

UN expert warns entire Gaza population at risk of dying in Israel's genocide

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Palestinian children sit in the yard of the Shuhada (Martyrs) school, which was hit by Israeli forces in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip on October 24, 2024. (AFP)

Geneva, October 27 (RHC)-- All men, women and children in Gaza run the risk of dying, says special rapporteur Francesca Albanese. "The entire population of Gaza is at risk of dying in a genocide that has been announced and executed under our watch," the UN expert on the occupied Palestinian territories wrote on X on Sunday.

In a separate post on Sunday, Albanese said that 20,000 children are missing in Gaza, "some maimed beyond recognition. On top of the 17,000 killed in 12 months."

Joyce Msuya, acting Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and UN Emergency Relief Coordinator also warned on Saturday that the 2.23 million residents of the small territory are at risk of dying.

Msuya said that the "blatant disregard for basic humanity" by Israeli forces has to stop immediately. "What Israeli forces are doing in besieged north Gaza cannot be allowed to continue."

Over the past three weeks, Israel's military forces have blocked nearly all food aid from entering northern Gaza. Gaza's civil defense rescue workers say hundreds of people have been killed since the regime's atrocities began in the north. People are left with an impossible choice in the north.

"The situation in north Gaza is like a catastrophe within a series of catastrophes," said Jonathan Fowler, a spokesman for UNRWA, the UN agency overseeing the distribution of humanitarian aid in Gaza.

"Civilians are given no choice but to either leave or starve," said UNRWA head Philippe Lazzarini.

UN human rights experts have repeatedly warned that Israel has been carrying out a "targeted starvation campaign" that has resulted in the deaths of children in Gaza. They described the regime's targeted starvation campaign as a form of genocidal violence that has resulted in famine across all of Gaza.

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