

# *Bezalel Smotrich calls for Palestinian population to be cut in half*

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Tel Aviv, November 26 (RHC)-- Israel's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich told a conference of Israeli settlers that Gaza's population of more than 2.1 million should be drastically reduced.

In remarks translated by Haaretz, Smotrich said: "It is possible to create a situation where Gaza's population in two years will be less than half its current size."

Smotrich has called for Israel to effectively annex the West Bank and Gaza Strip and has called for the establishment of large new Israeli settlements -- which are against international law.

Meanwhile, health officials report Israeli strikes killed at least 14 Palestinians and wounded 108 others over the latest 24-hour period.

One strike hit a family home in northern Gaza's Jabaliya. Another tore through a crowd of people gathered near a bakery in Gaza City, waiting for a loaf of bread.

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