

UNRWA affirms Gaza babies are freezing to death amid Israel's genocidal and inhumane blockade



A 3-week-old Palestinian baby who died of hypothermia is seen in the morgue of the Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on December 25, 2024. (AFP)

Gaza City, December 29 (RHC)-- UNRWA is warning that more babies are losing their lives due to a severe temperature drop and lack of shelter in Gaza. In the past week, at least four infants have died of hypothermia from low temperatures and a lack of warmth while living in tents in the besieged Strip.

Over the weekend, the head of the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said in a message on X that Gaza babies “are freezing to death due to cold weather and a lack of shelter.” “Blankets, mattresses, and other winter supplies have been stuck in the region for months waiting for approval to get into Gaza.”

Lazzarini once again called for an immediate ceasefire, urging “an immediate flow of much-needed basic supplies, including for winter.”

At least four Palestinian babies also died of hypothermia at the al-Mawasi refugee camp in southern Gaza.

Such calls are apparently of no use within the international community given Israel’s relentless campaign of genocide in Gaza since October 2023. Gaza health officials said on December 26 that a newborn baby died from the cold in a tent encampment in the refugee camp of al-Mawasi in southern Gaza.

According to Ahmed al-Farra, the head of pediatrics and obstetrics at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, staff in the neonatal ICU see at least five cases of hypothermia per day.

45,300 and counting. That is the number of Palestinians Israel has massacred in Gaza since October. The regime remains emboldened by the rock-solid support it receives from Washington.

Of that figure, more than 17,600 are children, according to Gaza health officials. As many as 17,000 children have been left unaccompanied or separated from their parents and caregivers.

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