

UN World Food Program condemns Israel's attack on its aid convoy in war-torn Gaza



A WFP vehicle is left riddled with bullet holes and a shredded tire after a convoy was attacked by

Israeli forces in Gaza, on 6 January, 2025.

United Nations, January 8 (RHC)-- The World Food Program (WFP) has strongly condemned the horrifying Israeli attack on its “clearly marked” convoy in the besieged Gaza Strip.

In a statement released by the United Nations, WFP said Israeli forces opened fire on its convoy of three vehicles that was carrying eight staff members near the Wadi Gaza checkpoint a day earlier, despite “having received all of the necessary clearances from Israeli authorities.”

“At least 16 bullets struck the vehicles,” putting the lives of “our staff at tremendous risk and leaving the vehicles immobilized,” WFP said. “Thankfully, no staff members were injured in this terrifying encounter.”

The world's largest humanitarian agency stressed that the “unacceptable event” is just the latest example of the complex and dangerous working environment that WFP and other agencies are operating in today, calling for urgent improvement of security conditions in Gaza to allow lifesaving humanitarian aid to continue.

“WFP urges all parties to respect international humanitarian law, protect civilian lives, and allow safe passage for humanitarian aid,” the statement said. International aid agencies working to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Gaza have frequently slammed Israel for hampering or threatening their operations.

Israel launched a genocidal war on Gaza on October 7, 2023 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Flood against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians.

The regime's bloody onslaught on Gaza has so far killed at least 45,854 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured more than 109,139 others. Thousands more are also missing and presumed dead under rubble.

This is not the first time that Israel has attacked a humanitarian aid convoy in the Gaza Strip.

In late November, Israeli occupation forces targeted a civil car belonging to the World Central Kitchen (WCK) in a drone attack on Gaza's southern city of Khan Yunis, medics said.

Five people were killed including three aid workers from the charity kitchen, medics said on November 30, 2024. One of the victims was reportedly the director of the civilian agency.

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