

United Nations says almost entire population in Gaza relies on food aid



United Nations, April 20 (RHC)-- The United Nations World Food Program (WFP) has called for the entry of aid into Gaza, as almost the entire population in the besieged strip relies “entirely” on food assistance, amid Israel's genocide there.

“Two million people in Gaza, most of them displaced and without income, rely entirely on food assistance,” the UN agency said in a post on social media platform X. “As stocks dwindle and borders remain closed, Gaza needs food now,” it stressed.

Israeli newspaper Haaretz earlier confirmed that “for more than six weeks, no shipments of food, medicine, tents or any other form of aid have entered the Strip.”

An editorial published by the daily said Israel’s policy of starving Gazans has "become an openly declared policy and even a source of pride" in recent months. “This policy is based on a populist and false narrative that links humanitarian aid for Gazans to Hamas' military capabilities. The result is a continuing humanitarian crime,” said the editorial, noting that thousands of children were hospitalized in March alone due to severe malnutrition.

The editorial further said the "severe" hunger crisis is compounded by a "lack of clean water, widespread tent-dwelling, the collapse of sewage and waste collection systems, the destruction of the healthcare system and more."

Israel launched the campaign of genocide in Gaza on October 7, 2023, after Hamas carried out Operation Al-Aqsa Flood in retaliation for Israel’s intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people. It has killed at least 51,065 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured more than 116,505 others

Last January, the Israeli regime was forced to agree to a ceasefire deal with Hamas, given the regime’s failure to achieve any of its objectives, including the “elimination” of the Palestinian resistance movement or the release of captives.

Despite the ceasefire, Israel has blocked humanitarian aid from entering Gaza since March 2nd. On March 18th, the regime resumed its relentless bombing of Gaza, breaking the two-month ceasefire.

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