

U.S. doctor recounts horror in Gaza hospital as more Palestinian patients killed in Israeli strikes



A fire burns at the emergency department of the Nasser hospital after it was hit in an Israeli airstrike, in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, on March 23, 2025 (Photo by AFP)

Khan Yunis, March 24 (RHC)-- The Israeli military has bombed the Nasser hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis, killing two patients and wounding several others, including medical staff.

In a statement, the Gaza Health Ministry said the Israeli strike targeted the hospital's surgical ward late on Sunday, claiming the lives of a teenage boy and another person who were undergoing treatment at the hospital. Hamas identified one of the victims as Ismail Barhoum, a member of the resistance group's political bureau.

Meanwhile, Feroze Sidhwa, a trauma surgeon from California, who is volunteering at the Nasser hospital, said the teenage victim was his patient. "He would have gone home tomorrow. If I had been changing his dressings, as I planned to this evening, I probably would have been killed too. Attacking hospitals is a war crime, and it needs to stop," added Sidhwa, who had survived the Israeli attack.

Just hours before the aerial assault, Sidhwa and Mark Perlmutter, a volunteer orthopaedic surgeon, spoke to CNN about the horrors Israel was exacting on Palestinians in Gaza.

Perlmutter said the whitewashing performed by the western media is directly responsible for 100 percent of the 100,000 kids that are acknowledged to be dead or which have yet to be found because they are buried under the rubble in Gaza.

Israel launched a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2023, but it failed to achieve its declared objectives despite killing 50,021 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injuring more than 113,274 others in the besieged territory.

The occupying regime accepted Hamas's longstanding negotiation terms under a three-phase Gaza truce, which began on January 19th.

After two months, however, Israel unilaterally broke the ceasefire agreement and resumed its brutal Gaza onslaught.

Speaking to Democracy Now! news program on March 18th, Sidhwa described some of the horrific injuries he had treated, saying it is "heartbreaking" for Palestinians to suffer more bloodshed.

"It's all because we provide the funding, the diplomatic, the economic and the military support. And we don't have to," he noted.

Slamming U.S weapons exports to Israel, the doctor said Gaza is witnessing "another round of just extreme, senseless mass killing, mostly of children, mostly of refugees, and mostly of people who are literally barred from leaving this concentration camp that they were born into."

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