

U.S. claims Israel is not impeding humanitarian aid to Gaza after 30-day deadline expires -- so weapons keep flowing unabated



Washington, November 12 (RHC)-- The United States says that Israel is not impeding aid to Gaza as a 30-day deadline to boost supplies or face cuts to weapons funding expired.

Vedant Patel, a spokesman for the U.S. State Department, told reporters that Washington has “not made an assessment that the Israelis are in violation of U.S. law” as the deadline to boost aid to Gaza expired.

According to the U.S. government, Israel has done enough to avoid sanctions from Washington, even without carrying out most of the specific measures it had called for.

Observers say that this means, once again, that the Biden administration issued an ultimatum to Israel based on domestic and international law, only for it not to follow through.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin had given Israel 30 days to abide by international humanitarian law in Gaza, including increasing aid deliveries to at least 350 trucks a day – or risk no longer being supplied with weapons, as required under U.S. law.

By almost every objective metric, aid agencies say that, in fact, the humanitarian situation has grown worse in that timeframe. The United Nations is reporting that just 30 trucks are now entering Gaza daily, the lowest number in a year.

Just a week ago, the State Department noted that Israel had not done enough. But now, citing the opening of two new crossings and the waiving of some customs restrictions in the last few days, the U.S. announced that everything is fine and Tel Aviv will continue to receive the weapons needed to carry out its genocidal campaign.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council is meeting to discuss humanitarian conditions in Gaza amid warnings of famine in the north and relentless Israeli attacks that killed at least 64 people in 24 hours.

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