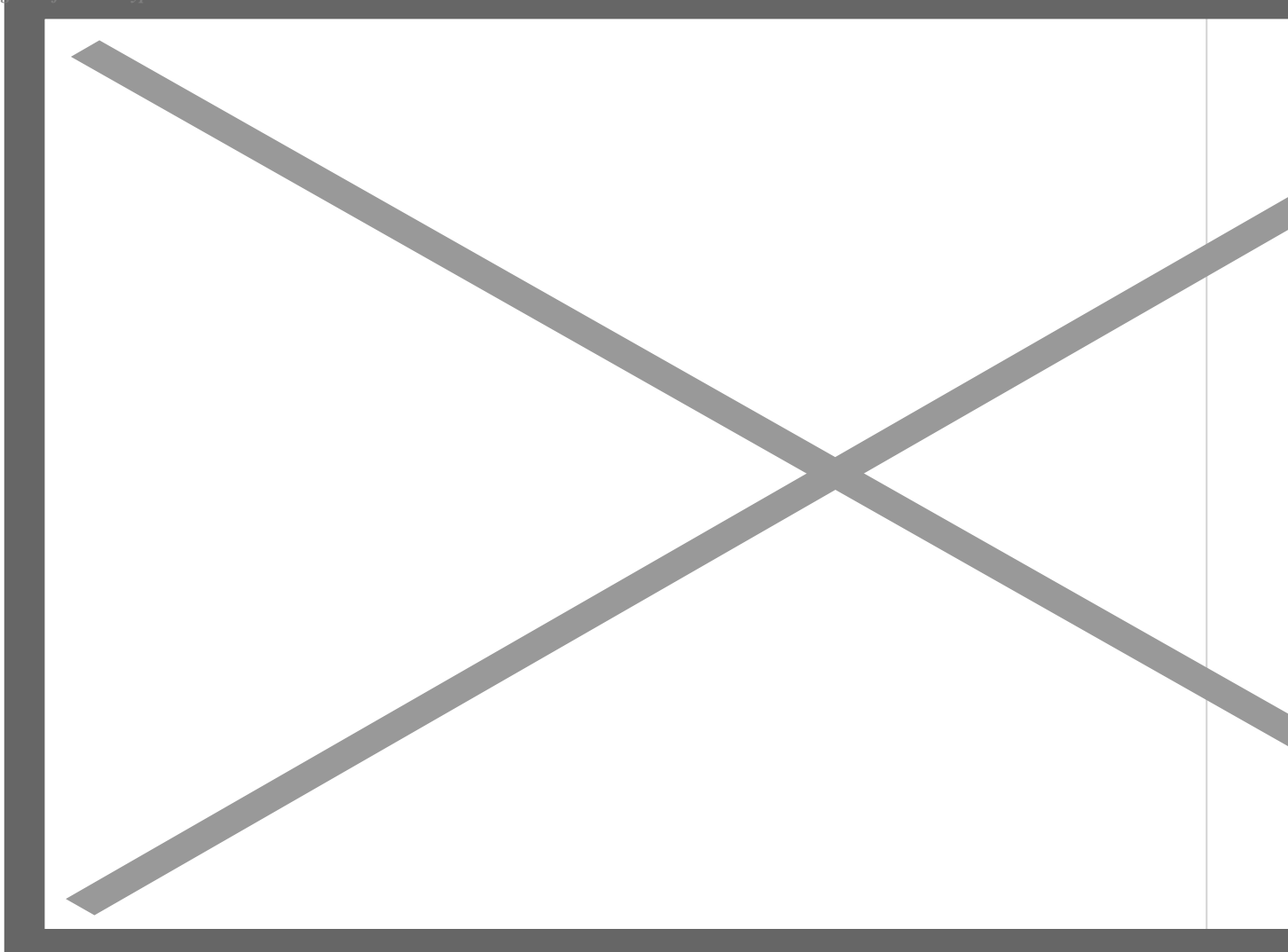


Israeli forces intensify attacks on north Gaza and prevent aid trucks from entering

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Israeli forces sit in a military jeep as trucks loaded with humanitarian aid delivered from Jordan wait to cross into Gaza on October 21, 2024, amid the ongoing zionists' genocidal war on

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. (Photo by AFP)

Gaza City, October 21 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have increased the intensity of the attacks on northern Gaza, preventing trucks loaded with humanitarian aid from entering the besieged area.

The head of the UN Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA said on Monday that Israeli authorities still prevent humanitarian missions from reaching areas of the Gaza Strip.

Philippe Lazzarini said on X that the trucks are carrying critical supplies, including medicine and food, urgently needed by the Palestinian people under the Israeli forces siege. Lazzarini added that missions tasked with rescuing people from under the rubble of buildings destroyed in Israeli airstrikes are also being denied.

The head of the UN agency said hospitals have been hit and are without power while injured people are left without care.

The United Nations has called on the Israeli regime officials to allow aid into the Gaza Strip, noting that its personnel had been unable to reach the three running hospitals in northern Gaza.

In the meantime, Palestinian residents and medics reported that Israeli forces tightened their grip in northern Gaza on Monday, expanding the raids in Jabalia refugee camp, the largest of the enclave's eight historic refugee camps.

The regime forces encircled the refugee camp by sending tanks to the nearby towns of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia and issued evacuation orders to residents after launching a new incursion into the north over two weeks ago.

Israeli forces stormed the shelters where refugees stay, detaining the Palestinian men staying there and ordering their women to exit the refugee camp. The Israelis also blew up homes and raided schools on Monday.

According to medics at the Indonesian Hospital, Israeli forces stormed a school and detained the men before setting the facility ablaze. The fire reached the hospital generators and caused a power outage, they added.

"The army is burning the schools next to the hospital, and no one can enter or leave the hospital," one of the nurses at the Indonesian Hospital, who asked to remain anonymous, told Reuters.

Hadeel Obeid, the supervisor nurse at the hospital, where 32 patients are currently being treated, said they were running out of medical supplies. "Sterile gauze is going to finish and there are no medications to give them," she told Reuters via a chat app. She added that the water supply had been cut off and there was no food for the fourth consecutive day. She appealed to international organizations to take urgent action to save the wounded.

The medics at Kamal Adwan Hospital confirmed reports of heavy Israeli fire near the hospital at night. Palestinian health officials said 18 people had been killed in Jabalia and eight elsewhere in Gaza in Israeli strikes.

The UN Human Rights Office said it was "increasingly concerned that the manner in which the Israeli military is conducting hostilities in North Gaza, along with unlawful interference with humanitarian assistance and orders that are leading to forced displacement, may be causing the destruction of the Palestinian population in Gaza's northernmost governate through death and displacement."

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