

UNRWA denounces 15 months of horror in Gaza as world watches in silence



Gaza City, January 2 (RHC)-- The horrors of the Israeli regime's genocidal war in Gaza have continued unabated for 15 months, and the world has watched in silence, the director general of the UN agency for Palestine has stated.

On the last day of 2024, Philippe Lazzarini, the director general of UNRWA, took to his X account to provide new details about the horrors visited upon the Palestinian people by the Israeli regime.

According to Lazzarini, since the start of the campaign of genocide in October 2023, the Israeli forces have killed at least 745 Palestinians in UNRWA shelters and injured another 2,200.

The Israeli regime's forces have attacked UNRWA buildings and facilities 650 times, "damaging or destroying two-thirds" of these buildings and facilities in the process. "The vast majority [of these buildings] were used as schools for children before the war."

He said since the start of the Israeli offensive "258 UNRWA staff members have been killed." "There are at least 20 UNRWA staff in Israeli [regime's] detention centers, and those ... released have described systematic mistreatment, humiliation and torture."

"We verify the occupation of our facilities by the Israeli [regime's] forces," and since the intensification of war by the Israeli regime in northern Gaza three months ago, "[its forces] have intensified their attacks on our facilities."

Lazzarini also called for independent investigations into the Israeli regime's "systematic disregard for the protection of humanitarian workers, premises and operations." "This cannot become the new standard and impunity cannot become the new norm," he added.

"Hospitals must not become targets," the UN official said, referring to the ongoing Israeli policy, especially during the past week in northern Gaza. Lazzarini called for an end to the siege of Gaza and bringing in "much needed humanitarian supplies including for winter."

Since October 2023, Israel has massacred more than 45,000 Palestinians in Gaza and injured another 108,000, most of them women and children.

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